

Einladung zum GASTVORTRAG

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Two Models of the Subject-Properties Structure

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The talk is devoted to the relation between objects and their properties. I consider this relation in three contexts: of comparison (properties as responsible for similarities), of change (properties as something which is lost and acquired), of interaction (properties as aspects due to which an object reacts to environmental impacts). At first "ontological dependence" and "formal relations" are introduced. Then I distinguish essences and properties. In the next section it is shown that the problem of properties is independent of the problem of universals. The next section presents the substance theory of objects in comparison with substratum and bundle theories. Since we do not have a direct insight into the relation in question we need some models which help us to understand it. I discuss two of them: the plastic stuff model: properties give some "shape", form or figure to a subject; and the nomological model: a subject is conceived by analogy to the functional dependence between properties. The essence is the law governing the correlation between properties.



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