

Workshop “Mereology of potentiality”
Friday 14th February, 2:00pm – 3:30pm
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“The Source of Independence and the Source of Necessity”

Abstract

The idea that powers can exist unmanifested is commonplace among powers theorists: an object can have a dispositional property and yet fail to ever bring about its manifestation. Call this principle ‘Independence’. The question I am interested in in this talk is: in virtue of what does Independence hold? What is its scope, and can it be restricted in a principled manner? And is a metaphysics of powers which adopts Independence able to ground necessary truths?