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Notes on the Readings, and Caveats

Readings

When there are more than one required readings, they are to be read in the order in which they appear in the list.

The only book I suggest you purchase (if you like having physical copies of important books) is:

Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*

It’s expensive. If you have the money to blow, however, it will be worth it. It is a *tour de force* of a historic-philosophical investigation of how science really works.

Some of the required and suggested readings are available online at the course’s webpage, though they may not be listed as such in this document’s bibliography:

<http://strangebeautiful.com/lmu/2022-summer-evidence.html>

Many of the required and suggested readings are available in the course’s shared Dropbox folder. Contact Dr. Curiel to get access to it.

Journal articles that are available through LMU’s online library system do not appear in either place. Many of the books are available through LMU’s electronic resources, especially those made available to us during the coronavirus pandemic, such as [ProQuest Ebook Central](#). As many of these latter won’t be available for long, make sure to try to find all the relevant readings on them sooner rather than later. Some of the books are also available on the [Internet Archive](#).

Suggested Readings

I neither expect nor request that you try to read all or indeed any of the suggested reading. I give extensive lists for each lecture only so you can delve more deeply into particular facets of the topic

or topics closely related if you are both interested and fired up. For most lectures, I divide the suggested readings into those that reflect my own sympathies and those that reflect the sympathies of others. That does not mean I agree with all the claims, arguments or conclusions of those in the former list, or disagree with all those in the latter. It has more to do with temperament, style and attitude, although, to be sure, something to do with conclusions as well.¹

For a few lectures, I list prohibited reading. Sometimes, censorship *is* the answer. These are works that I find so intellectually scurrilous, abusive or dishonest that good conscience requires me to try to attempt to dissuade students from reading them. If they are to be read at all, they ought to be read only *after* one has already mastered the subject to a degree that will allow one to make one’s own informed decision on whether one agrees with my assessment.

Caveats

I will be making changes to this document from time to time, as I decide to change some required reading, find new suggested reading I think is good, change the schedule of lectures to reflect the facts on the ground, *etc.* Please check it on the course’s webpage periodically, as that will always be the most up-to-date version.

Lecture 1: Introduction (27. Apr)

What is evidence? I’m not sure. Some potential answers will be displayed and examined.

Required Reading

1. Curiel (2011), “Notes on Learning Philosophy”

Suggested Reading

1. Achinstein (2001), *The Book of Evidence*: chs. 1–4
2. Achinstein (2010), “Concepts of Evidence”
3. Carnap (1962), *Logical Foundations of Probability*: ch. II
4. Dretske (1981), *Knowledge and the Flow of Information*
5. Earman (1992), *Bayes or Bust?*: chs. 1–3
6. Goodman (1983), *Fact, Fiction and Forecast*: chs. III–IV
7. Hempel (1965b), “Studies in the Logic of Confirmation”
8. Hempel (1965c), “Postscript (1964) on Confirmation”
9. Hempel (1966), *Philosophy of Natural Science*
10. Fisher (1955), “Statistical Methods and Scientific Induction”
11. Haack (2007), *Defending Science – within Reason*
12. Levi (1980), *The Enterprise of Knowledge*
13. Levi (1991), *The Fixation of Belief and Its Undoing*
14. Longino (1990), *Science as Social Knowledge*, chs. 2–5
15. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*
16. Neyman (1956), “Note on an Article by Sir Ronald Fisher”
17. Pearson (1955), “Statistical Concepts in Their Relation to Reality”

1. “Brotherhood of men comes not from community of thought but consanguinity of mind.” – Proust, *Within a Budding Grove*.

18. Peirce (1877), “The Fixation of Belief”
19. Peirce (1878b), “How to Make Our Ideas Clear”
20. Peirce (1878c), “The Doctrine of Chances”
21. Peirce (1878d), “The Probability of Induction”
22. Peirce (1878a), “Deduction, Induction, and Hypothesis”
23. Peirce (1903), “The Nature of Meaning”
24. Peirce (1905), “What Pragmatism Is”
25. Popper (1959), *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*: chs. 4–6, 10
26. Quine (1969a), “Epistemology Naturalized”
27. Roush (2006), *Tracking Truth*
28. Williamson (2000), *Knowledge and Its Limits*: ch. 9
29. Wilson (1952), *An Introduction to Scientific Research*

Lectures 2–5: What Can One Have Evidence For? (4. May–8. June)

Well, seriously, what *can* one have evidence for?

Lecture 2: Newton’s Investigations on Light and Color, Part I (4. May)

Required Reading

1. Newton (1672b), “Letter of February 6, 1671/72, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Outlining Newton’s Researches on Light and Color”: pp. 47–52
2. Curiel (2018), “Glossary for Newton’s Studies on Light and Color”

Prohibited Reading²

1. Kuhn (1958), “Newton’s Optical Papers”

Suggested Reading: Historical Background

1. Darrigol (2012), *A History of Optics from Greek Antiquity to the Nineteenth Century*: chs. 2–3
2. Park (1999), *The Fire Within the Eye*: chs. 5–7
3. Sabra (1967), *Theories of Light from Descartes to Newton*

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Bogen and Woodward (1988), “Saving the Phenomena”
2. Carnap (1962), *Logical Foundations of Probability*: ch. II
3. Duhem (1954), *The Aim and Structure of Physical Theory*: Part I, chs. II–III; Part II, chs. I–II, IV, VI–VII
4. Franklin (1981), “What Makes a ‘Good’ Experiment?”
5. Franklin (1986), *The Neglect of Experiment*: ch. 4
6. Hacking (1983), *Representing and Intervening*: chs. 9–11, 14

2. See the introductory section “[Suggested Readings](#)” above.

7. Isaac (2019), “Epistemic Loops and Measurement Realism”
8. Longino (1990), *Science as Social Knowledge*, chs. 2–5
9. Suppes (1969), “Models of Data”
10. Woodward (2011), “Data and Phenomena: A Restatement and Defense”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Chang (2008), *Inventing Temperature*: chs. 1–3
2. Chang (2012), *Is Water H₂O?*: ch. 4
3. Chang and Cartwright (2013), “Measurement”
4. Collins (1994), “A Strong Confirmation of the Experimenter’s Regress”
5. Kuhn (1959), “The Essential Tension”
6. Kuhn (1996), *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*: chs. VI–VIII
7. Leonelli (2009), “On the Locality of Data and Claims about Phenomena”
8. Leonelli (2015), “What Counts as Scientific Data? A Relational Framework”
9. Quine (1969a), “Epistemology Naturalized”
10. Tal (2013), “Old and New Problems in Philosophy of Measurement”
11. Tal (2016), “How Does Measuring Generate Evidence?”

Lecture 3: Newton’s Investigations on Light and Color, Part II (18. May)

Required Reading

1. Newton (1726), *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*: Book III, “Rules of Reasoning in Philosophy”
2. Newton (1672b), “Letter of February 6, 1671/72, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Outlining Newton’s Researches on Light and Color”: pp. 53–59
3. Newton (1672c), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response (in Latin) to Pardies’ Second Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”: the diagram on p. 101
4. Curiel (2018), “Glossary for Newton’s Studies on Light and Color”

Prohibited Reading

1. Kuhn (1958), “Newton’s Optical Papers”

Suggested Reading: Newton’s More Developed Account of Light and Color

1. Newton (1730), *Opticks: Or, A Treatise of the Reflections, Refractions, Inflections and Colours of Light*: Book I, Part I, “Definitions”; Book I, Part I, “Axioms”; Book I, Part I, Propositions I–VII; Book I, Part II, Propositions I–XI; Book III, Part I, Queries 27–31

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Carnap (1956), “Empiricism, Semantics and Ontology”
2. Curiel (2017a), “Kinematics, Dynamics, and the Structure of Physical Theory”
3. Curiel (2017b), “On Newton’s Third Rule of Reasoning in Philosophy, ‘the Universal Qualities of All Bodies Whatsoever’, and the Taxonomy of Physical Systems”
4. Dingler (1928), *Das Experiment*

5. Franklin (1986), *The Neglect of Experiment*: ch. 5–6
6. Hacking (1983), *Representing and Intervening*: chs. 12–13, 15
7. Locke (1931), *An Essay Concerning the Understanding, Knowledge, Opinion, and Assent*: §§61, 94³
8. Locke (1979), *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*: Bk. II, ch. VIII⁴
9. Quine (1969b), “Natural Kinds”⁵
10. Stein (2004b), “The Enterprise of Understanding and the Enterprise of Knowledge—For Isaac Levi’s Seventieth Birthday”
11. Stein (unpublished[d]), “On Metaphysics and Method in Newton”
12. Stein (unpublished[e]), “Further Considerations on Newton’s Method”
13. Suppes (1974), “The Structure of Theories and the Analysis of Data”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Beebe and Sabbarton-Leary (2012), *The Semantics and Metaphysics of Natural Kinds*: chs. 1–3, 6–7, 9–11
2. Chakravartty (2007), *A Metaphysics for Scientific Realism*
3. Chang (2008), *Inventing Temperature*: chs. 4–5
4. Dasgupta (2013), “Absolutism vs Comparativism about Quantity”
5. van Fraassen (2008), *Scientific Representation*: chs. 4–7
6. van Fraassen (2012), “Modeling and Measurement: The Criterion of Empirical Grounding”
7. Khalidi (2013), *Natural Categories and Human Kinds*
8. Kuhn (1996), *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*: chs. IX–XIII,
9. LaPorte (2003), *Natural Kinds and Conceptual Change*
10. Lewis (1970), “How to Define Theoretical Terms”
11. Schaffer (1989), “Glass Works: Newton’s Prisms and the Uses of Experiment”
12. Tal (2017), “A Model-Based Epistemology of Measurement”
13. Tal (2019), “Individuating Quantities”
14. Wolff (2020), *The Metaphysics of Quantities*: chs. 2–5

Lecture 4: Newton’s Doctrine, Its Framework and Evidential Structure, and His Disputes with Pardies, Hooke and Huygens (25. May)

N.b.: READ THEM IN THE ORDER GIVEN HERE. In particular PLEASE NOTE that the correspondence between Huygens and Newton was published in the wrong order, both in the original in the *Transactions* and in their reprinting in Cohen (1958). (The screw-up is explained in Stein unpublished(c), footnote 13, p. 7.) Please make sure you read Huygens’ and Newton’s letters in the order given here, checking the pages given in the bibliography for where those letters appear in Cohen (1958). Do NOT read them in the order they appear in Cohen (1958).

3. See Stein (2004b) for a marvellous discussion of Locke’s account of primary and secondary qualities, especially with regard to how well that account conforms (and does not) with Newton’s doctrine of light and color.

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5. For those who know me: don’t drop dead of shock at my claim of sympathy with Quine. Not *everything* the dude said was total crap.

Required Reading

1. Pardies (1672a), “Letter of April 9, 1672, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Pardies’ First Response to Newton’s Investigations on Light”
2. Newton (1672a), “Letter of April 13, 1672, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response to Pardies’ First Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”
3. Pardies (1672b), “Letter of May 21, 1672, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Pardies’ Second Response to Newton’s Investigations on Light”
4. Newton (1672e), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response to Pardies’ Second Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”
5. Hooke (1672), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Hooke’s Response to Newton’s Investigations on Light”
6. Newton (1672d), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response to Hooke’s Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”
7. Huygens (1673a), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Huygens’ First Response to Newton’s Investigations on Light”
8. Newton (1673a), “Letter of April 3, 1673, to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response to Huygens’ First Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”
9. Huygens (1673b), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Huygens’ Second Response to Newton’s Investigations on Light”
10. Newton (1673b), “Letter to Henry Oldenburg, Secretary of the Royal Society, Containing Newton’s Response to Huygens’ Second Criticism of Newton’s Doctrine of Light”

Suggested Reading: More Historical and Scientific Material

1. Huygens (1690), *Treatise on Light*: “Preface”
2. Newton (1959), *The Correspondence of Isaac Newton*: the passage in Item 40 (“Newton to Oldenburg, 6 February 1671/2”, pp. 92–102) starting on p. 96, marked by editorial endnote ‘(19)’, Newton’s remarks about mathematical theories and doctrines that Oldenburg elided from the letter as published in the *Transactions* (and as reprinted in Cohen 1958); “NOTES” to Item 40, pp. 102–107
3. Newton (1959), *The Correspondence of Isaac Newton*: “NOTES” to Items 44, 54–55, 61, 66–67, 76, 103
4. [*** letters of Linus and Lucas, and Newton’s replies, in Cohen (1958) ***]

Strongly Suggested Reading

1. Stein (unpublished[d]), “On Metaphysics and Method in Newton”: pp. 1–28 (to the end of the long quote from Newton)
2. Stein (unpublished[e]), “Further Considerations on Newton’s Method”: pp. 1–20 (up to the paragraph beginning “The second passage. . .”)

Prohibited Reading

1. Kuhn (1958), “Newton’s Optical Papers”

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Curiel (2001), “A Plea for Modesty: Against the Current Excesses in Quantum Gravity”: §2
2. Domski (2012), “Introduction: Newton and Newtonianism”
3. Harper and Smith (1995), “Newton’s New Way of Inquiry”
4. Stein (1993), “On Philosophy and Natural Philosophy in the Seventeenth Century”
5. Stein (2004a), “Newton’s Metaphysics”
6. Stein (unpublished[a]), “Nevvtonus ab quibusdam næibus vindicatus”
7. Stein (unpublished[b]), “Newton: Philosophy of Inquiry and Metaphysics of Nature”
8. Stein (unpublished[d]), “On Metaphysics and Method in Newton”: pp. 28ff.
9. Stein (unpublished[e]), “Further Considerations on Newton’s Method”: pp. 20ff. (starting from the paragraph beginning “The second passage. . .”)

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Jalobeanu (2014), “Constructing Natural Historical Facts: Baconian Methodology in Newton’s First Paper on Light and Colors”
2. Kuhn (1976), “Mathematical vs. Experimental Traditions in the Development of Physical Science”
3. Shapiro (1980), “The Evolving Structure of Newton’s Theory of White Light and Color”
4. Shapiro (1996), “The Gradual Acceptance of Newton’s Theory of Light and Color”
5. Shapiro (2004), “Newton’s Optics and Atomism”

Lecture 5: To Confirm Frameworks and Methods (8. Jun)Required Reading

1. Curiel (2021a), “Framework Confirmation by Newtonian Abduction”

Suggested Reading: Technical Background

1. Newton (1999), *The Principia: Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*: Preface to First Edition, Introduction; “Definitions”; “Axioms, or the Laws of Motion”; Book I, propositions 1–4, 11, 14–15, 45–46, and all corollaries and scholia; Book III, “Rules for the Study of Natural Philosophy”, “Phenomena”, propositions 1–14
2. Harper (1990), “Newton’s Classic Deductions from Phenomena”
3. Harper (1999), “The First Six Propositions in Newton’s Argument for Universal Gravity”
4. Harper (2011), *Isaac Newton’s Scientific Method: Turning Data into Evidence about Gravity and Cosmology*
5. Smith (2014), “Closing the Loop: Testing Newtonian Gravity Then and Now”
6. Stein (1990), ““From the Phænomena of Motions to the Forces of Nature”: Hypothesis or Deduction?”

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Bokulich and Parker (2021), “Data models, Representation and Adequacy-for-Purpose”

2. Carnap (1956), “Empiricism, Semantics and Ontology”
3. Curiel (2001), “A Plea for Modesty: Against the Current Excesses in Quantum Gravity”
4. Friedman (2001), *The Dynamics of Reason*: Part 1, chs. II–III; Part 2, chs. 1–2
5. Lakatos (1980), “Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes”
6. Laudan (1977), *Progress and Its Problems: Towards a Theory of Scientific Growth*
7. Norton (2005), “A Little Survey on Induction”
8. Peirce (1878a), “Deduction, Induction, and Hypothesis”
9. Peirce (1903), “The Nature of Meaning”
10. Romeijn (2013), “Abducted by Bayesians?”
11. Stein (1994), “Some Reflections on the Structure of Our Knowledge in Physics”
12. Stein (1992), “Was Carnap Entirely Wrong, After All?”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Earman and Salmon (1992), “The Confirmation of Scientific Hypotheses”
2. Henderson et al. (2010), “The Structure and Dynamics of Scientific Theories: A Hierarchical Bayesian Perspective”
3. Kuhn (1996), *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*: chs. IX–X
4. Lipton (2004), *Inference to the Best Explanation*
5. Quine (1980)
6. Quine (1951), “On Carnap’s Views on Ontology”
7. Quine (1969a), “Epistemology Naturalized”
8. Stanford (2006), *Exceeding Our Grasp: Science, History, and the Problem of Unconceived Alternatives*

Lectures 6–9: What Can Evidence Consist Of? (15. Jun – 6. Jul)

Everything but the kitchen sink? The kitchen sink sometimes as well? Next to nothing? Nothing at all? Some (un)happy medium?

Lecture 6: Perrin on the Reality of Molecules – Part I (15. June)

Required Reading

1. Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*: chs. 1–3

Suggested Reading: Scientific and Historical Background

1. Maxwell (1867), “On the Dynamical Theory of Gases” [*** (fix bib entry) ***]
2. [*** Maxwell and Boltzmann papers ***]
3. [*** Einstein on Brownian motion ***]
4. [*** Ostwald’s book ***]

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. another case-study—Maxwell’s formulation of electromagnetism:
 - a. Maxwell (1864), “A Dynamical Theory of the Electromagnetic Field”

- b. Buchwald (1985), *From Maxwell to Microphysics: Aspects of Electromagnetic Theory in the Last Quarter of the Nineteenth Century*
 - c. Nersessian (1984), *Faraday to Einstein*
 - d. Nersessian (2002), “Maxwell and the “Method of Physical Analogy”: Model-Based Reasoning, Generic Abstraction and Conceptual Change”
 - e. Nersessian (2008), *Creating Scientific Concepts*, chs. 1–2, 5
 - f. Stein (1970a), “On the Notion of Field in Newton, Maxwell and Beyond”
 - g. Buchdahl (1970), “Comment on “On the Notion of Field in Newton, Maxwell and Beyond” by Howard Stein”
 - h. Hesse (1970), “Comment on “On the Notion of Field in Newton, Maxwell and Beyond” by Howard Stein”
 - i. “Replies to Comments by G. Buchdahl and M. Hesse on “On the Notion of Field in Newton, Maxwell and Beyond””, “Replies to Comments by G. Buchdahl and M. Hesse on “On the Notion of Field in Newton, Maxwell and Beyond””
2. Bogen and Woodward (1988), “Saving the Phenomena”
 3. Bokulich (2020), “Calibration, Coherence, and Consilience in Radiometric Measures of Geologic Time”
 4. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*: ch. 6
 5. Popper (1959), *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*: Part II, ch. 5
 6. Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*: “Preface”, “Bibliographical Notice”; “Appendix: On Ostwald (1889–1890), Nernst (1893), and Meyer (1899)”
 7. Woodward (2011), “Data and Phenomena: A Restatement and Defense”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Achinstein (2001), *The Book of Evidence*: ch. 12
2. [*** Chang ***]
3. [*** van Fraassen ***]
4. [*** Roush ***]
5. [*** Tal ***]

Lecture 7: Perrin on the Reality of Molecules – Part II (22. June)

Required Reading

1. Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*: chs. 4–5

Suggested Reading: Scientific Background

1. Perrin (1910), *Brownian Movement and Molecular Reality*: [*** especially pp. ***]

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. another case-study—Hertz’s search for electromagnetic radiation:

- a. Hertz (1893), *Electric Waves, Being Researches on the Propagation of Electric Action with Finite Velocity through Space*
 - b. Buchwald (1994), *The Creation of Scientific Effects: Heinrich Hertz and Electric Waves*
 - c. [*** philosophical analysis ***]
2. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*: ch. 7

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

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Lecture 8: Perrin on the Reality of Molecules – Part III (29. June)

Required Reading

1. Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*: ch. 6

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*: ch. 8

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. van Fraassen (2009), “The Perils of Perrin, in the Hands of Philosophers”
2. [*** Roush ***]
3. [*** chang ***]
4. [*** tal ***]

Lecture 9: Perrin on the Reality of Molecules – Part IV (6. Jul)

Required Reading

1. Smith and Seth (2020), *Brownian Motion and Molecular Reality*: ch. 7; “Postscript on the Realism-Instrumentalism Debate”

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*: ch. 5

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. van Fraassen (2009), “The Perils of Perrin, in the Hands of Philosophers”
2. [*** Roush ***]
3. [*** chang ***]
4. [*** tal ***]

Lecture 10: The Evidential Complexities of Modern Big Science (13. Jul)

LIGO – more than a big, circular mess?

Required Reading

1. [*** Elder paper ***]
2. Patton (2020)

Suggested Reading: Scientific Background

1. Abbott, B. *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration) (2016a), “Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger”
2. Abbott, B. *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration) (2016b), “Tests of General Relativity with GW150914”
3. [*** more LIGO methodology papers? ***]
4. Yunes and Pretorius (2009), “Fundamental Theoretical Bias in Gravitational Wave Astrophysics and the Parametrized Post-Einsteinian Framework”
5. Bondi (1955), “Fact and Inference in Theory and in Observation”
6. Thorne and Will (February 1971), “Theoretical Frameworks for Testing Relativistic Gravity. I. Foundations” [*** and subsequent papers in the series ***]
7. Will (1993), *Theory and Experiment in Gravitational Physics*

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Elder (2020), “The Epistemology of Gravitational Wave Astrophysics”: [*** selections ***]

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. [*** hacking on astrophysics ***]

Lectures 11–13: How Does Something Act As Evidence? (20.–27. Jul)

N.b.: in order to make up the 2 missed lecture days from earlier in the term, we will be having 2 lectures in the week of 18. July, one on the regular lecture day of 20. July, and the other to be determined closer to that week. We will do the same, *mutatis mutandis*, for the week of 25. July.

On the nominal topic of the lectures: What do philosophers say about this more generally? And what evidence do they have—*can* they have—for saying it?

Lecture 11: The Bayesians (some day in the week of 18. Jul, TBD)

Required Reading

1. Sprenger and Hartmann (2019), *Bayesian Philosophy of Science*: chs. [***]

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Earman (1992), *Bayes or Bust?*
2. Franklin (1990), *Experiment, Right or Wrong*: chs. 6–7
3. [*** Glymour against Bayes ***]
4. [*** Glymour, Clark. 1975. “Relevant Evidence” *Journal of Philosophy* 72:403–26 ***]
5. Goodman (1983), *Fact, Fiction and Forecast*
6. [*** Jeffrey conditionalization ***]
7. [*** Kyburg, *Theory and Measurement* ***]
8. “The Deductive Model: Does It Have Instances?”, “The Deductive Model: Does It Have Instances?”
9. [*** Levi, *The Enterprise of Knowledge* ***]
10. Mayo (1996), *Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge*: chs. 3–4, 10
11. [*** Mayo in Achinstein (2005) ***]
12. Neta (2008), “What Evidence Do You Have?”
13. [*** norton against Bayes ***]
14. Thešić et al. (2017), “Confirmation by Explanation: A Bayesian Justification of IBE”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Achinstein (2001), *The Book of Evidence*: chs. 4–6, 12
2. [*** selections from Achinstein, *Evidence, Explanation, and Realism: Essays in the Philosophy of Science*
3. Howson and Urbach (2005), *Scientific Reasoning: The Bayesian Approach*
4. [*** Horwich, *Probability and Evidence* ***]

Lecture 12: Glymour’s Bootstrapping (some day in the week of 18. Jul, TBD)

Required Reading

1. Glymour (Princeton), *Theory and Evidence*: chs. [***]

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. van Fraassen (1983b), “Theory Comparison and Relevant Evidence”
2. van Fraassen (1983a), “Glymour on Evidence and Explanation”
3. Glymour (1983), “On Testing and Evidence”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Lipton (2004), *Inference to the Best Explanation*

Lecture 13: The Role of Causal Structure (some day in the week of 25. Jul, TBD)

Required Reading

1. Boyd (2018), “Evidence Enriched”

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Curiel (2021b), “Schematizing the Observer and the Epistemic Content of Theories”
2. Hacking (1983), *Representing and Intervening*: [*** stuff on possibility of “exploratory” experiments without well developed theory, *contra* theory-ladenness ***]
3. “Theory, Intervention and Realism”, “Theory, Intervention and Realism”
4. [*** Norton’s material theory of induction ***]
5. Woodward (2003), “Experimentation, Causal Inference, and Instrumental Realism”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. Davis (2004), *Thing Knowledge*
2. [*** hacking on astrophysics ***]
3. Heidelberger (2003), “Theory-ladenness and scientific instruments in experimentation”
4. Hon (2003), “The Idols of Experiment”
5. Shapere (1982), “The Concept of Observation in Science and Philosophy”
6. Steinle (1998), “Exploratives vs. theoriebestimmtes Experimentieren”

Lecture 14: Bringing It All Back Home – A Guess at the Riddle and Valediction (some day in the week of 25. Jul, TBD)

N.b.: in order to make up the 2 missed lecture days from earlier in the term, we will be having 2 lectures in the week of 25. July, one on the regular lecture day of 27. July, and the other to be determined closer to that week.

On the nominal topic of this lecture: What I have to say about it, now that we’ve slogged our way through the course.

Required Reading

1. [*** draft of my paper “Evidence”, or Curiel (2021b) ***]

Suggested Reading: My Sympathies

1. Giere (1983), “Testing Theoretical Hypotheses”
2. Stein (1994), “Some Reflections on the Structure of Our Knowledge in Physics”

Suggested Reading: Those of Others

1. [*** hacking on astrophysics ***]
2. Shapere (1982), “The Concept of Observation in Science and Philosophy”

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