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## Foreword and Acknowledgements

Jaakko Hintikka is one of the most creative figures in contemporary philosophy. He has made significant contributions to virtually all areas of the discipline (with the exception of moral philosophy) from epistemology and the philosophy of logic to the history of philosophy, aesthetics and the philosophy of science. In our view, part of the fruitfulness of Hintikka's work is due to its opening important new lines of investigation and new approaches to traditional philosophical problems.

In this volume we have gathered together essays from some of Hintikka's colleagues and former students exploring his influence on their work and pursuing some of the insights that we have found in his work. While the book does contain some criticism of Hintikka's views, this certainly does not purport to be a fair and balanced look at his work. We are unabashedly partisan in our admiration for the man and his work and have put this volume together in a collaborative spirit as a celebration of Hintikka's many contributions to philosophy.

In this volume we have included an annotated bibliography of Hintikka's work. We gratefully acknowledge the *Philosopher's Information Center*, *The Philosopher's Index* and Dick Lineback in particular for permission to reprint some of the abstracts included in the bibliography. By itself, this would serve as an important resource for philosophers and scholars. 'Prolific' is too modest an adjective for Hintikka, as readers can see for themselves from the size of this annotated bibliography. His massive and diverse body of work poses a real challenge for scholars who hope to find a single philosophical agenda or view that we can associate with Hintikka.

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300+ articles, many of them groundbreaking, overwhelm and in a certain sense eclipse his 35+ books. There are a number of ways that one can approach the scale and variety of this work. Our purpose in including the bibliography is to permit others to glean what they will from Hintikka's prodigious philosophical output. We eagerly anticipate the publication of a current bibliography of Hintikka's work, including all reprint and translation details in the *Library of Living Philosophers* volume dedicated to Hintikka. That task, unfortunately, was beyond us. Heartfelt thanks also to Anthony E. Nelson for expert assistance with the grueling task of typesetting.

When we considered the importance and impact of Hintikka's work, it occurred to us that its philosophical consequence is not the additive property of the sum of its parts. We struggled for a way to think about the proliferation of research programs, counterarguments and Ph.D. dissertations that Hintikka's work inspires and settled in the end on the awkward analogy of the powerset. Hintikka's philosophical legacy will be something like the philosophical powerset of his publications and lines of research. The powerset of a set  $S$ , is the set of possible subsets of  $S$ , and by analogy, rather than attempting to synthesize Hintikka's work into well-defined themes or bumper-stickers, our goal here is to represent the proliferation of different ways one can construe his work and the variety of lines of inquiry that it suggests.

We are very grateful to the distinguished group of colleagues who have contributed to this volume. We are a diverse group, from recent students of Hintikka to some of his most distinguished peers. While we are far from agreement on all the issues discussed in this volume, we are all united by a great fondness for this remarkable man. We see him as a central and pivotal figure in our individual and collective pursuits of wisdom.

Anyone who is even remotely aware of what Hintikka may be working on at the moment will have the impression that his next greatest achievement, his next greatest result, is just down the road ahead of us, just around the next bend. Those of us who have the privilege of knowing Hintikka cannot help feeling the intensity and excitement of philosophical discovery. Unlike so many of the cynical, world-weary philosophers who figured so prominently in recent decades, Hintikka's energy, optimism and mental agility are unparalleled. In that respect, he is the most refreshingly immature mature philosopher in our midst. To put it simply, among philosophers Hintikka is youngest at heart, and boldest of mind.

Daniel Kolak and John Symons

# HINTIKKA ON EPISTEMOLOGICAL AXIOMATIZATIONS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Among the many intellectual accomplishments for which Jaakko Hintikka is recognized is his pioneering work in epistemic logic. Although epistemic logic was studied somewhat in the Middle Ages the real breakthroughs are to be found in the work of von Wright [59] and most notably Hintikka's seminal book *Knowledge and Belief: An Introduction to the Logic of the Two Notions* from 1962 [24]. There has hardly been an article or book published on the logic of knowledge and belief since that has not made reference to this exquisite treatise.

For the past 40 years epistemic and doxastic logics have developed into fields of research with wide ranges of application. They are of immanent importance to theoretical computer science, artificial intelligence, linguistics, game theory, economics and social software. Be that as it may, epistemic and doxastic logics are still in an awkward philosophical position today. Computer scientists, linguistics and other formally minded researchers utilizing the means and methods do not necessarily have an epistemological ambition with their use of epistemic logic. At the same time it is a discipline devoted to the logic of knowledge and belief but alien to epistemologists and philosophers interested in the theory of knowledge.

Hintikka from the very beginning had a strong epistemological ambition with his development of epistemic logic however. It was not to be another technical spin-off of advances in modal and other intensional logics. Its purpose was, and still remains, to elucidate various epistemic notions and reason about knowledge and belief. Epistemic logic is to serve as a *logical epistemology* for mainstream and formal epistemological approaches alike.

Despite Hintikka's original intentions, ambitions and own work the epistemological significance of epistemic logic has in general been neglected and perhaps even sometimes intentionally ignored by both formal and

mainstream epistemologists. Epistemology is in the business of dealing with skepticism and the possibility of error—logical epistemology may actually be viewed as being much in the same business. Modal concepts of knowledge quantify over other possible worlds to secure the robustness and steadfastness of knowledge. But the classical conception of infallibilism is taken to require, that for an agent to have knowledge of some hypothesis or proposition,<sup>1</sup> he must be able to eliminate *all* the possibilities of error associated with the hypothesis in question. The set of *all* worlds is considered. This set of possible worlds is too big for knowledge to have scope over. The set includes some rather bizarre worlds inhabited by odd beasts from demons to mad and malicious scientists who have decided to stick your brain in a tank of nutritious fluids to systematically fool you. Or worlds in which contradictions are true. If these worlds were to be considered relevant all the time skepticism would have the upper hand all the time. There may not be a way for an agent to determine that he is not in the world of the beast or the brain. If infallibilism is to be a viable reply to the skeptic, then infallibilism cannot be defined with respect to all possible worlds. Hintikka may be read as saying something similar when it comes to epistemic logic:

What the concept of knowledge involves in a purely logical perspective is thus a dichotomy of the space of all possible scenarios into those that are compatible with what I know and those that are incompatible with my knowledge. This observation is all we need for most of epistemic logic. [31], p. 2.

This way of battling the skeptic by limiting the set of citable possible worlds carrying potential error has been referred to as ‘forcing’ in Hendricks [17], [18] and in particular [19]:

**Whenever knowledge claims are challenged by alleged possibilities of error, the strategy is to show that the possibilities of error fail to be genuine in the relevant sense**

<sup>1</sup>‘Hypothesis’ and ‘proposition’ will be used interchangeably.

Logical epistemology or epistemic logic pays homage to the forcing strategy as the partitioning of the space of possible worlds compatible with knowledge attitude determines a certain set over which the epistemic operator is to have scope. Contemporary mainstream epistemologists choose to speak of the *relevant* possible worlds as a subset of the set of all possible worlds.<sup>2</sup> The epistemic logician considers an *accessibility* relation between worlds in a designated class out of the entire universe of possible worlds. There is no principled difference between relevance and accessibility. Informal epistemologies differ by the way in which relevance is forced given, say, perceptual equivalence conditions, counterfactual proximities or conversational contexts circumscribing the possible worlds. Formal epistemologies differ by the way in which the accessibility relation is defined over possible worlds.

Epistemic logicians obtain different epistemic modal systems valid for a knowledge operator by varying (adding, dropping or relativizing) the properties of the accessibility relation from, say, reflexive and transitive to a reflexive, symmetric and transitive relation. Algebraic constraints on the accessibility relation are the forcing foundation for a formal approach to the theory of knowledge like logical epistemology. Constraints on accessibility relations between possible worlds is a way of demonstrating some of the epistemological significance of Hintikka's philosophical program in epistemic logic already present in *Knowledge and Belief* and of course beyond.

## 2. EPISTEMIC LOGIC AND SKEPTICISM

For a proper syntactic augmentation of the language of the propositional logic with two unary operators  $K_{\Xi}A$  and  $B_{\Xi}A$  such that

$K_{\Xi}A$  reads 'Agent  $\Xi$  knows  $A$ ' and  $B_{\Xi}A$  reads 'Agent  $\Xi$  knows  $A$ '

for some arbitrary proposition  $A$ , Hintikka came up with the following semantic interpretations of the epistemic and doxastic operators [24], [25]:

$K_{\Xi}A \approx$  *in all possible worlds compatible with what  $\Xi$  knows, it is the case that  $A$*

<sup>2</sup>Explicit forcing proposals in the epistemological literature are sometimes referred to as '*relevant alternatives proposals*'. Cf. Bernecker and Dretske [1].

*$B_{\Xi}A$  in all possible worlds compatible with what  $\Xi$  knows, it is the case that  $A$*

The basic assumption is that any ascription of propositional attitudes like knowledge and belief, requires *partitioning* of the set of possible worlds into two compartments: The compartment consisting of possible worlds compatible with the attitude in question and the compartment of worlds incompatible with it. Based on the partition the agent is capable of constructing different ‘world-models’ using the epistemic modal language. He is not necessarily required to know which one of the world-models constructed is the real world-model. All the same, the agent does not consider all these world-models equally possible or accessible from his current point of view. Some world-models may be incommensurable with his current information state or other background assumptions. These incompatible world-models are excluded from the compatibility partition. This is a variation of the forcing strategy. In logical epistemology, as in many mainstream epistemologies, it is typically stipulated that the smaller the set of worlds an agent considers possible, the smaller his uncertainty, at the cost of stronger forcing assumptions.

The set of worlds considered accessible by an agent depends on the actual world, or the agent’s actual state of information. It is possible to capture the forcing dependency by introducing a relation of accessibility,  $R$ , on the set of compatible possible worlds. To express the idea that for agent  $\Xi$ , the world  $w'$  is compatible with his information state, or accessible from the possible world  $w$  which  $\Xi$  is currently in, it is required that  $R$  holds between  $w$  and  $w'$ . This relation is written  $Rww'$  and read ‘world  $w'$  is accessible from  $w$ ’. The world  $w'$  is said to be an *epistemic alternative* to world  $w$  for agent  $\Xi$ . Given the above semantical interpretation, if a proposition  $A$  is true in all worlds which agent  $\Xi$  considers possible then  $\Xi$  knows  $A$ .

Formally, a *frame*  $F$  for an epistemic system is a pair  $(W, R)$  for which  $W$  is a non-empty set of possible worlds and  $R$  is a binary accessibility relation over  $W$ . A *model*  $\mathbf{M}$  for an epistemic system consists of a frame and a denotation function  $\varphi$  assigning sets of worlds to atomic propositional formulae. Propositions are taken to be sets of possible worlds; namely the set of possible worlds in which they are true. Let *atom* be the set of atomic propositional formulae, then  $\varphi: \text{atom} \rightarrow P(W)$  where  $P$  denotes the powerset operation. The model  $\mathbf{M} = \langle W, R, \varphi \rangle$  is called a Kripke-model and the resulting semantics Kripke-semantics [34]: An atomic propositional formulae,  $\mathbf{a}$ , is said to be true in a world  $w$  (in  $\mathbf{M}$ ), written  $\mathbf{M}, w \models \mathbf{a}$ , iff  $w$  is in the set of possible worlds assigned to  $\mathbf{a}$ , i. e.  $\mathbf{M}, w \models \mathbf{a}$  iff  $w \in \varphi(\mathbf{a})$  for

all  $\mathbf{a} \in \text{atom}$ . The formula  $K_{\Xi}A$  is true in a world  $w$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{M}, w \models K_{\Xi}A$ , iff  $\forall w' \in W$ : if  $Rww'$ , then  $\mathbf{M}, w' \models A$ . The semantics for the Boolean connectives are given in the usual recursive way. A modal formula is said to be *valid* in a frame iff the formula is true for all possible assignments in all worlds admitted by the frame.

A nice feature of possible world semantics is that many common epistemic axioms correspond to certain algebraic properties of the frame in the following sense: A modal axiom is valid in a frame if and only if the accessibility relation satisfies some algebraic condition. For an example, the axiom

$$K_{\Xi}A \rightarrow A \quad (1)$$

is valid in all frames in which the accessibility relation is *reflexive* in the sense that every possible world is accessible from itself. (1) is called axiom  $T$ ,<sup>3</sup> or the *axiom of truth* or *axiom of veridicality*, and says that if  $A$  is known by  $\Xi$ , then  $A$  is true in accordance with the standard tripartite definition of knowledge as true justified belief.

Similarly if the accessibility relation satisfies the condition that

$$\forall w, w', w'' \in W: Rww' \wedge Rw'w'' \rightarrow Rww''$$

then the axiom

$$K_{\Xi}A \rightarrow K_{\Xi}K_{\Xi}A \quad (2)$$

is valid in all *transitive* frames. (2) is called axiom **4** and is also known as the *axiom of self-awareness*, *positive introspection* or *KK-thesis*. The labels all refer to the idea that an agent has knowledge of his knowledge of  $A$  if he has knowledge of  $A$ . Other axioms require yet other relational properties to be met in order to be valid in all frames: If the accessibility relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, then

$$\neg K_{\Xi}A \rightarrow K_{\Xi} \neg K_{\Xi}A \quad (3)$$

is valid. (3) is called axiom **5** also better known as the *axiom of wisdom*. It is the much stronger thesis that an agent has knowledge of his own ignorance: If  $\Xi$  does not know  $A$ , he knows that he doesn't know  $A$ . The axiom is sometimes referred to as the *axiom of negative introspection*.

As opposed to (1)–(3) there is a formula or axiom which is valid in all possible frames

$$K_{\Xi}(A \rightarrow A') \rightarrow (K_{\Xi}A \rightarrow K_{\Xi}A') \quad (4)$$

The axiom amounts to the contentious closure condition for knowledge and is also referred to as axiom **K**, or the *axiom of deductive cogency*: If the agent  $\Xi$  knows  $A \rightarrow A'$ , then if  $\Xi$  knows  $A$ ,  $\Xi$  also knows  $A'$ . One rule of

<sup>3</sup>This nomenclature due to Lemmon [36] and later refined by Bull and Segerberg [4] is helpful while cataloguing the axioms typically considered interesting for epistemic logic.

inference which is valid in all possible frames is the rule of *necessitation* or *epistemization* (**N**)

$$A / K_{\exists}A \text{ (5)}$$

which says that if  $A$  is true in all worlds of the frame, then so is  $K_{\exists}A$ .

Logical epistemology unproblematically accepts (4)–(5) but for formal reasons. Neither (4) nor (5) require any assumptions to be made pertaining to the accessibility relation between the possible worlds considered compatible with the knowledge attitude. It actually turns out that (4) together with (5) comprise the characterizing axiom and rule for possible world semantics with binary accessibility relations. All modal logics in which (4) and (5) are valid are called *normal* modal logics.

These axioms in proper combinations make up epistemic modal systems of varying strength depending on the modal formulae valid in the respective systems given the algebraic properties assumed for the accessibility relation. The weakest system of epistemic interest is usually considered to being system **T**. The system includes **T** and **K** as valid axioms. Additional modal strength may be obtained by extending **T** with other axioms drawn from the above pool altering the frame semantics to validate the additional axioms. Reflexivity is the characteristic frame property of system **T**, transitivity is the characteristic frame property of system **S4**, equivalence the characteristic frame property of **S5**, etc. From an epistemological point of view, the algebraic properties of the accessibility relation are really forcing conditions.

The cognitive rationale of logical epistemology must be something like this: The more properties the accessibility relation is endowed with, the more access the agent has to his epistemic universe, and in consequence the more epistemic strength he will obtain. The stronger knowledge, the stronger forcing clauses.<sup>4</sup>

Modal epistemic axioms and systems may be viewed as measures of infallibility and replies to skepticism. For instance, knowing your own knowledge is a way of blocking the skeptic, but knowledge of your own ignorance in terms of axiom **5** is better still. One motivation for the plausibility of axiom **5** is in data-base applications: An agent examining his own knowledge base will be let to conclude that whatever is not in the knowledge base he does not know and hence he will know that he does not.

The axiom of wisdom or negative introspection is a sort of closed world assumption. A closed world assumption is a forcing assumption if anything is, ‘shutting the world down’ with the agent, leaving the skeptic nowhere to go. To know the truth, to know of your knowledge, and to know of your own

<sup>4</sup> Attention is currently restricted to Kripke-semantics and the forcing clauses restricted accordingly.

ignorance as in **S5** requires ‘full’ epistemic access which is exactly why the accessibility relation must be an equivalence relation. A theorem of **S5** is the following

$$\neg A \rightarrow K_{\Xi} \neg K_{\Xi} A \quad (6)$$

which states that if  $A$  is not the case, then  $\Xi$  knows that he does not know  $A$ —the ‘truly Socratic person’ as Girle explains ([13], p. 157) knowing exactly how ignorant he is.

A bit more ignorance, a bit more skepticism and accordingly a bit more fallibility is allowed in **S4**. Since axiom **5** is dropped and (6) is no longer a theorem,  $\{\neg A, \neg K_{\Xi} \neg K_{\Xi} A\}$  and  $\{\neg K_{\Xi} \neg A, \neg K_{\Xi} \neg K_{\Xi} A\}$  are not inconsistent in **S4**. It is possible for an agent to be ignorant of the fact that he does not know when actually he does know. Put differently, the agent is allowed false beliefs about what is known. Yet more ignorance and skepticism are allowed in system **T** because while  $\{K_{\Xi} \neg A, \neg K_{\Xi} \neg K_{\Xi} A\}$  is inconsistent in **S4**, this set of epistemic statements is not inconsistent in **T**. The agent may thus know something without knowing that he does.<sup>5</sup>

What Hintikka recently dubbed ‘first generation epistemic logic’ in [30] is characterized by the ambition that cataloguing the possible complete systems of such logics would allow for choosing the most ‘appropriate’ or ‘intuitive’ ones(s).<sup>6</sup> Hintikka himself settled for **S4** in *Knowledge and Belief*, but he had very strong epistemological arguments for doing so.

### 3. THE LOGIC OF AUTOEPISTEMOLOGY

Hintikka stipulated that the axioms or principles of epistemic logic are conditions descriptive of a special kind of general (strong) *rationality* from a first person perspective.<sup>7</sup> The statements which may be proved false by application of the epistemic axioms are not inconsistent meaning that their truth is logically impossible. They are rather rationally ‘indefensible’. Indefensibility is fleshed out as the agent’s epistemic laziness, sloppiness or

<sup>5</sup>All the same, a restricted kind of positive introspection is still prevalent in system **T**. Given the rule of necessitation (5),  $\Xi$  knows all the theorems of the epistemic logic. By iteration,  $K_{\Xi} K_{\Xi} A$  is also known. Thus if  $A$  is a theorem,  $\Xi$  knows that he knows  $A$ .

<sup>6</sup>Hintikka’s ‘second generation epistemic logic’ is discussed under the rubric ‘active agenthood’ in Hendricks [18], [19], and [23]. For excellent surveys of epistemic logic and its contemporary themes see also van Benthem [2] and Gochet and Gribomont [14].

<sup>7</sup>For a systematic discussion of logical epistemology from first and third person perspectives refer to Hendricks [19].

perhaps cognitive incapacity whenever to realize the implications of what he in fact knows. Defensibility then means not falling victim of ‘epistemic negligence’ as Chisholm calls it [5], [6]. The notion of indefensibility gives away the status of the epistemic axioms and logics. Some epistemic statement for which its negation is indefensible is called ‘self-sustaining’. The notion of self-sustenance actually corresponds to the concept of validity. Corresponding to a self-sustaining statement is a logically valid statement. But this will again be a statement which is rationally indefensible to deny. So in conclusion, epistemic axioms are descriptions of rationality.

There is an argument to the effect that Hintikka early on was influenced by the autoepistemology of G.E. Moore [47] and especially Malcolm [46] and took, at least in part, their autoepistemology to provide a philosophical motivation for epistemic logic. Moore’s common-sense considerations on which autoepistemology is founded deflates the skeptical possibilities of error from various dialectic angles of which one is particularly pertinent to the current discussion. It is called the argument from *incoherence*. The idea is to demonstrate that skepticism has severe difficulties in formulating its own position coherently. As with any argument, a skeptical conclusion presupposes knowledge of a set of premisses. Moore then points to the fact that merely *asserting* these premisses imply at least a doxastic commitment, but most likely an epistemic commitment. The skeptics cannot be retreating to a statement like

*‘There are 9 planets in our solar system but it is not the case that I believe it.’ (7)*

The statement in (7) is an instance of what later has become known as the *Moore-paradox*. Let it be granted that (7) only involves an error of omission. All the same it still sounds self-contradictory simply given mere assertion. No formulation of skepticism without incoherence, or in Hintikkian terms, skepticism is an irrational or indefensible epistemological position.

The argument from incoherence is a first person point argument. Skepticism is thus rejected along these lines. A first person perspective is one of the very characteristics of autoepistemology. This is also suggested in the label ‘autoepistemology’ attaching the Moore-paradox to it: Whatever an agent may know or believe is partly fixed by the concern whether the epistemic or doxastic claim advocated by the inquiring agent fall victim of a Moore-paradox or not. As long as a thesis concerning epistemic commitments does not pan out in a Moore-paradox the inquiring agent is free to adopt it. As an autoepistemologist one may, by way of example, say

*‘If I believe that A, then I believe that I know that A.’ (8)*

which has later been called the *Moore-principle* and sometimes the *principle of positive certainty*.<sup>8</sup> Formalized (8) amounts to:

$$B_{\exists}A \rightarrow B_{\exists}K_{\exists}A \quad (9)$$

According to Moore's theory, there is nothing self-contradictory or incoherent about asserting the principle. No more Moore paradox to the Moore principle than to the widely adopted principle that one knows that one knows if one does the plausibility of which Malcolm argues for below and elsewhere [46].

From Moore's first person autoepistemological perspective a statement like

$$'A \text{ is the case, but I don't believe whether } A.'$$
 (10)

is a paradoxical Moorean statement. There is however nothing paradoxical about

$$'A \text{ is the case, but } \exists \text{ doesn't believe whether } A.'$$
 (11)

from a third person perspective. In consequence, what for sure may sound quite implausible from the first person perspective, may sound very plausible from the third person perspective on inquiry and vice versa.

The epistemic and doxastic commitments that an agent may hold in the course of inquiry are sensitive the epistemic environment and what the agent in these local circumstances is both willing to and capable of defending or maximizing. He does not necessarily have an over-all skepticism defeating method at his disposal: You are doing the best you can, so is the skeptic, but he is probably not doing as well as you are due to incoherence. Forcing in autoepistemology then means:

**Whenever knowledge claims are challenged by alleged possibilities of error, the strategy is to show that on an individual basis one can do no better than what is being done in the current epistemic environment and attempt to show that the skeptic is doing at least as bad as you are but probably even worse**

Epistemic axioms may be interpreted as principles describing a certain strong rationality congruent with autoepistemology. First of all, neither Malcolm nor Moore would object to the idea that knowledge validates axiom T (1). Secondly, in Hintikka's logical system knowledge is closed in the sense of (4), and the argument cited by Hintikka in favor of closure has the flavor of autoepistemology:

<sup>8</sup>Lamarre and Shoham explain: 'To the agent, the facts of which he is certain appear to be knowledge', [35].

In order to see this, suppose that a man says to you, ‘I know that  $p$  but I don’t know whether  $q$ ’ and suppose that  $p$  can be shown to entail logically  $q$  by means of some argument which he would be willing to accept. Then you can point out to him that what he says he does not know is already implicit in what he claims he knows. If your argument is valid, it is irrational for our man to persist in saying that he does not know whether  $q$  is the case. [24], p. 31.

Not accepting (4) is irrational, but the acceptance of (4) does not entail that the agent in question has to be immediately aware of his own rationality, let alone able to immediately compute it from Hintikka’s first person perspective on inquiry.

The autoepistemological inspiration is vindicated while Hintikka argues for the plausibility of the *KK*-thesis as a governing axiom of his logic of knowledge. Approximately a decade after the publication of *Knowledge and Belief*, the *KK*-thesis came under heavy attack. *Synthese* dedicated an issue to the matter where especially Ginet and Castenada were on the offensive, while Hintikka and Hilpinen defended.<sup>9</sup> And while defending, Hintikka refers to Malcolm:<sup>10</sup>

Many of the things Malcolm says fall flat if it is not the case that I in fact know what I claim to know. For instance, if I am the victim of a clever optical trick when I believe that there is an ink-bottle in front of me—and even believe that I know it in the strong sense—then exposing the trick will provide conclusive evidence against claiming that the ink-bottle is there ... More generally, we might perhaps say that if one knows in the strong sense that  $p$ , then it is the case that one will refuse (if acting rationally) to consider any experience compatible with what he in fact knows as evidence against one’s knowing that  $p$ . ([26]), p. 153.

From this Hintikka concludes that Malcolm’s position is sufficiently close to Hintikka’s own for a behavioral identity between the strong knowledge à la Malcolm à la Hintikka:

<sup>9</sup>*Synthese* 21, 1970.

<sup>10</sup>For a thorough discussion of Hintikka’s conception of the *KK*-thesis, refer to Hendricks [17], pp. 253.

This is especially interesting in view of the fact that Malcolm himself uses his strong sense of knowing to explain in what sense it might be true that whenever one knows, one knows that one knows. In this respect, too, Malcolm's strong sense behaves like mine. [26], p. 154.

Besides the requirement of closure and the validity of the *KK*-thesis, axiom T is also valid so the suggestion is that a logic of autoepistemology is philosophically congruent with Hintikka's suggestion for an **S4** axiomatization describing strong rationality.

Although the epistemic logic of autoepistemology may be **S4**, the doxastic logic is another matter, and the affinities with autoepistemology end. Moore's principle above (8) is a kind of introspection axiom for rational belief or *subjective certainty*. In a combined epistemic and doxastic logical system in which knowledge and belief are approximately equally strong (save for a truth-condition) the agent will (while subjectively reflecting upon his own state of mind with respect to what he believes) be led to believe that he knows the proposition in question if he certainly believes it. Some contemporary logical epistemologists embrace Moore's principle (e.g. Halpern [15]). Hintikka denies Moore's principle in *Knowledge and Belief*:

Hence ... and (C.BK) [Moore's principle] are acceptable only when an unrealistically high standard of defensibility is imposed on one's beliefs. The conditions would make it (logically) indefensible to suppose that anyone would have given up any of his present beliefs if he had more information than he now has. And this is clearly too stringent a requirement. [24], p. 52.

To Hintikka belief is a significantly weaker commitment than knowledge. For good reason too it turns out: Consider a combined epistemic and doxastic logic in which belief is understood as subjective certainty such that (9) holds. Assume also that positive doxastic introspection

$$B_{\Xi}A \rightarrow K_{\Xi}B_{\Xi}A \quad (12)$$

holds for belief together with negative doxastic introspection

$$\neg B_{\Xi}A \rightarrow K_{\Xi}\neg B_{\Xi}A. \quad (13)$$

Even subjective certainty, as strong as it may seem in this system, implies a margin of error: The fact that  $\Xi$  is subjectively certain of  $A$  does not necessarily imply that  $A$  is true. Accordingly axiom T will be dropped for subjective certainty and replaced by the consistency axiom D

$$B_{\Xi}A \rightarrow \neg B_{\Xi}\neg A. \quad (14)$$

On the standard definition of knowledge, knowledge implies belief

$$K_{\Xi}A \rightarrow B_{\Xi}A \quad (15)$$

which is also an uncontroversially accepted assumption for knowledge and subjective certainty. The logic of subjective certainty is **KD45**. Knowledge will obviously have to be stronger than subjective certainty, so it must validate **S5**. On assumptions (9), (12)–(15) Lenzen was able to show

that  $B_{\exists}A$  in the end is equivalent to  $K_{\exists}A$  [37]. So knowledge and belief collapse into each other!<sup>11</sup>

Many contemporary epistemic logics do nevertheless consider strong belief, rational belief or subjective certainty to be approximately as strong as knowledge. Assuming belief is taken to be approximately as strong as **S5** knowledge with the equivalence relation over worlds implies some attractive formal features like readily epistemic and doxastic partitions. This does not by itself make up for the result that the logic of knowledge and belief coincide.

Hintikka denies the axiom of wisdom because introspection alone should not license agents to ascertain whether some proposition in question is known. Other objections to (3) include the following: Under special circumstances axiom 5 suggests that agents can even decide intractable problems as Binmore reveals in [3], and Shin in [53]. Williamson has launched two objections to models of knowledge and belief validating axiom 5. For **S5** knowledge Williamson disagrees with the ones interpreting knowledge in a data-base like fashion to justify the closed world assumption of axiom 5. Even under the closed world assumption it does not follow in general that an agent can ‘survey the totality of its knowledge’.<sup>12</sup> Secondly, Williamson recently noted that the result to the effect that knowledge and belief collapse under the strong understanding of belief in a combined system points to the untenability of axiom 5, not to the unacceptable nature of subjective certainty *per se*. Moore’s principle is not too extravagant an assumption for rational belief, neither are axioms (12), D, (15) nor axioms T, 4 for knowledge. That leaves axiom 5 as the culprit responsible for collapsing the two notions and besides entails the infallibility of the agent’s beliefs: Whatever  $\exists$  believes is true. On these grounds, Williamson abandons axiom 5 rather than any of the other principles used in the derivation [61]. Voorbraak makes the unusual move of sacrificing (15) accordingly challenging the intuitions of philosophers since antiquity [58]. In Hendricks [17] it is shown how limiting convergent knowledge and (3) conflict, and in Hendricks [19] it is demonstrated how the axiom of wisdom gives rise to both conceptual and technical problems in multi-agent systems.

<sup>11</sup>Stalnaker also discusses this issue in [56].

<sup>12</sup>See [60], p. 317.

## 4. ‘EPISTEMOLOGICS’

If **S5** assumptions about knowledge and belief are dropped ideal rationality descriptions and autoepistemological considerations may supply a philosophical foundation and motivation for logical epistemology.<sup>13</sup> The treatment of logical epistemology as a branch of modal logic is still quite costly also for much less ambitious logics than **S5**. The principle of closure (4) is enough to generate problems, and worse, skeptical problems. Nozick for instance emphatically denies closure for epistemic operators given his subjunctive definition of knowledge, and a whole range of other epistemic axioms likewise have to go [48].

### 4.1 Counterfactuality

According to Nozick, epistemology is not going to get off the ground before the skeptical challenge is met. It must be demonstrated that knowledge is at least possible. The often cited premiss in favor of the skeptical conclusion that agents do not know much of anything is this: If the agent cannot be guaranteed to be able to know the *denials* of skeptical hypotheses, then the agent cannot be ascribed knowledge on any other issues. The traditional understanding of infallibilism counting every possible world as relevant supports the pessimistic premiss presented. Some arbitrary skeptical hypothesis is a possibility of error the falsity of which must be known to the agent for him to acquire knowledge of some other common hypothesis in question. The inability to know the denials of skeptical hypotheses suffice for lacking knowledge of the ordinary hypotheses.

The classical thesis of infallibilism supports the skeptical premiss by the demand that  $\Xi$  should be capable of knowing the denials of all the possibilities of error. The closure condition (4) demands that  $\Xi$  only is knowledgeable of the denials of those possibilities of error which in effect are known logical consequences of  $\Xi$ 's knowledge.<sup>14</sup> Suppose  $\Xi$  knows the hypothesis that he is currently sitting reading this article on forcing

<sup>13</sup>From the point of view of autoepistemology, one also suspects that Moore himself would be disinclined to advocate the axiom of negative introspection (axiom 5). Either because it could amount to a Moorean sentence or because it imposes too much rationality on the part of the singular agent—there is a difference between doing the best you can, and then outdoing yourself.

<sup>14</sup>... or perhaps rather known logical consequences of  $\Xi$ 's knowledge – including denials of all possibilities of error (the so-called contrast consequences, Dretske [9]).

epistemology. Let it also be the case that  $\Xi$  knows that if he is sitting reading this paper, then he is not being fooled by the Cartesian demon. Then  $\Xi$  must also know that he is not being fooled by the demon. If  $\Xi$  does not know that he is not being deceived by the demon then, given  $\Xi$  knows the implication,  $\Xi$  in turn lacks knowledge of the hypothesis that he is sitting reading forcing epistemology. Now this is exactly what the pessimistic premiss pushes for. But  $\Xi$  can know that he is sitting reading this article without knowing that there is no demon of deception seducing him into the false belief that he is sitting reading this paper. Being seated reading this paper implies that no Cartesian demon is leading  $\Xi$  to falsely believe that he is reading this very article.

Two things follow from this reasoning: (1) Everyday knowledge is secured, but (2) knowledge is not closed in the sense of (4) according to Nozick's counterfactual epistemology. If knowledge was to be closed it could fly far away into skepticism.

Having denied the condition of closure the epistemological mission is still not completed. An explanation must still be provided describing how knowledge of common hypotheses is possible joined with an explanation of the failure to know the denials of skeptical hypotheses. This also goes for the situations in which it is known that the common hypothesis at issue implies relevantly rejecting the skeptical hypothesis.

Dretske's solution is to install a modal condition for knowledge imposing truth-conduciveness by *sensitivity* [9]:

'If  $A$  were not true,  $\Xi$  would not believe  $A$ .' (16)

A belief qualifying as knowledge is a belief which is sensitive to the truth: The proposition  $A$  is true in accordance with the standard definition of knowledge. Had  $A$  which is believed been false, the agent would not be led to the belief that  $A$ .

Condition (16) readily explains why closure fails. Proximity relations between possible worlds are introduced due to the semantics for the inserted subjunctive conditional. One may know both antecedents  $A$  and  $A \rightarrow A'$  relative to one set of relevant worlds accessible from the actual world, and yet fail to know the consequent  $A'$  relative to a different set of possible worlds. Now relative to a set of possible worlds with proximity 'close' to the actual world one knows  $A$  and simultaneously knows that  $A$  implies the denial of the skeptical hypothesis, say  $A$ . But one may all the same fail to know the consequential denial of the skeptical hypothesis itself for knowledge of the skeptical hypothesis is relative to possible worlds with a 'way-off' proximity to the actual world. These possible worlds are radically different from the actual world by all means. 'Way-off' worlds are accordingly forced out, skepticism far away because closure fails, but the possibility of knowledge prevails.

In the monumental monograph on knowledge, skepticism, free will and other pertinent philosophical issues [48], Nozick completes a definition of counterfactual knowledge along the Dretsian lines:<sup>15</sup>

$\Xi$  knows  $A$  iff  
 $A$  is true,  
 $\Xi$  believes that  $A$ ,  
 $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg(\Xi$  believes that  $A)$ ,  
 $A \Rightarrow (\Xi$  believes that  $A)$

To see how the definition works, the possible world semantics provides the following account of the truth-conditions for the subjunctive conditional: A subjunctive  $A \Rightarrow B$  for arbitrary statements  $A$  and  $B$ , is true, insofar, in all those worlds in which  $A$  is true that are in proximity ‘closest’ to the actual world,  $B$  is also true in these ‘closest’ worlds. More specifically of three worlds  $w, w', w''$  if  $w'$  is closer to  $w$  than  $w''$ , then  $A \Rightarrow B$  will be true in  $w$  iff  $A$  is not true in any world or there exist a world  $w'$  in which  $A$  and  $B$  are true which is closer to  $w$  than any world  $w''$  in which  $A$  is true but  $B$  is false.<sup>16</sup>

For knowledge possession, one does not have to consult all possible worlds as the skeptic would insist: Given the standard semantical analysis of the subjunctives it is enough that the consequent  $B$  holds in those possible worlds which are closest to the actual world such that the antecedent  $A$  holds. Speaking in terms of forcing a subjunctive conditional is true just in case the consequent is forced among the closest worlds to the actual world in which the antecedent holds.

The third condition of the definition above is there to avoid error. The fourth is there to gain truth. The two conditions are collapsible into one condition:  $\Xi$ 's belief tracks the truth of  $A$ :

To know is to have a belief that tracks the truth. Knowledge is a particular way of being connected to the world, having a specific real factual connection to the world: tracking it. [48], p. 178.

The idea of introducing the proximity relation is that the agent's local epistemic environment normally suffices for the truth witnessing Nozick's first person stance. Although everyday knowledge is possible in many

<sup>15</sup>‘ $\Rightarrow$ ’ denotes the subjunctive conditional.

<sup>16</sup>This semantic account of the subjunctive follows rather closely Lewis in [42]. Nozick is however not committed to a particular understanding of the semantics and also discusses Stalnaker's subjunctive semantics from [54]. See furthermore [48], p. 680, footnote 8.

contexts, some contexts are just beyond reach: It is impossible for  $\Xi$  to know that he is not this brain in a vat. Assuming the brain receives the same sensory patterns as it would if it were not dumped in the vat, there would not be anything in the input revealing to  $\Xi$  that he was not a brain in a vat. In this devious scenario  $\Xi$  is also barred from knowing that he is sitting reading this paper on forcing. If  $\Xi$  claims to know that he is sitting reading this article, it must follow that he as a prerequisite tacitly approves of the hypothesis that he is not a brain in a vat. Given this prerequisite and *modus tollens* as  $\Xi$  does not know that he is not sunk into the vat he does not know that he is sitting reading this paper either.

Now the possible world in which  $\Xi$  is a brain in a vat is *ceteris paribus* very distant from the actual world. Failure of knowledge in these cases is not devastating to counterfactual epistemology. It hinges on the relevant possibilities of error. True beliefs are only required in possibilities closer to actuality than any  $\neg A$ -possibilities: Picture a physicist measuring the voltage drop over some LRC-circuit. A student from epistemology class comes to him and asks whether a relevant possibility of error could be that the voltmeter is calibrated incorrectly. The physicist would probably answer 'yes' as calibration problems could lead to a measurement error. Then asking the scientist whether being a brain in a vat is a relevant possibility of error would likely result in the physicist asking the student to go back to his course and stop bothering him with silliness.

By his definition of counterfactual knowledge, Nozick accepts the axiom of veridicality (1), and the rule of necessitation (5) also seems to hold:  $A$  is true,  $\Xi$  believes  $A$ , and since  $A$  is true in all possible worlds,  $A$  is also true in close worlds so  $\Xi$  knows  $A$ .<sup>17</sup> But he rejects both closure and the *KK*-thesis (2) for counterfactual knowledge:

Some writers have put forth the view that whenever one knows, one knows that one knows. There is an immediate stumbling block to this, however. One may know yet not believe one knows; with no existing belief that one knows to do the tracking of the fact that one knows, one certainly does not know that one knows. [48], p. 246.

An agent may be tracking the truth of  $A$  without tracking the fact that he is tracking the truth of  $A$ . For much the same reason chances are also that Nozick would dismiss the axiom of wisdom (3) because if an agent is not tracking the truth of  $A$  it does not follow that he will be tracking the fact that he is not tracking  $A$ . The first person logic of counterfactual epistemology is

<sup>17</sup>I'm indebted to Robert Stalnaker for bringing this to my attention.

thus very weak and *not* normal in the technical sense in contrast to Hintikka's logical epistemology.

The counterfactual epistemology in general accommodates elements of the contextualistic epistemology of the next section. Dretske's view of the closure lets knowledge transfer work across known implications insofar as the implications in question are close or relevant. Knowing that one is sitting down reading this article transfers immediately through the known implication to the 'close' hypothesis that one is not standing on a street corner doing the same. This knowledge will at the same time not run through the known implication to the 'way-off' hypothesis that one is not being fooled by a malicious demon. Dretske's point seems to be that knowledge acquisition of a hypothesis in some common *context* assumes by default the very falsity of particular 'way-off' and irrelevant possibilities of error [9]. These possibilities of error are skirted, or their falsity presupposed in many everyday knowledge acquisition contexts. Lewis strongly subscribes to this contextualistic forcing feature in his modal epistemology – so does Hintikka.

## 5. CONTEXTUALITY

Lewis' new 'modal epistemology' [45] is an elegant variation of contextualism which has many (forcing) features in common with Hintikka's formal theory of knowledge.

Contextualistic epistemology starts much closer to home than counterfactual epistemology. Agents in their local epistemic environments have knowledge—and plenty of it in a variety of (conversational) contexts. Knowledge is not only possible as counterfactual epistemology will have it, it is real human condition. The general contextualistic template for a theory of knowledge is crisply summarized in DeRose's description of the attribution of knowledge. The description also embodies many of the epistemological themes central to the contextualistic forcing strategy:

Suppose a speaker *A* says, '*S* knows that *P*', of a subject *S*'s true belief that *P*. According to contextualist theories of knowledge attributions, how strong an epistemic position *S* must be in with respect to *P* for *A*'s assertion to be true can vary according to features of *A*'s conversational context. [7], p. 4.

The incentive to take skeptical arguments to knowledge claims seriously is based on an exploitation of the way in which otherwise operational epistemic concepts, notably knowledge, can be gravely disturbed by sudden changes of the linguistic context in which they figure.

The standards for the possession of knowledge vary from context to context depending on what is at stake. In a course on epistemology the standards for knowledge possession fixed by the interlocutors (teacher and students) are usually very high. The conclusions that we know very little, if anything at all, may by the end of class be true. In a discussion after class a fellow student says ‘I know that *Matrix Revolutions* plays in the Park & 86th Street Theater on 125 E. 86th St.’. The circumstances have now changed and the standards for knowledge possession in this new, presumably, non-skeptical conversational context are lower. The relatively lower standards put us in the comfortable position of maintaining that we know most of what we think we know. It is admittedly to this low epistemic standard but it surely suffices for going to the movies.

Not only may knowledge attributions fluctuate with contexts, they may also be sensitive to who ascribes knowledge to whom. As indicated by DeRose there is a delicate issue to be addressed pertaining to the strength of the position an agent has to be in order for the epistemic commitment to truthfully pan out. This position is context-sensitive, not only to the agent in the environment, but also to possible ascribers of knowledge to the very agent in question. The first-third person dichotomy is immanent in contextualistic epistemologies.

Finally, the strength of the epistemic position is responsible for turning the contextualistic theory of knowledge into a modal account according to DeRose. For every local environmental ‘time-slice’ the epistemic position of the agent remains constant. The epistemic position the agent however *were* to be in to warrant possession of knowledge is a subjunctively defined spatio-temporal function of the context. A strong epistemic position with respect to some hypothesis *A* is to have belief as to whether *A* is the case and tracking this fact not only through the actual world but through close worlds as well. Maintaining that one’s belief still tracks the truth at long distances increases the strength of the epistemic position with respect to the hypothesis in question. For belief to become knowledge it should be ‘non-accidentally’ true in the actual world and in close ones as well.<sup>18</sup> This way of realizing the forcing relation resembles the construction advanced by the counterfactual epistemology of the previous section using sensitivity or tracking.

Lewis’ modal epistemology as a contextualistic theory of knowledge is particularly engaging as it balances elegantly between mainstream and formal *modi operandi*. This is not too surprising since Lewis through his career was concerned with modal logic, in particular the logic of counterfactuals [42], modal ontology [44] and almost consequently modal

<sup>18</sup>See further [7], p. 34.

epistemology [45]. Modal logics, epistemic logics in particular, are much about partitioning the set of all possible worlds into classes that are in close proximity, similar, relevant or accessible from the actual world and into classes which are not.

As humans we force for knowledge on a daily basis and obtain it. This means partitioning the set of all possible worlds into relevant, irrelevant and extravagant possibilities of error determined by the current context. To obtain knowledge eliminate the relevant possibilities of error, ignore the extravagant ones, and succeed over the remaining possible worlds where the hypothesis in question is true. Everything dictated by the current context. There are rules for elimination, ignoring and success. On a new definition of knowledge yet to be formulated, these rules are what Lewis' modal epistemology is about. Only a selected few of them will be discussed here.<sup>19</sup>

Taking infallibility as a basic epistemological condition, for an agent to know a hypothesis, all possibilities of error must be eliminated given the agent's available information. That is, all the possible worlds in which the negation of the hypothesis is the case must be eliminated. This forcing relation is given by different measures. One measure is simply to ignore possibilities extraganza, another is to use the available evidence to force such that the uneliminated possible worlds are determined by perceptual equivalences over these alternatives with the actual world as the fix-point. The perceptual experience (and memory) the agent has in the actual world fixes the set of uneliminated possible worlds insofar the agent's cognitive apparatus functions the same in these worlds. Suppose that a perceptual experience has the propositional content  $A$ . The perceptual experience with content  $A$  (memory included) eliminates a certain world  $w'$  if and only if the content of the experience the agent has in  $w'$  differs from  $A$ .

Quantifiers are usually restricted to run over some domain of interest. This also goes for the universal quantifier over possible worlds that would lead to error. Every uneliminated world in which the hypothesis holds is restricted to a sub-domain of properly all uneliminated worlds. Saying that the surface is 'clean' in a certain conversational context is to properly ignore the microscopic dust particles laying on the surface. If somebody was to disagree it would have to be because the new interlocutor in the conversational context means clean in a more restrictive sense. The microscopic dust balls in this case suffice for making the assertion about the

<sup>19</sup>See Hendricks [19] for a complete exposition of the rules from a forcing perspective.

clean surface false. Words like ‘flat’ or ‘round’ behave in the same way, as does the word ‘knowledge’. They are context-sensitive.<sup>20</sup>

Alterations of the conversational context occur when a new hypothesis is introduced which for its part is more demanding than any of the other hypotheses currently explicit in the particular context. Such a *non-uniform* introduction implies an increase in the range of possible worlds to be considered for attribution of knowledge. The strength of the required epistemic position mentioned above is increased accordingly. In a context where the usage of ‘knowledge’ remains *uniform* throughout the conversation, the range of possible worlds to be considered remains stable. Given the context-sensitive nature of knowledge, in every context where knowledge attribution is at stake some uneliminated possible worlds are not rendered relevant by the *current* context. The universal quantifier is restricted accordingly. This restriction is very similar to the quantifier restriction on knowledge in logical epistemology. In epistemic logic, knowledge claims are circumscribed by the compartment of possible worlds in accordance with the epistemic attitude, not the incompatible compartment and not the set of all possible worlds.

These considerations essentially pave the way for the colloquially stated but forceful knowledge definition of modal epistemology:

*S* knows that *P* iff *S*'s evidence eliminates every possibility in which not-*P*—Psst!—except for those possibilities that *we* are properly ignoring. [45], p. 378.

During the individual knowledge attribution process, the possible world which the agent takes to be the actual state of affairs is never ignored. Actuality is by reflexivity always a relevant possible world alternative although indexical. It follows that falsity may not properly be supposed. If falsity is never to be presupposed whatever in the end will turn up knowledge must be true, so the classical condition of truth for knowledge is derived. Never ignoring the actual world is referred to as the *rule of actuality*.

Turn next to the ascription of knowledge to others. The way in which the modal knowledge definition is stated italicizes ‘*we*’. What *we* may properly ignore is going to be dependent on whose actuality is being referred to in the context in question. Assuming that there is only one actual world-index in play in non-modal contexts one should expect that the world considered actual by the agent coincides with the world indexed ‘actual’ by the ascribers.

<sup>20</sup>The context-sensitivity of various words including ‘knowledge’ was noted by Lewis much earlier in [43].

In counterfactual situations referring for instance to what an agent would have known today had he read the paper yesterday, or whether an agent knew yesterday who he was then, fixing the index of actuality is trickier. Had the agent read the paper yesterday he would presumably have known more than he in fact knows today. The agent is ascribing knowledge and ignorance to himself now as the one not having read the paper last night. The ascriber, say  $\Xi'$ , of knowledge to agent  $\Xi$  has an index of actuality demonstratively different from  $\Xi$ 's index. The index on actuality for  $\Xi'$  is what  $\Xi'$  would have been like knowledge-wise had he read the paper yesterday. Actuality indices differ for  $\Xi$  and  $\Xi'$  in this situation. Similarly for the attribution of knowledge to  $\Xi$  knowing yesterday who he was. For  $\Xi$ 's reality is defined for his spatio-temporal history up until yesterday; for  $\Xi'$  reality is defined for his spatio-temporal history up to today when the question is popped whether  $\Xi$  knew yesterday who he was. The two world stories are different.  $\Xi$ 's actuality yesterday is different from  $\Xi$ 's actuality today. Similarly for a host of other situations involving say iterated modal constructions like knowledge of knowledge etc.

The rule of actuality applies both to the ascriber and the ascribed. What may not be properly ignored is the local agent's actuality. Epistemologists considering what  $\Xi$  knows from a third person perspective will attend to whatever possible worlds that  $\Xi$  himself attends to as possible and then some. The set of possible worlds ignored by a third person knowledge attributor for  $\Xi$  will properly be a superset of the possible worlds  $\Xi$  ignores. An agent may know more than what may be ascribed to him because his actuality in some cases differs from the ascribers and his range of viable worlds does as well. Applying the principle of 'epistemic' charity means that while attributing knowledge to an agent in his local epistemic environment, the third person ascriber may ignore fewer possibilities than  $\Xi$ .

Next, a world  $w'$  which 'salient resembles' another world  $w$  enforces a kind of symmetry. If  $w$  may not be properly ignored in virtue of the other rules neither may  $w'$  and vice versa. This accessibility clause is referred to as the *rule of resemblance*. The rule is dangerous and powerful at the same time.

The rule of resemblance is dangerous because not applied carefully invites skepticism and global underdetermination back in. The actual world is left uneliminated by the agent's available evidence. It follows that any other uneliminated world resembles the agent's actual world in one important respect, namely, with respect to the agent's evidence. This will continue to hold even in worlds which otherwise are radically different from the agent's actual world including the demon world. By application of the rule of actuality together with the rule of resemblance leads to the conclusion that these worlds are relevant alternative worlds as well!

There is no obvious remedy to this problem and it reappears with respect to knowledge closure. Agreeing with counterfactual epistemology that closure over arbitrary contexts amounts to a fallacy driving skeptical arguments, modal epistemology holds that closure is possible locally without skepticism. Knowledge is closed for a fixed context. Knowing that you are reading this paper implies that you are reading this paper and not being deceived (by a demon or a mad scientist) in this particular uniform context  $c_1$ . If the context is non-uniformly changed right after the antecedent conditions obtain to a new context  $c_2$ , ‘all bets are off’ [45], p. 382. Closure fails because the strength of the epistemic position now required in  $c_2$  to attribute knowledge has been increased way beyond  $c_1$  by the increase in possible worlds at issue dictated by  $c_2$ . The range of possible worlds may now include the demon world which is a whole different context. Knowledge is closed under implication because implication preserves truth in a fixed context not over arbitrary contexts.

If knowledge is closed in uniform contexts, then this seems to be exactly what Hintikka could say when presented with the closure challenge and the skeptical invitation. The argument for closure so far rests on autoepistemological and rationality considerations but does not necessarily escape Nozick’s argument against closure. Since *Knowledge and Belief* Hintikka has emphasized the importance of partitioning the set of worlds into the two distinct compartments consisting of the worlds in accordance with the attitude and the ones not. The worlds in accordance with the epistemic attitude may be read in accordance with Lewis’ context-sensitive quantifier restriction on knowledge above. Then, the demon world, brain-in-a-vat world and other derivatives of global underdetermination are simply excluded from the compatibility partition; these extravagant worlds are not in accordance with the epistemic attitude.<sup>21</sup> Thus, these error-possibilities will not disturb the context, or in Hintikkian terms, will not pass over into the compatibility partition, so knowledge is closed for a given compatible partition, i.e. uniform context.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>21</sup>Global underdetermination amounts to the impossibility of reliable knowledge acquisition anyway as Kelly has argued in [33].

<sup>22</sup>There is however not any obvious way to ensure that such a contextual change is not taking place in Lewis’ modal theory of knowledge. The rules of actuality and resemblance combined immediately permit for such a change to occur. The demon world resembles saliently the actual world with respect to agent’s evidence and should accordingly not be ignored. Lewis readily admits to an *ad hoc* modification of the rule as to exclude this resemblance. Observe that this does not immediately apply to Hintikka’s logical epistemology.

One of Lewis' rules seem trivial, and yet it furnishes insight as to Lewis' view of the situation in epistemology today. Knowledge attribution is partly a socially determined process forced by conventional means to be taken seriously. This seriousness is reflected in the *rule of attention*. Which worlds are ignored is context-dependent. When ignored in a specific context these worlds are *really*, not only counterfactually so, tossed out and not to be considered. Attending to even far-fetched possible worlds in a different context make them relevant possibilities again. Relevant possibilities of error undercut infallible knowledge claims and knowledge flies away—becomes elusive.<sup>23</sup>

Buying into too many uneliminated possibilities of error often makes epistemologists end up with buyers regret. Potential counterexamples to knowledge ascriptions are waiting everywhere in the wings of rich domains making the required epistemic position impossible to reach for anybody. No first persons have knowledge in these particularly demanding contexts, no third persons either. Unfortunately, as a discipline epistemology is one such demanding context. The foe of epistemology is not really skepticism but epistemology itself:

That is how epistemology destroys knowledge. But it does so only temporarily. The pastime of epistemology does not plunge us forevermore into its special context. We can still do a lot of proper ignoring, a lot of knowing, and a lot of true ascribing of knowledge to ourselves and others the rest of the time. [45], p. 377.

Modal epistemology concedes to skepticism the high epistemic standards on which the skeptical position operates. These epistemic standards are exceedingly harder to meet than those required for everyday attributions of knowledge. Admitting this much to skepticism licences the concern that these elevated standards are in fact the correct standards to be met for genuine knowledge ascriptions and acquisitions. When push comes to shove, the everyday knowledge attributions do not stand up to these standards, so knowledge attributions on a daily basis are bogus as discussed by Pritchard [49]. Skepticism can never be dodged. The rules may conflict in such a way that skeptical possibilities like hallucinations become relevant. Applying the prohibitive rule of resemblance merely escapes skepticism by *ad hoc* qualifications. This leaves us again 'caught between the rock of fallibilism,

<sup>23</sup>Ignoring worlds may from this perspective be seen as a necessary last resort because the available evidence may always be insufficient to block global underdetermination. Ignoring is a precondition for knowledge—love it or leave it.

and the whirlpool of skepticism' as Lewis puts it [45], p. 367. Modal epistemology was supposed to come to the rescue.

As bogus as these ascriptions may seem, they may also be as good as it gets. A similar response to skepticism following 'smooth' lines may be found in Levi's formal epistemology [39], [40]. To gain truth and avoid error beliefs should be chosen carrying the highest 'epistemic utility'. The epistemic utility embodies truth as well as content. Significant possibilities of error are forgivable just the agent settles for the belief with the highest epistemic utility in the particular context. This may not exactly add up to real knowledge but it is good enough for decision and action. The elevation of the skeptical standards for knowledge is immaterial for common epistemic practice. Infallibilism with respect to all worlds cannot be reached anyway and agents are doing the best they can quantifying over less reaching at least a workable impasse with skepticism. That is the epistemic balance; Agents can act on their 'discount' infallible knowledge, but skeptics can do very little with their high standards. Turning the tables, skeptics are the *real* epistemologists.

Denials of skeptical hypotheses cannot be known on the modal conception of knowledge trans-contextually. So an objection would be that knowledge is not even possible, much less real. A defense would be to simply admit that the logics of knowledge are rather weak at least for the third person knowledge operator and in case of contextual changes. As opposed to counterfactual epistemology's denial of closure it holds for a first person operator in a uniform context in Lewis' modal epistemology. Closure may fail from the third person perspective because the set of worlds to be considered is strictly a superset of the set of worlds the first person operator has to consider leaving room for radical context change, and a failure. There is support to be found for such a defense.

Levi's epistemological program is a version of a first person perspective emphasizing a distinction between *the logic of truth* and *the logic of consistency* and not the first and third person perspectives [41]. Even though related the two distinctions are not exactly the same. Levi denies the validity of various epistemic axioms as axioms of an epistemic logic of truth. This crudely means to reject these axioms as axioms for a third person knowledge operative. An axiom like the *KK*-thesis found to be invalid in counterfactual epistemology is here valid as an axiom serving regulative purposes of maintaining consistency for a rational epistemic agent. The logic of truth for an epistemic agent on the other hand is not necessarily regulated by a principle like the *KK*-thesis. Lewis seems to follow suit because knowledge of knowledge introduces a discrepancy of actualities for the first and the third person operator. Because of the subject-based contextualism enforced by the rule of actuality, the third person operator is to ignore fewer worlds

leaving more room for error. The agent may perhaps know that he knows, the third person may not necessarily be able to determine that the *KK*-thesis holds for the agent, nor that it holds for himself pertaining to the agent in question. The agent in the local environment may have more knowledge than a third person is able to ascribe to him or to the third person himself. If there is a trans-contextual third person logic of knowledge, such a logic is probably rather weak seems to be the suggestion of Levi and Lewis.

While Lewis may consider a universal third person logic rather weak there is nothing in the way of arguing for a much stronger first person logic. This is in stark contrast to the counterfactual proposal of the previous section in which the first person logic was quite weak. On the modal epistemological account all of (1)–(4) may be valid in uniform contexts for a first person knowledge operator.

## 6. ‘ELUSIVE’ LOGICAL EPISTEMOLOGY

There is a feature of Hintikka’s logical epistemology which may make it become as ‘elusive’ as any careless mainstream theory of knowledge. The principle of closure, axiom *K* (4), can under the certain circumstances be generalized to a stronger closure property of an agent’s knowledge considered still more unacceptable than (4) itself. *Logical omniscience*:

*Whenever an agent  $\Xi$  knows all of the formulae in a set  $\Gamma$  and  $A$  follows logically from  $\Gamma$ , then  $\Xi$  also knows  $A$ .*

In particular,  $\Xi$  knows all theorems (letting  $\Gamma = \emptyset$ ), and he knows all logical consequences of a formula which he knows (letting  $\Gamma$  consist of a single formula). Logical omniscience incorporates some generally weaker forms of omniscience like knowledge of valid formulae: Agent  $\Xi$  knows all logical truths (given rule 5) etc.<sup>24</sup>

Technical solutions to logical omniscience are either facilitated on the syntactical or semantical level. On the syntactical level, Hintikka recently suggested [28] to place suitable syntactical constraints on deductive arguments which preserve knowledge. Interesting philosophical solutions are to be found on the semantical level. The idea is here to introduce some semantical entities which account for why the agent could be accused of

<sup>24</sup>See [15], [14] for a full list of logical omniscience forms.

logical omniscience but by the end of the day is not guilty of logical omniscience. These entities are called ‘impossible, possible worlds’ by Hintikka [27]. Similar entities called ‘seemingly possible’ worlds represented by urn-models are introduced by Rantala [52]. Allowing impossible possible worlds in which the semantic valuation of the formulas in a certain sense is arbitrary provide the necessary means for dodging logical omniscience: The logical laws do not pass muster in the impossible possible worlds. When knowledge is evaluated with respect to all possible worlds but the logical laws do not hold in some of them, logical omniscience is simply out. In an impossible possible world a tautology  $A \rightarrow A$  may, as odd as it admittedly sounds, be false. Now the agent  $\Xi$  may all the same view that very world a possibility, so universally  $K_{\Xi}(A \rightarrow A)$  fails. In consequence, the rule of necessitation (5) is invalid in impossible possible world models. Axiom K is the victim of failure as well. In the impossible possibility both  $A$  and  $A \rightarrow A$  may be true while simultaneously  $A$  is false. The failure of axiom K would satisfy Nozick although he probably would consider impossible possible worlds as weird as demon worlds if not weirder. From a strictly logical point of view the epistemic logics specified by impossible worlds models are not very exciting. No real epistemic statement is valid in a universal way. The validity of the various epistemic principles may however be obtained by imposing suitable constraints on the impossibly possible models.

From a forcing perspective the introduction of impossible possible worlds is a rather curious strategy. The idea is to first inflate the local circumstances of the agent in the sense that the agent may regard some models of the (real) world possible. Then afterwards deflate the local situation because of the limited reasoning capacities of the agent. The worlds in question are really logically impossible. For example, a logical contradiction cannot be true. An agent may nevertheless not have enough resources to determine the truth-value of that contradiction and simply assume it to be true. He will consider some worlds possible, although logically they are impossible. To avoid logical omniscience let more worlds in, worlds worse than the demon worlds since the latter are at least logically possible whereas the former impossible possible worlds are not.

## 7. EPISTEMOLOGICAL AXIOMATIZATIONS

There is a distinct formal feature to both Nozick’s counterfactual and Lewis’ contextual theories of knowledge. They are in a sense ‘formal mainstream’ theories as they both observe the significance of epistemic axioms drawn from Hintikka’s logical epistemology and their intimate

relations to the algebraic properties of the accessibility relation between possible worlds. Nozick considers the accessibility relation to be reflexive while Lewis takes it to be at least reflexive and a sort of symmetric given the rule of actuality and the rule of resemblance respectively. Now, closure holds in uniform contexts, the *KK*-thesis holds, and the rule of necessitation will also immediately hold for a first person contextual epistemological logic. Using the sliding scale devised by logical epistemology to determine validity will make the first person modal epistemological logic at least have epistemic strength on the order of **S4**, perhaps even **S5** is acceptable to Lewis under certain conditions although not discussed. The third person logic of Lewis' contextualism seems to be no stronger than Nozick's first person logic validating (1) and rule (5) which by being so weak is a non-normal modal logic.

Table 1 below summarizes the results pertaining to the validity of common epistemic axioms given the first and third person perspectives on inquiry for logical, counterfactual and modal epistemology

	CE	ME	LE
<b>N:</b> $A / K_{\exists}A$	1	1/3	1
<b>K:</b> $K_{\exists}(A \rightarrow A') \rightarrow (K_{\exists}A \rightarrow K_{\exists}A')$		(1) / (3)	(1)
<b>T:</b> $K_{\exists}A \rightarrow A$	1	1/3	1
<b>4:</b> $K_{\exists}A \rightarrow K_{\exists}K_{\exists}A$		1	1
<b>5:</b> $\neg K_{\exists}A \rightarrow K_{\exists}\neg K_{\exists}A$		(1)	

Table 1. CE: Counterfactual Epistemology, ME: Modal Epistemology, LE: Logical Epistemology. 1: First person perspective, 3: Third person perspective. (.): context-sensitive validity

The axioms are in turn answers to skepticism as their validity is sensitive to the forcing restrictions entertained by the various paradigms of knowledge considered above. Nozick's strategy to combat the skeptic is to impose very little relational structure on the universe of possible worlds leaving the skeptic with very little room to manoeuvre, thus limiting the skeptic's movement. The strategy of modal and logical epistemology is the opposite: To impose much more relational structure on the universe of worlds (in uniform contexts) leaving the agent with much room to manoeuvre, thus enhancing the agent's movement. To combat skepticism, force the skeptic out, either by not giving him a chance to cite distant possibilities of error as

relevant, or by making sure that whatever he cites you can reach truthfully at least from the first person perspective.

The common epistemic axioms now furnish a challenging meeting point for mainstream and formal epistemologies ... and there are many others. Some more are to be found in *Forcing Epistemology* [19] others yet uncovered. Let's join the forces and continue what Jaakko Hintikka pursued from the very beginning: To create an interactive epistemology of value to the interdisciplinary study of knowledge.

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# HINTIKKA ON THE PROBLEM WITH THE PROBLEM OF TRANSWORLD IDENTITY

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It is now almost an established canon in the philosophical literature on modality that there is no problem of transworld identity. Even Kaplan, one of the first to give a precise expression to the problem, has long ago repented of the views which led to his worries.<sup>25</sup> Indeed a survey of the literature on transworld identity reveals that almost nothing has been written on the question since the early 80's. The emphasis, however, should be on the word 'almost' in the last sentence. There has been one philosopher who has continued to insist against conventional philosophical wisdom that there is a problem with the notion of transworld identity. That philosopher is Jaakko Hintikka. I would like to accomplish two things in this paper: 1) I would like to outline the reasoning that has led philosophers to believe that there is no problem of transworld identity. 2) Then I hope to show that Hintikka is right; there is a problem of transworld identity. It is a problem because one cannot decide which theory of metaphysical necessity is correct without first determining the correct theory of transworld identity. Every viable theory of metaphysical necessity will assume some substantive theory of identity.

## 1. THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM

The minute I take a realistic stance toward possible worlds, and I want to use these alternative scenarios to explain the possibilities with respect to one particular object, a problem arises. Let us use the example of rolling a dice to illustrate the conundrum;

When I roll the dice, it has a one in six chance of landing on two. This involves an implicitly counterfactual claim, a claim that can be explicated in terms of classes of possible worlds. To say that the dice in my hand has a

<sup>25</sup> See David Kaplan, "Transworld Heir Lines," In *The Possible and the Actual*, ed. Michael Loux (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1979), 88-109. For his recantation see the note on the bottom of page 88.

one in six chance of landing on two is to say that there are six types of possible worlds; in each of these types of worlds, the dice lands on distinct face; and in one of these types it lands on two. For simplicity of exposition, let's imagine that there are six distinct possible worlds: one where the dice lands on one; one where the dice lands on two etc... In each of these distinct worlds we are talking about the same dice. For if the dice in each of these worlds were distinct from the ones in the other worlds then we would cease to be talking about the thing I originally sought to explain: the possibilities with respect to this particular dice in my hand. But now a problem arises: what is the basis for this identification? The minute I take a realistic view of these six distinct worlds, it becomes very difficult to say I have just one dice. In each possible world I have a distinct manifestation of a dice, and I have to find some way of linking them up as manifestations of one and the same dice. I cannot use a mere coincidence of their properties to identify them with each other, since, by hypothesis, they all landed on distinct faces, and hence have distinct properties. Thus I have a problem. The minute I use possible worlds to explain the various possibilities of this dice in my hand, I must assume that this dice exists in a variety of possible worlds. But the minute I assume this I no longer seem to be talking about the one dice. Possible worlds semantics thus seems to undercut the very possibilities it was meant to explain.

Of course, this is not exactly the manner in which Kaplan himself frames the problem. His line of reasoning would go something like this: consider the statement, 'It is possible that Quine never went into philosophy.' According to the possible worlds analysis of the truth of modal statements, this statement is true just in case there is a possible world *w* where the statement, 'Quine never went into philosophy.' is true. But in order to verify that *w* is indeed such a world, we must not only show that there is someone in *w* who is very much like Quine in many important respects but is not a philosopher, we must also be able to identify that person as Quine himself. But that's the problem; certainly this person will differ from Quine in at least one respect: he will not be a philosopher. So we cannot identify them by a mere coincidence of properties. Hence the question arises: How do we identify individuals across possible worlds? If there is no way of identifying individuals across possible worlds, how can statements of possibility or necessity specifically concerned with individuals make sense?

## 2. KRIPKE'S FAMOUS RESPONSE

Kripke believes that this problem is the product of a misleading way of picturing possible worlds. He states:

One thinks, in this picture, of a possible world as if it were like a foreign country. One looks upon it as an observer. Maybe Nixon has moved to the other country and maybe he hasn't, but one is given only qualities. One can observe all his qualities, but, of course, one doesn't observe that someone is Nixon...So we better have a way of telling in terms of properties when we run into the same thing as we saw before; we had better have a way of telling, when we come across one of these other possible worlds, who was Nixon. (Kripke 1972, 43)

But "A possible world isn't a distant country that we are coming across, or viewing through a telescope...A possible world is *given by the descriptive conditions we associate with it.*" That is to say, possible worlds are suppositions that are constructed, and not realms that are discovered. Our access to a possible world is via our ability to construct scenarios that might have happened. As long as the supposition is possible, then there is no reason why it "can't be a part of the *description* of a possible world that it contains *Nixon* and that in that world *Nixon* didn't win the election" (Kripke 1972, 44).

So there is no problem of trans-world identity because, in constructing counterfactual situations about an individual, we already assume that the situation includes the individual; we are supposing what would have happened to *this very individual*. A possible world, therefore, cannot be given in totally qualitative terms. *Pace* Wittgenstein, the world is not just 'the totality of facts.' We must also include what things exist in it, if we are to have a genuine possible world.

In arguing thus, Kripke is taking his cues from the model theory he originally formulated to provide the semantics for quantified modal logic. Any time one constructs a model for a theory one has to supply the domain of individuals over which the quantifiers in the theory will range. Thus the members of this domain are already assumed by the logician to be completely individuated; the identity relations must already be fixed or given. In the case of a possible worlds model this will mean that the cross world identities must already be given, otherwise one just doesn't have a bone fide model. In order to see this consider the following proposition:

(S) It is possible that someone succeeded in assassinating Hitler.

S can be taken in one of two ways: It can be interpreted as a statement concerning the possible truth of a particular proposition, or it can be taken as a claim concerning an existing individual. This distinction can be made clearer if we utilize the existential quantifier and a possibility operator. The former interpretation of S would look like this:

(S<sub>1</sub>)  $\diamond \exists x(x \text{ succeeded in assassinating Hitler})$

In possible worlds language S<sub>1</sub> states that there is some possible world where someone succeeds in assassinating Hitler. It could be anyone. Therefore, the truth of S<sub>1</sub> does not depend on any facts concerning cross world identities. But now consider the latter way of taking S:

(S<sub>2</sub>)  $\exists x(\diamond x \text{ succeeded in assassinating Hitler})$

Here we are asserting that someone in the actual world meets a condition in some other merely possible world. So we are assuming that there is a possible world where some individual that exists in the actual world assassinated Hitler. Hence we must assume that there is some individual in the above mentioned possible world which is identical to the individual that satisfies the formula ' $\diamond x$  succeeded in assassinating Hitler' in the actual world; we must assume the truth of a cross-world identity in order for S<sub>2</sub> to be true.

To see this, let us try to construct a model of S<sub>2</sub> that is neutral with respect to cross world identities. To do this we must assume that each possible world's domain is specified internally; that is to say, we only refer to each member of the domain of a possible world with the resources available in that possible world. By doing this we avoid *building* any cross world identities into the specification of the domains of the model because we do not incorporate into our referential apparatus any ways of referring to individuals *across* possible worlds. With this restriction in mind, let us construct a simple model M consisting of  $K = \{w_1, w_2\}$ ,  $\psi(w_1) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\psi(w_2) = \{c, d\}$ ,  $V(A, w_1) = \emptyset$ , and  $V(A, w_2) = \{c\}$ , where A abbreviates the predicate: "x assassinated Hitler." Whether or not we suppose that w<sub>1</sub> is the actual world in this model, it is clear that  $M \models S_1$ . For the truth of S<sub>1</sub> only requires that some individual in some possible world assassinated Hitler, and c in w<sub>2</sub> fulfills that requirement. And yet it should be equally clear that M is neither a model of S<sub>2</sub> nor its negation. It is the case that S<sub>2</sub> is true at w<sub>2</sub>, since there is some individual that exists in that world which assassinates Hitler; hence it also has the property of possibly assassinating him. But, given M's neutrality concerning cross-world identities, we have no way of fixing the truth of either S<sub>2</sub> or its negation at w<sub>1</sub>. For in order to know whether there is an individual in w<sub>1</sub> that fulfills the condition, we would have to know whether or not c is identical to some individual in  $\psi(w_1)$ . This follows directly from the truth conditions for a sentence beginning with an existential quantifier. In order for such a sentence to be true in the proposed

model at some world  $w$ , there must be some assignment to the variable under the scope of the quantifier that makes the formula without the quantifier true. That is to say, if  $\exists x(P(x))$  is the sentence under consideration, then  $\exists x(P(x))$  is true, if there is some assignment  $r$  to  $x$  from the domain of  $w$  such that  $P(r(x))$  is true. But in the case of  $S_2$ ,  $P(x)$  is  $\diamond A(x)$ . Hence,  $S_2$  can be true only if  $\diamond A(r(x))$  is true. This, however, can be the case only if there is some  $w'$  where  $A(r(x))$  is true. Notice that  $A$  has to be true of  $r(x)$  *in this other world*; it has to be true of the same individual. In  $M$ ,  $r(x)$  is at most identical to  $a$  or  $b$ . Hence, it is the case that the truth of  $S_2$  at  $w_1$  depends on whether or not  $c$  is identical to one of the members of  $\psi(w_1)$ . But that's just the problem: by hypothesis  $M$  doesn't give us this information. If  $w_1$  is the actual world in  $M$ , then  $M$  is a model of neither  $S_2$  nor its negation. We conclude that we cannot have a full fledged model of sentences like  $S_2$  without assuming certain facts concerning cross-world identities.

Hence, the intuitive plausibility behind Kripke's remarks rests in our very way of specifying the truth conditions for a particular sentence at a particular world. We cannot just state the general facts that will hold in that world and hope thereby to derive the facts that hold of the individuals that exist in that world. For in stating those general facts we must have recourse to the quantifiers in our theory, and the truth conditions for these quantifiers will assume those very individuals and facts. There therefore can be no problem of transworld identity in the object language, because by the time we get there the problem must already be assumed to be solved.

My interpretation of Kripke's response gives the lie to one popular objection to his way of handling the problem. Some have said that Kripke's way of answering the question of what grounds transworld identifications is no answer at all; it just leaves these identifications a mystery. But to think this is to fail to see what Kripke is getting at in saying that there is no problem. He states: "even if there were a purely qualitative set of necessary and sufficient conditions for being Nixon, the view I advocate would not demand that we find these conditions *before* we can ask whether Nixon might have won the election..."<sup>26</sup> In other words, Kripke, in this response, is not claiming that there is no principled way of identifying individuals across possible worlds. Rather he is claiming that, even if there is, we can do modal logic, we can formulate the semantics, without first having to get clear about what these principles are. The modal logician, in constructing a formal theory of metaphysical necessity, can remain neutral as to what theory of identity correctly grounds the cross world identities he assumes in the

<sup>26</sup> Ibid., 47.

stipulation of his domains. Thus as I stated above, there might be a problem with identity, but it is not a problem for modal logic or possible worlds.

### 3. HINTIKKA'S RESPONSE TO KRIPKE'S RESPONSE

The interesting thing is that Hintikka agrees with all of the data that Kripke utilizes to draw his conclusion. He states that one of Kripke's major insights is perceiving that "quantifying in presupposes that criteria of cross-identification have been given."<sup>27</sup> Thus it cannot be required that these criteria be specified by means of descriptions in the object language, because they too must use quantifiers which presuppose these identifications. But Hintikka draws the opposite conclusion from all of this. It is precisely because quantification into modal or intensional contexts presupposes transworld identification that this becomes such an urgent question. In Hintikka's eyes "we do not have well-defined individuals to attribute properties to without criteria for identification."<sup>28</sup> One might wonder how two equally competent logicians and philosophers of logic could draw opposing conclusions from the same premise. One sees the primitive nature of identity with respect to quantification into modal contexts as evidence that there is no need to worry over how identities are constituted. The other sees this as evidence of the transcendental nature of the question. I think it points to an even deeper level of disagreement between them. This is brought out in Hintikka's diagnosis of Kripke's dismissal of the problem of transworld identity. He states "all we get is explanation by postulation. A fixed store of individuals is first postulated, and then another store of proper names is postulated to enable us to refer to them. But no account is really provided of the constitutive question of what counts as identity between possible worlds...It reduces this conceptual and transcendental question to naïve speculative metaphysics..."<sup>29</sup> In this statement Hintikka is accusing Kripke of two things: first, he thinks Kripke is ignoring the transcendental nature of the question of cross-identification; second, he charges him with naively and gratuitously postulating a fixed store of individuals. Thus as long as we have

<sup>27</sup> Jaakko Hintikka and Gabriel Sandu, "The Fallacies of the New Theory of Reference," *Synthese* 104(2) (August 1995) : 249.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, 274.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, 266.

a means to refer to these pre-given individuals across possible worlds, we can skirt the issue of what constitutes their modal persistence.

At first glance the second charge seems rather unwarranted. Kripke admits many times in *Naming and Necessity* that there are individuals that exist contingently if at all. At one point he explicitly states that “we don’t require that the objects [referred to by rigid designators] exist in all possible worlds.”<sup>30</sup> But that is not what Hintikka is getting at. Later on in the same page he merely states that Kripke’s theory implies the existence of a class of individuals that exist necessarily, and are such that “it is logically impossible that there should exist other ones.”<sup>31</sup> He never charges Kripke, at least, with holding to the doctrine that all individuals exist necessarily if they exist at all. Instead Hintikka’s point seems to be that Kripke is advocating a fixed store of primitive individuals. And this seems to me to get at the heart of one of Kripke’s basic assumptions: to Kripke it is nigh well impossible to cash out the identity of individuals, even in one world, in terms of their qualities or relations.<sup>32</sup> Hence, the identity relation is not only primitive with respect to possible worlds semantics, it is metaphysically rock bottom tout court. Our conceptual scheme must start with the individual already individuated, and then go on and theorize about what qualities this individual possesses or could possess, and what relations said individual enters into or could enter into.<sup>33</sup> Thus Kripke is at heart an haecceitist.<sup>34</sup> Of course, if his view of the ontological primacy of the individual is true, then the relation of identity cannot be analyzed into more basic terms, and the whole question of cross-

<sup>30</sup> Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*, 48. Hence his distinction between weak and strong rigid designators.

<sup>31</sup> Hintikka and Sandu, *The Fallacies of the New Theory of Reference*, 266.

<sup>32</sup> See Saul Kripke, “Identity through Time,” paper delivered at the Seventy Sixth Annual Meeting of the APA Eastern Division New York 1979. Here he states that we must take for granted the notion of an enduring individual that persists through time. We can readily see how he extends the analogy to modal persistence, or existence across counterfactual situations.

<sup>33</sup> As Kripke, himself, states on page 53 of *Naming and Necessity*: “we do not begin with worlds...on the contrary we begin with the objects which we *have*, and can identify, in the actual world. We can then ask whether certain things might have been true of the objects.”

<sup>34</sup> To say that Kripke is an haecceitist is not to say he believes in ‘bare particulars’. It is obvious that he is an essentialist. Rather it is to say that he does not believe that the identity relation across possible worlds can be analyzed in terms of properties that uniquely specify an individual in all worlds in which it exists. The identity relation is ontologically primitive, and must be assumed even when we adjudicate the essential properties of an individual. As he states: “Some properties of an object may be essential to it, in that it could not have failed to have them. But these properties are not used to identify the object in another possible world, for such an identification is not needed.” *Ibid.*

identification becomes moot. But it doesn't eliminate the original need to answer the question, because to espouse haecceitism *is* to answer the question, and thus acknowledge the question's legitimacy. Thus, Hintikka is right for thinking Kripke's response rather naïve.

But one has to look elsewhere to see that this is what Kripke is really assuming. In *Naming and Necessity* he does not rely on his haecceitism. His claim is rather that the question as to what constitutes identity across possible worlds is not a question that needs to be dealt with *in order* to do modal logic and possible worlds semantics. He thus denies that it is a transcendental question. Hintikka obviously demurs. In the following section I shall argue that the question of transworld identity is transcendental after all.

#### 4. THE TRANSCENDENTAL NATURE OF THE PROBLEM OF TRANSWORLD IDENTITY

In order to determine who is right, we must first understand what Hintikka means when he calls the question of transworld identity a *transcendental* question. It is obvious from the passages I quoted above that he means to say that formulating a viable theory as to how identity is constituted across alternative scenarios is the precondition for using possible worlds to explain the truth conditions for modal sentences. A viable theory of transworld identity is thus *the condition for the possibility* of a possible worlds semantics.

Now let us formulate this notion a little more precisely. I shall characterize a theory as the union of a set of axioms  $A$  with the set of  $A$ 's consequences. And I shall say that a theory  $T$  is distinct from another theory  $T^*$  just in case the set of  $T$ 's axioms is distinct from the set of  $T^*$ 's axioms.  $T$  implies another theory  $T^*$  just in case any model of  $T$  is also a model of  $T^*$ . We may thus define the notion of being transcendental as follows:

( $\theta$ ) Theories of  $D_1$  are *transcendental* with respect to theories of  $D_2$  *if and only if* there exist theories of  $D_1$   $T$  and  $T^*$  such that  $T \neq T^*$  and for all theories of  $D_2$   $T_\delta$  exactly one of the following conditions hold: either (1)  $T_\delta$  implies  $T$  or (2)  $T_\delta$  implies  $T^*$ .

$\theta$  implies that deciding which theory is the correct account of  $D_2$  forces a decision with respect to theories of  $D_1$ , which means that theorizing with respect to  $D_2$  cannot be done independently of, or in isolation from, theorizing with respect to  $D_1$ .

By articulating  $\theta$  we can now see why both Kripke and Hintikka reach different conclusions concerning the urgency of the problem of transworld identity. For one can only say that transworld identity is a problem for the

theory of modality if  $\theta$  holds for theories of modality and theories of identity. It is not enough to say that Modal Logic presupposes these identifications. Thus Kripke's real argument for there being no problem of transworld identity would look something like this:

Quantifying into modal contexts presupposes that the relevant cross-world identifications have already been made.

Theories of cross-world identity are not transcendental with respect to theories of modality.

Therefore, the problem of transworld identity is not a problem for modal logic and possible worlds semantics.

Now I know of nowhere where Kripke actually justifies his denial of  $\theta$ . But I think it is fair to view him as thinking along the lines of classical first order logic and its relation to theories of identity. If we assume that we are dealing with first order logic with identity, and we restrict theories of identity to those which make identity an equivalence relation and affirm Leibniz's law, then theories of identity will not be transcendental with respect to theories of first order logic. The laws of logic will be indifferent to one's choice of theories of identity. Of course models of first order logic will assume that the identity relations between members of the domain are already fixed, but how they are fixed will have no impact on our determination of the scope of logical validities. No particular candidate will stand or fall with our choice of some particular theory of identity. Thus, any theory of first order logic will be compatible with any theory of identity that meets the above constraints. If the same kind of situation holds in the case of theories of metaphysical modality and their relation to theories of identity, then Kripke is right; there is no real problem of transworld identity. The only problem is he is not right. What particular theory of identity one affirms makes an important difference in determining what theory of metaphysical necessity is correct, even when we put the same kind of constraints on theories of identity.

But before we argue for the transcendental nature of the problem of transworld identity, we must restrict our domain of discourse. I am claiming this for theories of *metaphysical necessity*,<sup>35</sup> that is to say, theories of

<sup>35</sup> "What I am concerned with here is a notion [of necessity] which is not a notion of epistemology but of metaphysics...consider Goldbach's conjecture...if this is true it is presumably necessary." Ibid., 36. This statement clearly shows that Kripke is

modality that affirm the necessity of the truths of arithmetic and set theory, not restricted systems like S5. I will, however, be assuming that any viable theory of metaphysical necessity is an extension of S5. I am also assuming possible worlds realism. But this should be of no surprise, for the problem of identity across possible worlds would not arise if there were in fact no possible worlds. Now for the argument:

Consider the Barcan formula. Surely no theory of modality worth its salt can afford to remain neutral about this proposition's validity. For its assertion (or denial) has implications for the relationship between unrestricted quantification and unrestricted modality, something about which every viable theory of metaphysical modality should have something to say. The formula is:

$$(BF) \diamond \exists x S \supset \exists x \diamond S,$$

or, equivalently, in terms of the universal quantifier and necessity:

$$(BF) \forall x \Box S \supset \Box \forall x S.$$

Now suppose that there could have been more individuals than there actually are, that the actual world does not contain all possible individuals. Then we have a handy way of falsifying BF. We let  $\alpha$  designate the actual world, and we define the one place predicate 'A(x)' as: x has A if and only if x exists in  $\alpha$ . Since there could have been more individuals than there actually are, we have the truth of

$$\diamond \exists x (\forall y (Ay \supset x \neq y)).$$

But the falsity of

$$\exists x \diamond (\forall y (Ax \supset x \neq y)),$$

since 2 expresses the manifestly absurd proposition that something in  $\alpha$  is possibly not identical to anything in  $\alpha$ .

This alleged counterexample demonstrates at least one thing: models that validate BF are such that for any  $w, z \in K$ ,  $\psi(w) = \psi(z)$ . Hence any theory of identity that implies  $\psi(w) \neq \psi(z)$ , for some  $w, z \in K$ , will imply the invalidity of BF.

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presupposing a rather thick notion of necessity, one where mathematical truths are necessary. Thus he cannot be confining himself to a purely logical or conceptual notion.

Parsons, in his paper defending BF, observes that 1 is not self-evident (Parsons 1995). How do we know that this world does not exemplify as many individuals as it possibly could? Recent investigations into large cardinals have explored axioms of set theory which demand largeness without end. All we have to do to make this plausible is acquiesce to the existence of pure sets. And if the existence of pure sets is a matter of necessity, then every world contains as many individuals as it possibly could. “This, together with a large dose of anti-essentialism, undercuts the claim that there might have been things in addition to the things that there are” (Parsons 1995, 10).

In pointing out the need for an anti-essentialist stance in order to undermine this counterexample, Parsons has put his finger on something important, something, as far as I can discern, that has been left entirely implicit in the current literature. There is a close logical connection between the truth of essentialism and BF. In a nutshell, that connection is this: Essentialism is true in metaphysical theories of necessity if and only if BF is false.<sup>36</sup> In characterizing essentialism I shall be sticking pretty close to Parsons’ original formulation in his landmark article, “Essentialism and Quantified Modal Logic,” subject to a few modifications. A theory of identity is essentialist just in case it affirms a proposition of the following form:

$$(\varepsilon) \exists x_1 \dots x_n (\pi_n x_n \wedge \Box (E x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge E x_n \supset F)) \wedge \Diamond \exists x_1 \dots x_n (\pi_n x_n \wedge \sim \Box (E x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge E x_n \supset F))$$

where  $\pi_n x_n$  is a conjunction of formulas of the form  $x_i = x_j$  or  $x_i \neq x_j$ , for every  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , but which does not include both formulas,<sup>37</sup> and E is the existence

<sup>36</sup> Strictly speaking BF is consistent with non-trivial essentialism as I define it below. That is to say, there is a model where both come out true. Let  $K = \{w_1, w_2\}$ ,  $\psi(w_1) = \psi(w_2) = \{a, b\}$ , and  $V(P, w_1) = \{a\}$ ,  $V(P, w_2) = \{a, b\}$ . It is obvious that BF is valid in this model, since the antecedent is necessarily false. And yet it is also the case that in every possible world in this model there is something that has a property in every world in which it exists, while it is possible that there exists something that does not have said property in every world in which it exists. Thus non-trivial essentialism is valid in this model. However, this result only indicates my argument won’t work for theories of *logical* necessity. Certainly metaphysical theories of necessity require the truth such statements as ‘there could have been more raccoons’. And certainly the truth of non-trivial essentialism opens up the possibility of beings with mutually exclusive essential properties.

<sup>37</sup> Terence Parsons, “Essentialism and Quantified Modal Logic,” *Philosophical Review* 78 (January, 1969) : 52. One might think that the results in Parsons’ article already show that Modal Logic is independent from essentialism. But that is to misunderstand Parsons’ argument. Parsons, in constructing his anti-essentialist model, is only assuming the truth of S5. Moreover, since the domains of the possible worlds in his model are coextensive, it

predicate. Thus  $\epsilon$  has the effect of saying that there are individuals that fulfill certain non-identity conditions F in every world in which they exist and there could have been individuals that do not fulfill F in every world in which they exist.

Once we have essentialism, it is very easy to construct a myriad of plausible counterexamples to BF. Plantinga (1974, 59) undermines the validity of BF by claiming that there could have been a possible world containing all and only abstract or immaterial objects such as propositions, pure sets, and numbers. If essentialism is true, it seems obvious that immaterial objects are essentially immaterial; for surely no proposition could have been a material object. It makes no sense to say that the proposition expressed by the Gödel sentence could have been a tricycle. Hence, in a world where only immaterial objects exist it is true that

Everything is necessarily immaterial.

But, in view of the possibility that there are indeed material objects –a possibility that is amply confirmed by their existence in the actual world, it is false that.

Necessarily, everything is an immaterial object.

Hence, BF is, at the very least, not valid in essentialist models of modality. But it can also be shown to be false. Remember that BF assumes that the actual world is such that it contains all possible objects or individuals. Thus it presupposes that all possible individuals are compossible; there are no individuals whose existence precludes the existence of other possible individuals. This is a very plausible assumption on an anti-essentialist model, but easily falsifiable if essentialism is true. Let Amida be a being who is essentially loving, that is to say, he loves everything in every possible world in which he exists. Let Beelzebub be a being who is essentially hateful; he is hated by every being that can love or hate in every possible world in which he exists. It is obvious, if essentialism is true, that both of these beings are possible in the metaphysical sense. Their existence does not involve any incoherence, and does not violate any clearly necessary truth. But it is also obvious that the existence of the one excludes the existence of the other. For if Amida and Beelzebub were both actual, then Amida would

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validates BF. Thus his model is not neutral with respect to any theory that affirms or denies BF. His conclusions are therefore not in conflict with what I am attempting to argue.

love Beelzebub. But, since Beelzebub must be hated by everyone, then Amida would also hate Beelzebub –that is to say, not love him, which is a contradiction. Now, if not all possible beings are compossible, then not all possible beings are actual. These are the possibilities: either one exists but not the other, or both do not exist. If only one does not exist, then there is at least one possible being that is not actual. If both, then there are at least two. Either way BF is false.

Suppose you do not find the above example convincing. Clearly many essentialists claim that there are certain properties that are had essentially by anything that has them at all. These are the so-called ‘sortals’, properties that serve to individuate and provide identity and persistence conditions for whatever is qualified by them. Let *being human* be such a property. Then

$$\forall x(x \text{ is human} \supset \Box(Ex \supset x \text{ is human}))$$

is true. 5 has the consequence that whatever is not in fact human could not have been human. For if there were some possible world in which some existing non-human is human, then that being is human in every possible world in which it exists. Hence it would be human in the actual world, which is a contradiction. Therefore, 11, together with the obviously true assumption that there could have been more humans than there actually are, implies that this world does not contain every possible being.

Indeed, one does not need something as strong as 5 in order to show that essentialism implies the falsity of BF. All one needs to assume is that there is some property which is possibly exemplified essentially but which is not actually exemplified at all. Consider the fact that not every mereological sum is exemplified. Take, for example, the two pennies I have in my hand at the moment. I could have welded the two pennies together to form a new body, which I shall call for convenience sake A. A is simply the fusion of the two pennies in my hand, nothing more, nothing less. From this two facts are evident: First, A, at least, has the property of being the fusion of these two pennies essentially; for that is how we defined A. And second, nothing in the actual world has this property; for these pennies are in fact not fused together. These two facts imply that A does not exist. But it is certainly possible that A exists; these pennies could have been welded together. Hence, there is something possible that is not actual, and BF is false. We have thus shown that the truth of BF depends on the falsity of a well-known theory concerning what it is that constitutes the identity of an individual, essentialism.

If we grant that there is at least one necessary being, that is, a being that exists in every possible world, then the denial of BF will also entail the truth of essentialism. For the denial of BF admits that there is at least one

individual that does not exist in the actual world. Hence this being does not exist in every possible world. It therefore does not have the property of *existing necessarily*. But then consider our assumption that there is at least one being that exists necessarily. Certainly, this being has the property of *existing necessarily* in every world in which it exists. Hence, the property of existing necessarily is such that it is had necessarily by some but not all individuals. We thus have a clear instance of essentialism –that is, of course, if the property of *existing necessarily* is a non-identity property in Parson’s sense of the term. To demonstrate this it will be enough to show that the assumption of the existence of at least one necessary being and the falsity of BF makes an instance of  $\varepsilon$  true. The instance of  $\varepsilon$  that we are concerned with is:

$$\exists x(x=x \wedge \Box(Ex \supset \Box\exists y(y=x))) \wedge \Diamond\exists z(z=z \wedge \sim\Box(Ez \supset \Box\exists u(u=z)))$$

Because we are assuming that there is at least one individual that exists necessarily, the first conjunct is obviously true. The second conjunct states that it is possible that there exists an individual that is identical to itself and is such that necessary existence is not essential to it. The falsity of BF gives us just such a possibility: Since not everything that is possible is actual, there is a possible world  $w$  where there is an individual  $z$  that does not exist in the actual world. In this world  $z$  will obviously be self-identical. But the fact that  $z$  does not exist in the actual world will also preclude  $z$  from having the property of existing in every possible world in  $w$ . Hence  $z$  does not have this property in every world in which  $z$  exists. Thus the second conjunct is true, and thereby non-trivial essentialism.

But must every viable theory of metaphysical necessity admit the existence of a necessary being? As long as we admit the necessity of the axioms of Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory and possible worlds realism, I think so. Consider the fact that in every possible world at least one world exists, namely the world that is actual from the perspective of that world. This guarantees that it is a necessary truth that at least one thing exists. But if one thing exists then the singleton of that thing exists, by the singleton axiom, from which it follows that the null set exists; for the null set is just the set of all members of the singleton that are self-distinct. Thus the null set exists in every possible world and there is at least one necessary being.

Someone might object that all that follows from this is that something plays the role of the null set in every possible world, not that one thing exists in all possible worlds. But in order to make this objection stick, one has at least to agree that the property of being the null set is instantiated in every possible world. But then doesn’t it follow that this property exists in every possible world? How can a property that doesn’t exist be instantiated? One cannot respond that this is only the case if one accepts property realism,

because by eliminating proper names in favor of descriptions like *the unique x such that x is the null set* one must recognize the existence of the corresponding attribute,<sup>38</sup> otherwise we must commit ourselves to the even more audacious claim that the linguistic entity, the predicate, exists in every possible world. So either way we must conclude that there is at least one necessary being. Thus any theory of metaphysical necessity that admits the existence of possible worlds and repudiates BF must espouse some form of essentialism.

We may thus summarize our argument for the transcendental nature of the problem of transworld identity as follows:

There are at least two theories of identity  $I_h, I_e$  such that  $I_h \neq I_e$ , and, for all  $T$ ,  $T \cup BF \vDash I_h$  and  $T \cup \sim BF \vDash I_e$ .

Every viable theory  $T$  of metaphysical modality is such that either  $T \vDash BF$  or  $T \vDash \sim BF$ .

Hence, there are at least two theories of identity  $I_h, I_e$  such that  $I_h \neq I_e$ , and, for all  $T$ , exactly one of the following conditions hold:

- 1)  $T$  implies  $I_h$ ;
- 2)  $T$  implies  $I_e$ .

Therefore, by  $\theta$ , theories of identity are transcendental with respect to theories of metaphysical modality.

Hintikka was right after all. There is a problem of transworld identity, and it is a problem despite the fact that we must assume cross-world identities in order to get possible worlds semantics off the ground. Indeed, as a consequence of the transcendental nature of the question, it is a problem precisely because of this assumption.

<sup>38</sup> Even Quine admits that his strategy of eliminating proper names in favor of descriptions 'seems to commit us to recognizing that there is a corresponding attribute...' See Willard Van Orman Quine, "On What There Is," in *From a Logical Point of View* (Cambridge: Harvard U.P., 1980), 8.

# WHAT IS EPISTEMIC DISCOURSE ABOUT?

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the 1960's and 70's Jaakko Hintikka has written extensively about epistemic logic, epistemic concepts and ordinary epistemic discourse. As a (graduate) student of Jaakko's toward the end of that period, I was somewhat familiar with that body of work and even discussed some fragments of it in my dissertation on the pragmatics of knowledge. Since then my interests developed in different directions, toward philosophy of mind and cognitive science in general and commonsense or naive psychology in particular. This paper looks back at Jaakko's work on epistemic discourse from the vantage point of my later work on naive psychology.

The title question, about the subject matter of epistemic discourse, is not an easy one to answer, for several reasons, surveyed in the next section. These reasons bear on the tight yet not fully identified and understood links between epistemic discourse, on the one hand, and naive psychology, ordinary language, and epistemological expectations, on the other hand. Section 3 focuses on the relation between naive psychology and epistemic discourse, surveys some empirical data about the development of epistemic discourse in the context of a more general mental development, and suggests the need for a top-down explanatory approach to our competence for epistemic discourse. In section 4 I propose to read Jaakko Hintikka's work on epistemic discourse in cognitive-scientific terms and view it as contributing to such an explanatory approach. A concluding section 5 suggests deeper evolutionary reasons why epistemic discourse would likely work along the lines such as those suggested by Hintikka's account.

## 2. PROBLEMS

The notion of epistemic discourse is meant here to include epistemic terms, such as those for perception, belief, memory or knowledge, and epistemic locutions, such as ‘she knows (believes, perceives) that p.’ Epistemic discourse is part of a broader mentalist discourse that also contains terms and locutions for various other sorts of mental states and intentional relations, such as desire, intention, fear, regret, and so on. The mentalist discourse and its epistemic subset express in ordinary language a body of knowledge or a competence variously known as naive or folk or commonsense psychology or, somewhat more technically, theory of mind. Naive psychology is credited with enabling us to conceptualize, explain and predict what is going on in other minds and our own, and how these mental goings on translate into behaviors. Since naive psychology is the home base of our epistemic concepts and discourse, our understanding of the former is bound to affect our understanding of the latter. Whence the first problem: in different ways and terms, philosophers and psychologists disagree rather sharply over the nature, job and modus operandi of our naive psychology, and this disagreement is inevitably echoed by disagreements over what epistemic discourse is all about and how it works. I will return to this problem in the next section.

But even if this first problem were solved, there is a second problem to be faced. Ordinary epistemic discourse appears to have duties that go much beyond the basic job description of naive psychology—or, if we choose to look at it somewhat differently, duties that would expand the job description of naive psychology in directions that are even more elusive and controversial than those of its basic job description. These other duties, emanating from the nature of linguistic communication and social interactions, bring a host of contextual and pragmatic parameters into our epistemic discourse and weave them—in ways still poorly understood -- into the fabric of naive-psychological concepts and attributions.

The problems just surveyed are problems of substance that will be in focus throughout this paper. There are also methodological problems of how to approach and study epistemic discourse. Philosophers have done more work on epistemic discourse, and ventured more explanations of it, than either psychologists or linguists. Since I will review some psychological data and hypotheses in the next section, I should say a few words now about the philosophical approaches.

Among the ways in which philosophers and logicians have gone about studying ordinary discourse in general, one stands out. It consists in making sense of and explicating the linguistic intuitions of the speakers of a natural language. In the case of epistemic discourse, we are talking about the

epistemic intuitions that speakers have about knowledge or belief or memory claims and attributions. I use the notion of intuition here in a loose analogy to Noam Chomsky's notion of grammatical intuitions that speakers of a natural language have in distinguishing grammatically correct from incorrect uses of words and sentences in that language. They can do so without necessarily knowing how they do it, by what rules—at least not until properly schooled. The same is thought to be true of the intuitions speakers have about epistemic discourse.

One serious problem with basing philosophical reconstructions on epistemic intuitions is that it is not always clear whether the intuitions in question are used to support an epistemological analysis or, alternatively, an epistemic-discourse analysis—that is, whether the intuitions bear on what the concepts of knowledge or belief ought to be or, alternatively, on elucidating our ordinary discursive practices involving knowledge or belief claims. To see what the distinction is and why it matters, suppose we ask, for example, what the concept of knowledge is and when it is attributed. On the epistemological reading, we are asking what knowledge is or what it takes to have knowledge in general and in what conditions knowledge can be said to be instantiated in some organism or system. This is the question that philosophers have asked forever but whose answer is still rather elusive. Since Plato, most answers have taken the form of conceptual analyses that unpack a typically idealized or normative concept. The standard analysis is that of knowledge as justified true belief, but there are other analyses as well, including naturalist accounts that replace justification with causation or reliable information processing. In the heyday of Gettier-like games that epistemologists used to play with gusto (but mercifully, no more), the examples of and counterexamples to some definition of knowledge were checking epistemological intuitions with an eye to this conceptual project, even though many of these intuitions may have originated in the use of epistemic discourse.

The epistemic-discourse reading, on the other hand, is concerned solely with the epistemic terms and locutions used normally, rather descriptively and usually contextually by language users. The analytic project here is to figure out and explain the rules of and constraints on the ordinary use of such terms and locutions. The distinction between the two readings allows us to say, without contradiction, that one can make a knowledge claim to the effect that he knows that *p* even though, on some epistemological analysis, he does not really have that knowledge because, for example, he lacks appropriate justification. Perhaps the best known and most insightful analyses of epistemic discourse can be found in Wittgenstein's later writings, in some of Gilbert Ryle's, John Austin's and those of other philosophers of ordinary language (Urmson, Malcolm, etc.).

Yet even when the territory is clearly demarcated, and epistemic discourse is seen for what it is, independently of epistemology, there is no guarantee that the linguistic intuitions associated with it would or could reveal how it works and why. As the main source of insights about and analyses of epistemic discourse, ordinary language philosophy is programmatically descriptive and rather uninterested in explanation. Explanation requires taking linguistic intuitions and practices at best as data or clues pointing to deeper causes or reasons why they work as they do. If epistemic discourse is handled by a psycholinguistic competence or expertise, then explanation requires a theory of that competence or expertise. The first order of business, in the next section, is to establish the antecedent of this conditional and get a sense of the competence in question. In the section following it, I propose to look at Jaakko Hintikka's work on epistemic discourse as contributing to an explanatory theory of that competence.

### **3. NAIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND EPISTEMIC DISCOURSE**

Making epistemic attributions in ordinary contexts by employing an ordinary epistemic discourse requires the resources of naive psychology, which is our competence to recognize and represent how other minds and our own relate to the world in perception, desire, intention, thinking, or memory. The most systematic empirical study of naive psychology and its language has been so far undertaken by developmental psychologists.

Despite inevitable and often sharp disagreements over the nature of naive psychology as a mindreading competence, most researchers agree on some innate and prelinguistic basis for the competence and also agree on several age-related milestones in the development of the competence. The earliest abilities to detect and represent basic intentional relations, such as looking at, seeing, trying to, and wanting, begin to be exercised by children before the age of 1 and thus before the onset of language. It is likely that these early and prelinguistic naive-psychological and epistemic insights might influence and perhaps constrain the later development of epistemic discourse and of the concepts based on it. Thus, some psychologists think that the concept of belief may be modeled on the earliest and prelinguistic concept of perception or gaze. In close analogy, an early version of the concept of knowledge may be modeled on the prelinguistic concept of seeing, in the sense of successful perception or, more generally, successful access to information (see Perner 1991 for a general survey; also Bogdan 1997).

The main implication for our discussion is that the earliest and most central concepts of naive psychology are prelinguistic and thus owe nothing to the rules and practices of linguistic communication in general and mentalist and epistemic discourses in particular—although they may owe much to prelinguistic interpersonal interactions (Bogdan 2000, chapter 3). Epistemic discourse itself seems to have its own developmental schedule, although it has been less investigated than the developmental schedule of naive psychology. Still, there some pertinent data, which I will report telegraphically and then weave into our discussion. The main sources are Bartsch and Wellman (1995) and Nelson (1996).

The former authors distinguish several phases in the child's acquisition of epistemic terms. The first terms, acquired a few months after the age of 2, are WANT and LIKES. Around 3 or soon afterwards emerge DESIRE, BELIEF and THOUGHT. Around 4 the term for BELIEF is used for explaining actions, first those of others, before those of self. Only around 4 do children begin to distinguish between KNOW and THINK or GUESS, although they do not seem to distinguish between THINK and GUESS before the age of 8. What do these data mean? They clearly show an emerging mastery of epistemic terms and attributions. But what exactly do these terms and attributions represent at each developmental stage? This is a difficult question that psychological research has not yet answered fully. There are two main reasons for the difficulty. The first and most important is that there is no agreement among philosophers or psychologists over what epistemic discourse in general is about. The nature and function of this discourse are still to be plausibly defined. Do epistemic terms and locutions represent what is going on in the minds of those targeted by them? Or do such terms and locutions represent something entirely different, such as conversational appropriateness, evaluation of information and evidence, prediction of behavior, and the like? Or are epistemic representations targeting a mixture of mind and outside factors in combinations still to be figured out?

This indeterminacy reflects a parallel but deeper uncertainty and hence disagreement about the nature and function of the more basic and broader competence for naive psychology. Again, is naive psychology directed at minds, our own and those of others, or at something else, of which minds may be only a part? What is clearer already is that the first intentional relations to be represented by very young children (and possibly great apes), such as gaze, attention, and behavioral postures and motions indicating goals or simple desires, are the most visible, informative and causally manipulable relations. There is also a rather wide consensus that the naive-psychological categories of these relations are likely to be innate and modularized or at least to reflect innate predispositions. These properties make evolutionary

sense (Bogdan 1997). It is also likely that the meanings of the first mentalist words, such as SEE, WANT or DESIRE, track closely the relevant perceptual experiences that activate these primordial categories.

The more difficult problem is determining what happens in the second and later phases of the acquisition of epistemic and, more generally, mentalist vocabularies, when the higher-level and more abstract categories of belief, opinion, thought, and knowledge no longer track perceptual experiences and depend increasingly on linguistic descriptions and other social and contextual factors. The child's naive psychology now becomes inextricably linked—indeed woven into—the mentalist and specifically epistemic discourses. As a result, it is during these later phases that the child assimilates most of the adult epistemic meanings and the language games in which they are involved. It appears that this assimilation process is complex, difficult and protracted, with comprehension emerging earlier than production. It is symptomatic that the child's meaning of KNOW remains different from the adult meaning, and keeps changing, until about the age of 12.

So what is going on? Hard to tell, but a few developmental facts point to a dramatic mental revolution that affects naive psychology during the second, nonperceptual phase that begins around the age of 4, when it gradually moves beyond representing here-and-now situations and tracks more abstract attitudes, such as nonperceptual belief, intention or knowledge. Two contrasting metaphors may help clarify this transformation. Until around the age of 3 to 4 the young mind operates on a single screen, where perceptual inputs of current events are displayed and constantly updated by new inputs. It is a mind largely confined to current motivation and perception, controlled by a unique focus of attention, and representing things on a single mental screen. After 4, the young mind (mostly its prefrontal cortex) is shaken by several mental commotions, executive as well as cognitive, and revolutionary in their cumulative impact. Chief among them are the inhibition of current perception, the linguistic recoding and representational explicitation of earlier procedural competencies, such as counting, mental imagery, and naive theories of various domains, including naive psychology, and the ability to deploy multi-layered clusters of thoughts and to embed thoughts into other thoughts. These changes liberate the young mind from the captivity of single-screen mentation and enable it to entertain simultaneously, on different and interconnected mental screens, nested sets of alternative and often conflicting representations of actual and nonactual, current, past and counterfactual situations. The single screen of early childhood is replaced by a multi-screen or multiplex mentation.

Among the new mental activities made possible by the emerging multiplex mind, two are relevant to our discussion. One is the imaginative

and often counterfactual access to nonactual, future as well possible situations or worlds. As a result, it becomes now possible to reconfigure earlier naive-psychological categories and to conceptualize new propositional attitudes, such as thought, intention or knowledge, in terms of possible worlds -- at least when the default attributions fail. Hintikka's possible worlds semantics for epistemic attributions thus has some psychological bite. The point is not that the young or adult epistemic attributor envisages possible worlds whenever she makes a belief or knowledge claim for herself or others. The point is that she could do that when the need arises—for example, in contexts of uncertainty, doubt, criticism, incomplete evidence, high stakes, rigorous inquiry, and so on. And the further related point is that she would not recognize epistemic ascriptions and the concepts behind them for what they are, if, for some reason, thinking and talking in terms of possible worlds would be always unavailable. The other new mental activity made possible by multiplex mentation is integrating many sources of information across several modes of representation -- language, memory, perception, imagination, inference, and so on. Epistemic attributions require such integration—for example, in iterating attributions involving different attitudes, such as belief, perception and memory, as in 'he believes that she remembered seeing him going home.'

The point of these remarks is that the naive-psychological and epistemic concepts and attributions available to and employed by a multiplex mind are vastly different and more complex from those of the younger uniplex mind. I think that neither observations nor experiments nor analyses of linguistic intuitions are sufficient to reveal what the former are all about. What is needed is a theory of the cognitive tasks that the new naive-psychological and epistemic concepts and attribution abilities are designed to carry out -- in other words, a theory in the spirit of recent cognitive science. From a logical and semantic angle, this is how I read Jaakko Hintikka's work on epistemic logic and how I think it can contribute to a better understanding of epistemic discourse.

#### **4. A THEORY OF EPISTEMIC MEANINGS**

I begin with a familiar picture of cognitive-scientific explanation, in whose terms I want to frame my discussion. To understand the mind as a system of mechanisms that act on information in pursuing its goals, the theorist must figure out the programs run by the mechanisms and thus the competencies involved in processing information and acting on it; but to figure out the programs, the theorist must antecedently identify the tasks the

programs execute and the problems encountered and solved in the execution. The analysis and explanation thus proceed top-down: from Tasks to Programs to Mechanisms to Ware (hard, wet, whatever). I abbreviate it as the T->P->M->W method. Thanks to the influential work of Noam Chomsky on language, David Marr on vision, and Allen Newell on artificial intelligence (to cite pioneers), the T->P->M->W method has achieved classic status in cognitive science.

One indication that Hintikka's angle on epistemic discourse fits the explanatory methodology of cognitive science is that he is no friend of intuitions as the primary basis for philosophical or formal analysis. According to Hintikka, when not wrong, which they may often be, intuitions tend to lead not to the concepts or abilities they purport to illuminate but to some collateral relations or indirect associations. This is why a deeper analysis is needed. It is in this spirit that Hintikka conceives of epistemic logic as an explanatory model of the workings of ordinary language. It brings out the "deep logic" (which I read as: core tasks) underlying epistemic discourse (Hintikka 1969, 3-5). It should be noted that Hintikka's work in many other domains—such as inductive logic, the logic of questions, mathematical reasoning, and game-theoretical semantics -- is also intuition-free, theory-driven and task-oriented.

Hintikka writes that, "as the case is with theoretical models in general, it [the explanatory model] does not seem to be derivable from any number of observations concerning ordinary language. It has to be invented rather than discovered" (1969, 5; with, significantly, a footnote reference to Chomsky). Hintikka is thinking in the same spirit as Chomsky about the tasks of epistemic attributions. Hintikka points out that the explanatory model embodied in epistemic logic does not reproduce what is found observationally or intuitively in ordinary discourse as surface phenomena. The latter at best point to the tasks of the "deep logic" of our epistemic-language competence, just as the surface grammars of English or Chinese point to the computational tasks of the "deep grammar" that characterizes our grammatical competence in general. In the case of epistemic discourse, not only are the surface phenomena distinct from the deep-logic tasks but they are constantly influenced by all sorts of collateral interests and pressures, such as conflicting goals, pragmatic considerations, cognitive limitations, and contextual factors.

Given all these considerations, Hintikka's suggestion is to treat as basic the meaning of an epistemic expression captured by the explanatory model and then view its modifications and variations by the collateral factors just cited as residual meanings (Hintikka 1969, 6-7). The actual use of the expression reflects the specific relation between the basic and the residual meanings, which is the relation between what the expression (through its

terms and operations) is designed to convey according to its deep logic (i.e., its core tasks) and the collateral conditions of its use.

This, quite roughly, is the line of metaepistemic analysis pursued by Hintikka in his classic *Knowledge and Belief* (1962) and many other works, including the collection of historical essays, *Knowledge and the Known* (1974). The distinction between basic and residual meanings is best revealed in his equivalence claim that for one to know is to know that one knows. Call this the KK equivalence. Its critics, according to Hintikka, failed to see that the equivalence concerns the basic meaning of a knowledge claim (what its deep logic conveys) and not its surface variations in ordinary discourse, due to collateral interests. In its different surface manifestations the KK equivalence is bound to break down most of the time, precisely because of collateral interferences. 'Being certain' or 'being aware' or 'having enough evidence' are expressions of residual epistemic meanings that often defeat the KK equivalence for contextual and pragmatic reasons. But these are not the reasons why the KK equivalence holds fundamentally. This is why, according to Hintikka, the ordinary language analyses of epistemic terms and locutions highlight variety and diversity but fail to address their deep logic or basic meanings or core tasks. Hintikka is an essentialist realist about the deep logic of ordinary epistemic discourse whereas most ordinary-language analysts are postmodernist impressionists.

Having sketched the broader picture, we can now ask the key question: What is the deep logic or basic meaning of a knowledge claim and hence of the KK equivalence? Recall that the question is not, epistemologically speaking, about having knowledge or instantiating it in some form. The question is about an item of epistemic discourse, in particular a knowledge (or some other epistemic) claim or description made explicitly by a speaker of a language. The answer is that if one knows something, one ipso facto knows that one knows, because the same circumstances that would justify one in saying 'I know that I know' would justify one in saying 'I know' simpliciter (Hintikka 1962, chapter 5). There are demonstrably no situations or possible worlds in which one claim would be true and the other false. The reason is that one always knows what one is thinking when saying something, such as making an epistemic claim; for not knowing it would be epistemically indefensible or inconsistent. This, then, seems to be the core task of a knowledge claim: to ascertain that the one making the claim has as good a justification as there can be (in terms of all possible eventualities) and that further doubt or criticism are beyond the point. It is the task of discussion (criticism, inquiry)-stopper (Hintikka 1962, 111; 1969, 13).

Notice that this account fits the main joints of the standard epistemological analysis. When one makes a knowledge claim, one presupposes that one has a true belief that is justified. The difference is that

in the case of epistemic discourse and its knowledge claims, the question of evidence and justification (which frustratingly eludes most epistemological analyses) is settled, as it were, by the deep-logic design of the enterprise. That is the very point of making a knowledge claim, its core task -- to indicate an end to inquiry and to the pursuit of evidence and justification.

It may appear that in the first-person case, the KK equivalence entails that mental states are transparent to self or self-intimating or introspectable. But Hintikka does not take self knowledge to be a mental state and therefore one's self knowledge claim does not say anything substantive about one's own mind -- except that it made up its mind, so to speak, to conclude an inquiry or the search for evidence, and so declares publicly. For Hintikka, the deep logic of epistemic discourse has no room for privileged access or incorrigible authority. Although the focus here has been on knowledge—perhaps the epistemic-discourse notion most systematically investigated by Hintikka—I expect similar conclusions to be drawn, *mutatis mutandis*, about the deep logic of other epistemic terms and attributions. Contrary to many historically and recently fashionable views, Hintikka's analysis of its deep logic or core tasks suggests that epistemic discourse in general is not about the mind, nor about the vagaries of context and conversation. My reading of his analysis is that the basic job of epistemic discourse is to inform publicly about the range of actual and possible situations or worlds compatible with a given intentional attitude (or a sequence of attitudes) of the person discoursed about. I find this reading congenial to a larger picture I draw of naive psychology and mentalist discourse, as I explain in the next and concluding section.

## 5. A DEEPER 'WHY?'

Why would the deep logic of epistemic discourse work the way Hintikka proposes, at least according to my reading? To answer this question, we need to go beyond the confines of the classic top-down method of explanation in cognitive science, the T->P->M->W method mentioned at the beginning of the previous section. To see what I mean, consider a methodological distinction that is familiar in evolutionary biology. It is the distinction between proximate and ultimate explanations of biological traits, in particular competencies. A proximate explanation tells us how a competence works, according to what program, executing which tasks. But it does not explain the reason for the tasks themselves and hence for the design of the program and the *modus operandi* of the mechanism running the program. It is the business of an ultimate or evolutionary explanation to identify the deeper reason. The implication, then, is that the T->P->M->W method

organizes and provides an order to the proximate explanations of mental capacities but does not tell us why these capacities exist and why they evolved. The why question must be answered at a higher level of theorizing, that of the evolutionary function (E) of the tasks and programs under scrutiny. The classic method must be augmented to take the E->T->M->P->W form.

In proposing this addition, I argued in an earlier work that, unlike the more transparent tasks of our competencies for vision or grammar, the tasks of naive psychology are not obvious without a careful look at their evolutionary function (Bogdan 1997, chapters 3 and 5). When their evolutionary function is factored in, it becomes apparent and plausible that the tasks of naive psychology are to detect, represent and categorize those relational (not intrinsic) properties of other individuals, which are mentally intentional as well as behavioral, and which the naive psychologist can use causally to engage, influence or otherwise exploit in order to pursue her goals in a variety of social and communicational contexts. In other words, naive psychology is an evolved mental tool kit that services the active goals of the naive psychologist when interacting with conspecifics.

This analysis works best in the case of simple, most visible and informative as well as causally manipulable intentional relations, such as gazing, noticing, seeing, or wanting. The categories of such relations may indeed have evolved by natural selection. To get a flavor of the analysis, consider the competence to represent gaze -- a basic pillar of primate naive psychology (Bogdan 1997, 137-138). The metaintentional category of gaze, underlying this competence, contains instructions and procedures to represent those aspects of someone's gaze that predict behavior and allow causal interventions that meet the goals of the naive psychologist. This idea can be unpacked and illustrated in the following analysis of the gaze category:

- (a) eyes open → alertness and propensity for behavior → involvement
- (b) eyes open + line of regard → interest and its general direction → involvement
- (c) eyes open + line of regard tracked → goal to be identified or the direction of a behavior to be initiated or something happening somewhere → involvement
- (d) eyes open + line of regard tracked + the target of the line of regard identified → specific goal → involvement

A human child or a chimpanzee can use these different components of the gaze category to find out about others and the situations they are in or will be in, and also to interfere with those situations or the actions of others. For example, the (b) instructions enable a naive psychologist to obstruct the

line of regard of a gazer and prevent him from seeing something of interest to the naive psychologist. Apes are known to do this trick quite often.

Consider now the much more sophisticated naive psychology of human adults tracking complex, invisible and linguistically expressed propositional attitudes, such as opinions, memories, intentions, thoughts, and claims to knowledge. Epistemic discourse becomes the main avenue not only to the identity of such attitudes but also and crucially to what the attitudes inform about—mainly people and situations, actual, past or possible—and to the opportunities of interference, manipulation or utilization afforded by this informativeness of the attitudes. Looked at from the perspective of its initial evolutionary rationale, the naive-psychological game played with the epistemic discourse about propositional attitudes is not that different in its basic tasks from the much primitive game played with the much simpler metaintentional categories, such as gaze. As I read it, Jaakko Hintikka's analysis portrays the basic epistemic meanings and their deep logic in the same instrumental light, as providing information on attitudes and the possible situations in which they hold—information that can be exploited in some way or put to some use.

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# INTERROGATIVE LOGIC AND THE ECONOMIC THEORY OF INFORMATION

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is with great pleasure that I return to earlier work based directly (Dacey 1979b) and indirectly (Dacey 1979a, 1981a, 1981b, 1985) on the fruits of Jaakko Hintikka's labors. In particular, it is a great pleasure to work in the area of Hintikka's interrogative logic, which provides a systematic approach to the many subfields of philosophy (Hintikka 1968/1999, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1985, 1993; Hintikka and Hintikka 1989; Hintikka, Halonen, and Mutanen forthcoming/1999; Hintikka and Kulas 1983). One open area within interrogative logic pertains to situations where the inquirer receives "merely probable answers [from] Nature" (Hintikka 1988/1999, p. 156). One approach to this open area is the economic theory of information as advanced by Jacob Marschak (1971, 1974). Indeed, Marschak shows that the economic theory of information can be employed within the context of Hintikka's general interrogative logic to account for probable answers as they appear in both pragmatic (i.e., economic) and inductive (i.e., epistemic) decision making (Marschak 1974, particularly pp. 145-149 and pp. 167-169).

The present paper attempts to reveal the robustness of Hintikka's interrogative logic by applying the union of interrogative logic and the economic theory of information to examine an aspect of the sexual selection problem of biology. The two-part claim made and supported here is that Hintikka's interrogative logic is strikingly robust and renders testable one of the two biological theories of male ornamentation.

The biological decision problem is both fundamental and structurally simple. Suppose a female is about to select a mate. What questions can the female ask a contending male that will move her to choose or refuse that male as a mate? Similarly, what answers can a contending male provide in order to be selected as the mate? The answers to these questions, when asked

about the human species, are remarkably difficult to answer. I will therefore focus on a “lesser,” albeit more colorful, species. Consider the peacocks. The females are dull and drab in coloration, whereas the males are ornate and flamboyant in coloration. The fundamental question a female asks of a male is “Do you have good genes?” The fundamental answer provided by a male is “I do not know, but I do have this marvelous tail of many colors.”

The female faces one of two decision problems. In the pragmatic decision problem, the female must decide between mating and not mating with the male. In the inductive decision problems, the female must decide between believing that the male has good genes and believing that the male does not have good genes, or believing the generalization that all beautiful males have good genes. The pragmatic decision problem involves a payoff table with traditional gains and losses, and can be resolved via the decision rules of Pascal (Arnauld and Nicole 1662), von Neumann and Morgenstern (1947), or Kahneman and Tversky (1979, 1992). The inductive decision problems involve information-theoretic payoffs, and can be resolved via the pure truth seeker decision rule (Marschak 1974, pp. 170-173) and the maximum expected content decision rule (Hintikka 1968/1999, p. 219).

In what follows, we will show that both pragmatic and inductive decision problems, however they are resolved, yield a result that renders testable the good genes view of male ornamentation. Thus, we can conclude that Hintikka’s interrogative logic is very strikingly robust.

## 2. MALE ORNAMENTATION

Sexual selection in almost all species involves choice problems for the females, typically based on competition among the males. Male competition often involves ornamentation that is costly.

One large class of apparently costly characters are those found usually only in males and which Darwin called secondary sexual characters. ... The peacock’s tail (or, more exactly, train) is an example. ... The peacock’s tail almost certainly reduces the male’s survival (though this has never been demonstrated): the tail reduces maneuverability, powers of flight, and makes the bird more conspicuous; its growth must also impose an energetic cost. (Ridley, Mark 1993, p. 283).

Note that the notion of ‘costly’ employed here involves a cost borne by the male and not by the female. In Marschak’s terms, this is a cost of communicating. See Marschak (1971, 1974) for the formal treatment of the costs pertaining to information systems and rational inquiry. We will ignore these refinements here.

There are two views on secondary sexual characters. The first view, associated with Sir Ronald A. Fisher, is commonly called the “sexy-son” view, and holds that the secondary sexual characters do not carry information about the quality of the male’s genes. This view holds

that females choose males according to the gaudiness of their colors, the length of their plumes, the virtuosity of their songs, or whatever, because the species is ruled by an arbitrary fashion for preferring beauty that none dares buck (Ridley, Matt 1993, pp. 142-143).

The alternative view, associated with Alfred Russel Wallace, is commonly called the “good-genes” view, and holds that the secondary sexual characters do indeed carry information about the quality of the male’s genes. This view holds that “Ornaments and displays are designed to reveal the quality of the genes” (Ridley, Matt 1993, p. 143).

The claim made here is that the good-genes view is testable given that we employ the economic theory of information as a particular form of Hintikka’s interrogative logic. The testable proposition, and thereby the warrant for the claim, is derived in each of the two decision-theoretic models of the female’s choice problem.

### **3. THE PRAGMATIC DECISION PROBLEM**

The good-genes view posits that male ornamentation carries information about the quality of genes. As such, the presence or absence of the ornamentation can be taken as a partial (or uncertain) answer, sent by the male to the female, to the female’s question “Do you have good genes?” To construct the payoff table for the pragmatic decision problem, presume the female has two choices – mate with the male at hand or do not mate with this male – and faces two states of nature – the male at hand has good genes and the male at hand does not have good genes. If the female selects the male and the male has good genes, then she is successful, and wins an amount  $W$  (i.e., the value of offspring with good genes); and if the female selects the male and the male does not have good genes, then she is unsuccessful, and loses an amount  $L$  (i.e., the value of offspring without good genes). We presume only that  $W, L > 0$ , so that  $W > 0 > -L$ . If the female does not select the male, then she neither wins nor loses. Presume that the female has probabilities over the states of nature, and also presume that she has reliability probabilities over the signals sent by the male. As we shall see, the specific values of  $W$  and  $L$  play no role in the analysis of the good genes view.

The female's choice problem can be characterized by the table on the following page:

Payoff Table	a1 mate	a2 not mate	P(s)
s1 good genes	W	0	p
s2 -good genes	-L	0	1-p

Note that this decision problem is an instance of the Becker-DeGroot-Marschak (1964) reference lottery. In Marschak's (1974) formulation of Hintikka's interrogative logic, the

female's question is the information system represented by the reliability probabilities  $P(z/s)$ , i.e., by the system

Information System	P(z beautiful	/s) z2 ugly
s1 good genes	b	1-b
s2 -good genes	1-u	u

and the male's answer is represented by the signal he sends to the female, i.e., by either z1 or z2 (Marschak 1974, especially p. 152). Note that we have adopted a particular form of inquiry by specifying the female's question as an information system and the

male's answer as a signal from that system. Of course, other forms of inquiry could be specified (Kolak 2001, especially pp. 55-58). However, the form of inquiry adopted here captures "merely probable answers." Interestingly, this form of inquiry has other applications within the context of Hintikka's interrogative logic (e.g., Dacey 1981b).

As per traditional decision theory, we presume the female behaves as if she has posterior probabilities, generated via Bayes' rule, as presented in the following extended table:

pragmatic decision problem			information system		posterior probabilities	
	a1	a2	P(z)	/s)	P(s)	/z)
	mate	not mate	z1	z2	z1	z2
			beautiful	ugly	beautiful	ugly
s1					$\frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}$
good genes	W	0	p	b	1-b	
s2					$\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}$
-good genes	-L	0	1-p	1-u	u	

Informed mate selection occurs if and only if the female selects a male who sends the signal ‘beautiful’ and rejects a male who sends the signal ‘ugly’. Under Pascal’s decision rule, these choices are made via maximizing expected value. In decision-theoretic terms, informed mate selection occurs if and only if the Bayes strategy is <mate, not mate>, i.e., if and only if

$$E[V(a1)/z1] = \frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}W + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}(-L) > 0 = E[V(a2)/z1]$$

And

$$E[V(a1)/z2] = \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}W + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}(-L) < 0 = E[V(a2)/z2].$$

The foregoing conditions reduce to

$$\frac{p}{1-p} > \frac{(1-u)L}{bW}$$

and

$$\frac{p}{1-p} < \frac{uL}{(1-b)W},$$

respectively.

Together, these conditions yield

$$\frac{(1-u)L}{bW} < \frac{uL}{(1-b)W}.$$

Canceling  $W$  and  $L$  and rearranging terms yields  $b+u > 1$ . This inequality makes the good-genes view testable. If females select beautiful males and reject ugly males, then if  $b+u$  is not greater than unity, then the good-genes view is incorrect. Note that the condition  $b+u > 1$  does not involve  $p$ ,  $W$ , or  $L$ . Also note that the reliability probabilities  $b$  and  $u$  are objectively determinable, by a human researcher, as relative frequencies.

Recall that  $b = P(\text{beautiful/good genes})$  and  $u = P(\text{ugly/not good genes})$ . These probabilities, called reliability probabilities, make a direct connection between the male's ornamentation (beautiful or ugly) and the state of the male's genes (good, not good). This connection is what makes  $b+u > 1$  a tool for testing the good genes view associated with Wallace, and not a tool for testing the sexy-son view advanced with Fisher.

An information system is said to be informative if and only if  $b+u > 1$  (Marschak 1971). Note that if  $b > .5$  and  $u > .5$ , as we would expect for any plausible information system, then  $b+u > 1$ . However, we have the curious result that an information system can be informative even if either  $b < .5$  or  $u < .5$  (but not both), as long as the larger reliability probability is sufficiently large so that  $b+u > 1$ .

Now consider the von Neumann-Morgenstern decision rule. Under this rule, the female has a utility function  $U$ , defined over the payoffs, that captures her attitude toward risk. Without loss of generality, let  $U(0) = 0$ , so that  $U(G) > 0 > U(-L)$ . The Bayes strategy is  $\langle \text{mate}, \text{not mate} \rangle$  if and only if

$$E[U(a_1)/z_1] = \frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)} U(W) + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)} U(-L) > 0 = E[U(a_2)/z_1]$$

And

$$E[U(a_1)/z_2] = \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u} U(W) + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u} U(-L) < 0 = E[U(a_2)/z_2].$$

The foregoing conditions reduce to

$$\frac{p}{1-p} > \frac{-(1-u)U(-L)}{bU(W)}$$

and

$$\frac{p}{1-p} < \frac{-uU(-L)}{(1-b)U(W)},$$

respectively.

Together, these conditions yield

$$\frac{-(1-u)U(-L)}{bU(W)} < \frac{-uU(-L)}{(1-b)U(W)}.$$

Canceling  $U(W)$  and  $-U(-L)$  and rearranging terms again yields  $b+u > 1$ .

Finally, consider the Kahneman-Tversky decision rule. Under this rule, the female has a valuation function,  $v$ , defined over the payoffs, that is concave over gains, convex over losses, and more steeply sloped over losses than over gains. Without loss of generality, let  $v(0) = 0$ , so that  $v(G) > 0 > v(-L)$ . Also under this rule, the female has a probability weighting function,  $w$ , that is reverse S-shaped so that  $w(p) > p$  for low values of  $p$  and  $w(p) < p$  for medium and high values of  $p$ . (Empirically,  $w(p) = p$  when  $p$  is approximately 1/3, and, of course, when  $p = 0, 1$ .) Since  $w(p)$  is sub-additive, i.e.,  $w(p) + w(1-p) < 1$ , the functions based on  $w$  are not expected values. We will use a lower case  $e$  to denote the relevant functions.

Under the Kahneman-Tversky decision rule, the Bayes strategy is  $\langle \text{mate}, \text{not mate} \rangle$  if and only if

$$e[v(a1)/z1] = w\left(\frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}\right)v(W) + w\left(\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}\right)v(-L) > 0 = e[v(a2)/z1]$$

and

$$e[v(a1)/z2] = w\left(\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}\right)v(W) + w\left(\frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}\right)v(-L) < 0 = e[v(a2)/z2]$$

The simplified form of the Kahneman-Tversky probability weighting function is

$$w(p) = \frac{p^\gamma}{(p^\gamma + (1-p)^\gamma)^{1/\gamma}},$$

where  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Employing the simplified form of this probability weighting function yields :

$$\left( \frac{\left(\frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma}{\left[\left(\frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma + \left(\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma\right]^{1/\gamma}} \right) v(W) + \left( \frac{\left(\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma}{\left[\left(\frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma + \left(\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)}\right)^\gamma\right]^{1/\gamma}} \right) v(-L) > 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{\left( \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma}{\left[ \left( \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma + \left( \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma \right]^{1/\gamma}} \right)^{\nu(W)} \\
& + \\
& \left( \frac{\left( \frac{(1-p)u}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)} \right)^\gamma}{\left[ \left( \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma + \left( \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma \right]^{1/\gamma}} \right)^{\nu(-L)} < 0
\end{aligned}$$

respectively. Eliminating common denominators yields

$$\left( \frac{pb}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)} \right)^\gamma \nu(W) + \left( \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)} \right)^\gamma \nu(-L) > 0$$

and

$$\left( \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u} \right)^\gamma \nu(W) + \left( \frac{(1-p)u}{pb+(1-p)(1-u)} \right)^\gamma \nu(-L) < 0,$$

respectively. Eliminating common denominators once again yields

$$\left( (pb)^\gamma \right) \nu(W) + \left( (1-p)(1-u)^\gamma \right) \nu(-L) > 0$$

and

$$\left( (p(1-b))^\gamma \right) \nu(W) + \left( ((1-p)u)^\gamma \right) \nu(-L) < 0,$$

respectively. These expand to

$$\left( p^\gamma b^\gamma \right) \nu(W) + \left( (1-p)^\gamma (1-u)^\gamma \right) \nu(-L) > 0$$

and

$$\left( p^\gamma (1-b)^\gamma \right) \nu(W) + \left( (1-p)^\gamma u^\gamma \right) \nu(-L) < 0,$$

respectively. Rearranging and factoring yields

$$\frac{p^\gamma}{(1-p)^\gamma} > \frac{-(1-u)^\gamma \nu(-L)}{b^\gamma \nu(W)}$$

and

$$\frac{p^\gamma}{(1-p)^\gamma} < \frac{-u^\gamma v(-L)}{(1-b)^\gamma v(W)},$$

respectively. Thus, we have

$$\frac{-(1-u)^\gamma v(-L)}{b^\gamma v(W)} < \frac{-u^\gamma v(-L)}{(1-b)^\gamma v(W)}.$$

Eliminating  $v(W)$  and  $-v(-L)$  yields

$$\frac{(1-u)^\gamma}{b^\gamma} < \frac{u^\gamma}{(1-b)^\gamma}.$$

Taking the  $\gamma$ -root of both sides yields

$$\frac{(1-u)}{b} < \frac{u}{(1-b)},$$

so that we once again have the condition

$$b+u > 1.$$

Thus, the testable result holds for the decision rules of Pascal, von Neumann-Morgenstern, and Kahneman-Tversky when applied to the pragmatic decision problem. That is, if the female responds to the information system with the Bayes strategy  $\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ , then  $b+u > 1$ . This result is quite robust in that it holds for all risk attitudes, including the risk neutrality of the Pascal model, the simple risk aversion or risk seeking of the von Neumann-Morgenstern model, and the hybrid risk attitude of the Kahneman-Tversky model. Interestingly, this result does not hold for the general specification of the Kahneman-Tversky probability weighting function, nor does it hold for the Prelec (1998) probability weighting function. Thus, we know just how robust the basic result proves to be.

#### 4. THE INDUCTIVE DECISION PROBLEM

If the female faces the inductive decision problem, then she is interested in forming either the belief that the male at hand has or does not have good genes, or she is interested in believing the inductive generalization that all males with beautiful tails have good genes. The former decision problem is modeled via the pure truth-seeker (Marschak 1974, pp. 170-173), and the latter via maximizing expected content (Hintikka 1968/1999, pp. 219-220). The pure truth-seeker's payoff table is

pure truth-seeker's payoff table		
	a1 Bel[good]	a2 Bel[-good]
s1 good genes	1	0
s2 -good genes	0	1

and the expected content maximizer's payoff table is

content payoff table		
	a1 Bel[good]	a2 Bel[-good]
s1 good genes	cont(s1)	0
s2 -good genes	-cont(-s1)	0

where  $\text{cont}(h) = 1-p(h)$ . The payoff table is based on the view that if  $h$  is true, then the gain is the information content,  $\text{cont}(h)$ , of  $h$ , whereas if  $h$  is false, then the loss is the information content of the negation of  $h$ . (See Hintikka 1968/1999, p. 219.)

The pure truth-seeker's decision problem is illustrated on the following page:

pure truth-seeker's decision problem			information system		posterior probabilities	
	a1 Bel[good]	a2 Bel[-good]	P(z /s) z1 beautiful	/s) z2 ugly	P(s /z) z1 beautiful	/z) z2 ugly
s1 good genes	1	0	b	1-b	$\frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}$
s2 -good genes	0	1	1-u	u	$\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}$

Informed mate selection occurs if and only if the female believes a male who sends the signal 'beautiful' has good genes and believes a male who sends the signal 'ugly' does not have good genes. In decision-theoretic terms, informed mate selection occurs if and only if the Bayes strategy is  $\langle \text{Bel}[\text{good}], \text{Bel}[-\text{good}] \rangle$ , i.e., if and only if

$$E[a1/z1] = \frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(1) + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(0) >$$

$$\frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(0) + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(1) = E[a2/z1]$$

and

$$E[a1/z2] = \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(1) + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(0) <$$

$$\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(0) + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(1) = E[a2/z2].$$

The foregoing conditions reduce to

$$\frac{p}{1-p} > \frac{(1-u)}{b}$$

and

$$\frac{p}{1-p} < \frac{u}{(1-b)},$$

respectively.

Together, these conditions yield

$$\frac{(1-u)}{b} < \frac{u}{(1-b)},$$

so that once again we have  $b+u > 1$ .

The expected content maximizer's decision problem is as follows:

cont maximizer's decision problem			information system		posterior probabilities		
	a1	a2	P(s)	P(z /s)	P(s /z)		
	Bel[gen]	-Bel[gen]		z1 beautiful	z2 ugly	z1 beautiful	z2 ugly
s1 gen	cont(s1)	0	p	b	1-b	$\frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}$
s2 -gen	-	0	1-p	1-u	u	$\frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}$	$\frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}$
	cont(-s1)						

where 'gen' is an abbreviation for the generalization 'all beautiful males have good genes'.

The Bayes strategy for the expected content maximizer is  $\langle a1, a2 \rangle$  if and only if

$$E[a1/z1] = \frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(1-p) + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(-p) >$$

$$\frac{pb}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(0) + \frac{(1-p)(1-u)}{pb + (1-p)(1-u)}(0) = E[a2/z1]$$

and

$$E[a1/z2] = \frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(1-p) + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b) + (1-p)u}(-p) <$$

$$\frac{p(1-b)}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}(0) + \frac{(1-p)u}{p(1-b)+(1-p)u}(0) = E[a_2/z_2].$$

These equations reduce to

$$pb(1-p) + (1-p)(1-u)(-p) > 0$$

and

$$p(1-b)(1-p) + (1-p)u(-p) < 0,$$

respectively. Rearranging terms in each equation yields  $b+u > 1$ , and the good genes view is again testable.

## 5. CONCLUSION

Marschak (1974) established that the economic theory of information provides a model of Hintikka's interrogative logic that can be applied in the case of uncertain answers and employed to resolve both pragmatic and inductive decision problems. So applied, Hintikka's logic provides a most interesting result vis-à-vis the good genes view of male ornamentation. Simply put, if females select beautiful males and reject ugly males, then male ornamentation, as an information system, is informative, and the good genes view is testable. Finally, as the foregoing analysis yields, the good genes view is testable whether the female resolves the pragmatic decision problem, via any of the three major decision rules, or the inductive decision problem, via either of the two major decision rules. This suggests that Hintikka's interrogative logic, or "inquiry as inquiry" as he prefers, is remarkably robust.

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# A METALOGICAL CRITIQUE OF WITTGENSTEINIAN ‘PHENOMENOLOGY’

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## 1. TRACTARIAN MONISM

My principal aim in this brief essay will be to inflect (or coopt) Jaakko and Merrill Hintikka’s ‘phenomenological’ interpretation of Ludwig Wittgenstein’s metaphysical aims (cf. Hintikka and Hintikka 1986 and Hintikka 1996) in directions which may

- 1 provide tenable if heterodox metalogical interpretations of Wittgensteinian *Sprachspiele*; and
- 2 partially clarify Wittgenstein’s well-known unremitting hostility to *Mengenlehre*, “*Logik(en) zweiter Ordnung*” and “*Metalogik(en)*” in all their allegedly nefarious forms. (cf., e.g., *PG*, 46, *PB*, 211 *N*114,2 and *N*211, 242)

Along the way, I will also

- 3 interpret the *Logisch-Philosophische Abhandlung* as an attempt to sketch (but not ‘define’) a ‘universal’ *satisfaction-relation* (for ‘alles, was der Fall ist [oder sein könnte]’), in an *inkonsistenten Inbegriff* one might call *Wittgensteins Paradies*;
- 4 construe the *LPA*’s ‘mysticism’ and ‘solipisism’ as a natural concomitant of this relation’s Cantorian *Inkonsistenz*, *self-referential ambiguity* and susceptibility to forms of *semantic paradox* familiar to Wittgenstein as well as his sometime mentor.

If these preliminary assimilations are tenable, they may also offer a straightforward rationale for Wittgenstein’s evident anxiety about the work, and some of his agonistic adjurations of himself and others. Consider, for example, that he was struggling in effect

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- 5 to provide a discursive sketch in ordinary German of a quasi-Tarskian satisfaction-relation, twenty years *avant l'heure* (cf. also Hintikka 1996, 27-28);
- 6 to do so without recourse to metatheoretic contexts for the many hypostatic claims he would in the process have to make; and
- 7 to 'solve' problems of semantic paradox (Berry's as well as Russell's) by recourse to 'ineffable' ascent up Sextus Empiricus' ladder into "*das Mystische*".

The first of these aspirations--which would have been an innovation of the first magnitude--surpassed Wittgenstein's technical abilities. Lest this seem to be *lèse-majesté*, consider that Wittgenstein might have included a sketch of such a satisfaction-relation as part of the exposition of his *Bildtheorie*, but contented himself with two pages of graph-theoretic representations of propositional truth-tables.

The *horror metatheoriae* I have attributed to Wittgenstein in 6 above was clearly influenced by his distaste for Russellian type-hierarchies. But it was also forced by his 'phenomenological' aspirations, and his assertion of the shadow-satisfaction-relation's apodeictic '*universality*'.

Whatever his conceptual, temperamental or philosophical motivations may have been, I will argue in the sequel

- 8 that this commitment eventually became a lifelong imperative for him, and
- 9 that it had debilitating consequences for his subsequent language-game-theory.

The third aim or "*Ansatz*"--to isolate problems of semantic paradox at the margins of an otherwise 'all'-encompassing 'world'--also accorded with deep currents in Wittgenstein's philosophical and esthetic temperament, however warranted criticisms of it as a copout, *petitio*, *Ausflucht* or *échappatoire*. A certain sensitivity to problems that might arise if one desacralised 'the' ineffable penumbra of 'the' world may also have heightened Wittgenstein's "*impatience*" with questions about such aims ( cf. Hintikka 1996, 1-2 and Hintikka 2000, 5).

A natural historical and methodological question arises, assuming I have accurately characterised Wittgenstein's metaphysical 'aims' in 3 through 7 above. Was the solution he achieved *stable*? For assorted reasons unrelated

to color-charts or Piero Sraffa's sardonic executions of scurrilous gestures, I believe the answer to this question is 'no'. One of these reasons may related to the Hintikkan notion of 'phenomenology' alluded to in the first paragraph. As Jaakko and Merrill Hintikka distinguished '*phenomenology*' from '*phenomenalism*' (cf., e.g., Hintikka 1996, 210), the former refers to *any* presentations that are '*immediate*', in the metaphysical sense that they require no '*hypotheses*' to ground them, or secure them, or serve as (ancient Greek, twentieth-century metalogical or other) '*axiomata*' for them.

The distinction is intrinsically metaphysical, and as such might serve to clarify just how vaultingly ambitious Wittgenstein's metaphysical aims in 3-7 above (and, I will argue, certain subsequent 'game'-theoretic counterparts).

For such aspirations to '*hypothesis-freedom*' are ancient and venerable. Slight linguistic or methodological variants of them, for example, characterised (e.g.)

- 10 middle- and late-Platonic '*forms*' (cf., e.g., *Republic*, 531e and 534b, *Sophist*, 238c and 259e, *Parmenides* 133d, 134b-c and 135a);
- 11 Aristotelian '*first causes*' (cf.1071b3-1073b1), '*first philosophy*' (cf.982a4-983a20 and 1003a20-1008a5) and '*theoretical*' '*thought about thought*' (cf. 1177b1, 1178b7-9, and 1178b22-25);
- 12 Aquinian and Cartesian '*god(s)*' (cf. Aquinas ST 1 q.2 a.3; cf. Descartes, ATVII 40-43, 45-51 and 66-69);
- 13 Spinozan '*substantia(e)*' (cf. Spinoza, 86-159, G46-71);
- 14 Kantian '*Grenzbegriffe*' (cf. KdrV B310-11), '*Vollständigkeit(en) der Bedingungen*' (KdrV B443-448, B524, B542-551, B692-693), and the "*reine Selbsttätigkeit*" Kant called "*Freiheit*" (*Grundlegung* 452);
- 15 Husserlian (*Gebiete der*) '*Voraussetzungslosigkeit*' (cf. Husserl 1913, 19-22), and '*vorurteilslose Seinsmodi*' (cf., Husserl 1977, 37).

To me at least, there seems little doubt that the *LPA*'s grand-syntactical '*Logik*' and equally grand-semantic correlate '*die Welt*' were indeed 'phenomenological' *Inbegriffe* in such 'hypostatic' senses. Historical counterparts of such 'phenomenological' entities have traditionally

encountered problems one might draw together under a kind of ‘*complementarity principle*’: the more ‘*comprehensive*’ these entities’ ‘intended’ ‘*universality*’, the less *comprehensible* their ‘*hypothesis-freedom*’ becomes.

More precisely, appeals to a metatheoretic venue in which one could characterise a given class of ‘*hypotheses*’, and assert the ‘phenomenological’ entities’ putative ‘*freedom*’ from them (not to mention their ‘*existence*’) would seem to compromise or relativise their ostensible ‘*universality*’ (cf. “*Deuten wir, so machen wir Hypothesen*”, *PU* II, 524).

Ancient skeptical as well as twentieth-century metalogical analyses also suggest that one cannot interpret such a metatheory in its own ‘phenomenology’ without vulnerability to some sort of ‘*circularity*’, *semantic paradox* or susceptibility to Gödelian *diagonalisation* (a well-studied early modern example of such an *aporia* might be found in the ‘*Cartesian circle*’, first observed by Arnauld in 1641; cf. *AT* VII, 214 ) In the case of the *LPA*, such problems are more than usually apparent (and well-known). *Either*:

- 16        ‘*the*’ class of ‘*hypotheses*’ from which Wittgenstein’s ‘*Welt*’ is ‘*free*’ is *expressible within ‘it’*.

*Or*

- 17        ‘its’ ‘*existence*’--like that of Anselm’s ‘*god*’--is a matter of *metatheoretic* (and therefore ‘*nonsensical*’) *postulation*, in contravention of Wittgenstein’s injunction to silence.. (cf. Wittgenstein’s rather uncharacteristic remark that “[*d*]as *Überraschende, Paradoxe, ist paradox nur in einer gewissen gleichsam mangelhaften Umgebung. Man muß diese Umgebung so ergänzen, daß, was paradox schien, nicht länger so erscheint*”, *BGM*, 410, VII, 43)

In either case, we would be confronted with semiformal counterparts of the semantic paradoxes of Berry and Russell Wittgenstein claimed to ‘resolve’ (*oder wenigstens ‘aus der Welt schaffen*’). But all known provisional solutions of the *latter* were known to generate syntactic and semantic hierarchies of the sort he anathematised.

Since Wittgenstein’s deeper (and more philosophically defensible) aim was *not* to formulate theological avowals (however ‘ethically’ regulated his speculations may have been), some ‘*desacralisation*’ of the *Flucht nach vorne* I have just sketched mentioned above may therefore have been inevitable. His readers and his own philosophical conscience, so to speak,

enjoined him to provide a 'Sinn' for his earlier work's 'ethical' 'Unsinngloriole'. Some of the tensions this 'injunction' occasioned may also have been intensified the apparently widespread expectation, among Wittgenstein's admirers in Cambridge and other readers of the *LPA*, that he would clarify methodological aspects of its conspicuous *Aporien* with the aid of new discoveries in 'logic'.

Relatively soon after Wittgenstein returned to Cambridge in 1929, for example, it may have become clear to a number of investigators--among them, I suspect, Wittgenstein's clear-headed friend Frank Ramsey--that further clarifications of "logic" might *not* follow the lines of magisterial force Wittgenstein may have thought he had imposed on it.

For between 1922 and 1934,

- 18 logicians began to realign their representations of Wittgenstein's *Welt* in ways which provisionally but systematically demarcated theories from metatheories; and--
- 19 mathematical and experimental physicists began provisionally but systematically to distinguish 'observations' of physical 'systems' from the 'states' they measured.

Both these developments called the hypostatic *monism* of Wittgenstein's tractarian ontology into serious question. The logicians Thoralf Skolem and Kurt Gödel, for example, had proved theorems which suggested that

- 20 'the' integers',
- 21 'the' real numbers,
- 22 'the' recursively axiomatisable formal theories, and
- 23 'the' worlds these axiomatisable theories might 'depict'. might be no more than 'metatheoretically' 'intended' notions, metatheoretically interpretable in 'potential' as well as underdetermined ways, and in vast--in fact continuous--*logischen Räumen* (cf., for comparison, *LPA* 3.4).

Wittgenstein tried for a time to keep up with such developments. After Gödel's results became known, for example, he wrote out attempt after unsuccessful attempt to deconstruct or discredit or explain away various forms of *diagonal arguments* which lay at the heart of Gödel's argument (cf. "Meine Aufgabe ist es nicht, über den Gödelschen Beweis . . . zu reden;

*sondern an ihm vorbei zu reden*”, *BGM*, 383,II, 19), and modelled most of these abortive arguments on early jottings in which he had tried to ‘prove’ that semantic paradoxes were ill-formed (cf., e.g., *LPA*, 3.333).

When these ‘refutations’ failed, he sought other arguments to justify his deep conviction that the new results ‘had to’ be wrong, or at least irrelevant (cf. *N117*, 147; *N117*, 152; *N121*, 81v, 82v and 84r; *N124*, 115; and *N163*, 41v). More or less by way of accompaniment, he also drafted from time to time exasperated remarks of the sort cited earlier, to the effect that set-theoretic frameworks for such results were *vom Übel*, and even *des Teufels*.

*Why? Why* did Wittgenstein execrate these new metalogical discoveries so fiercely?

One might propose personal as well as philosophical rationales of this hostility (cf., for example, Hintikka 1996, 148-151 and 159-162, and Hintikka 2000, 58). The one I will defend here is that Wittgenstein sought to ‘save--or at least *hold harmless*, at the margins of his nascent *phenomenology* (or *semeiology*) of ‘*language-games*’--an elusive counterpart of the *horror metatheoriae* and *semantic monism* he had defended in the *LPA*.

Somewhat more precisely, the explicit analogy expressed in his remark that “[w]ie es keine *Metaphysik* gibt, so gibt es keine *Metalogik*” (*N211*, 242) seems to me to suggest he hoped to “*save the [linguistic] ‘phenomena’*” he had ‘*uniquely*’ interpreted in the *LPA*--even as he disassembled the ‘mystical’ scaffolding in which he had once enveloped ‘them’.

## 2. ‘SPRACHSPIELE’ AS ‘THEORIEN’

In this section, I will offer a simple but somewhat unorthodox assimilation of Wittgenstein’s inconclusive efforts to develop a semeiotic ‘phenomenology’ of ‘language-games’ in the *LPA* to well-studied semeiological aspects of the evolving *Metalogik* he so despised.

More precisely, I will

- 1 assimilate of (‘families’) of Wittgensteinian *Sprachspiele* to (particular collections of) *first-order theories*, partially (pre)ordered by syntactic interpretation; and
- 2 argue that significant aspects of his ‘game’-theoretic semeiology in the *Untersuchungen* reflected forms of *metalogical theory-relativism*. which naturally arise in the study of such collections.

In (quasi-)‘Wittgensteinian’ terms, one might formulate the argument as follows:

- 3 that a ‘family resemblance’ exists between certain forms of the *Metalogik* Wittgenstein so hated and his *Sprachspieltheorie*; indeed,
- 4 that several problems, preoccupations and thought-experiments of his ‘later’ philosophy have archetypes in a conceptual framework (or ‘language game’) he contemned.

By way of preparation for a partial justification of this assimilation (which differs from more complex generalised-quantifier-interpretations of “language-game” Hintikka and Sandhu have developed; cf., e.g., Hintikka 1996, 162-177 and Hintikka 1998, 1-83), let me return for a moment to ‘phenomenological’ reconstructions of Wittgenstein’s aims and philosophical temperament.

By definition, first, ‘*phenomenological*’ entities would seem in some *prima facie* sense to *relational* in the sense that they appear (*phainontai*) to something or another, in some fashion or another. Such ‘*appearance(s)*’ might not be ‘*physical*’ or ‘*phenomenal*’ in any terms I (for example) am familiar with. But they *would* seem to compromise the ‘*hypothesis-freedom*’ Hintikka has postulated (cf. 1.16 and the remarks preceding it above).

Leaving such tensions in suspension, and suspending judgment for the moment about the nature of phenomenological ‘*appearance*’, let me

- 5 call certain formal counterparts of ‘language games’ *theories*, and assume without much loss of generality (cf. 7-11 below) that the formal counterparts of ‘language games’ are recursively axiomatisable, first-order theories.

Furthermore, let me

- 6 call counterparts of certain ‘games’ which are somewhat ‘richer’ and more ‘complex’ than other ‘games’ (which ‘*appear*’ to them), *metatheories* with respect to (the counterparts of) such ‘games’.

What, a philosophical logician might ask, justifies my apparent ‘Quinean’ stipulation that the theories I will consider be *first-order*?

A preliminary, ‘phenomenological’ as well as ‘Wittgensteinian’ answer might be that the ‘language games’ I want these theories to generalise do *not* (have to) have any *intrinsic ontological priority* over each other. In

mathematical-logical jargon, I would first respond to this observation with appeals to now-standard interpretations of *types* as first-order *sorts*--a reconstruction Henkin introduced in print 1950, in a journal Wittgenstein very likely never read (cf. also Enderton, 281-289; Hintikka invoked this interpretation in another context in Hintikka 1996, 23).

A more considered response might invoke a heuristic variant of Ockham's razor.

For the first-order theories I have proposed as generalisations of Wittgensteinian 'language games' are the *simplest* languages of a fairly '*universal*' sort (in a sense to which I will return shortly), about which one can *stipulate*, in other, 'metatheoretic' first-order languages

- 7 that 'deductive' '*consequence relations*' 'hold' between certain of their inscripts (words and phrases);
- 8 that their (formal) 'grammars' obey certain rules of 'induction' and 'recursion' (more also about such 'rule-following' later); and
- 9 that applications of the 'consequence relations' do not lead to certain expressions or utterances call 'absurdities' (in which case we call the games or theories 'consistent').

It is known that the basic patterns sketched in 5-7 can be encoded or represented in myriads of ways, and I will draw on this plurality of syntactical interpretations to argue that first-order theories and their 'inference-rules' are not 'reductive' so much as *ontologically neutral* and *provisionally 'universal'*. By this I mean

- 10 that certain first-order *metatheories* of the sort Wittgenstein especially despised, called '*set-theories*', provide *neutral venues for adjudication of semantic questions about every 'higher-order' theory or 'abstract logic'* which has so far been devised;

and

- 11 that *processes of transition to* 'richer' first-order metatheories--especially the *set theories* just mentioned--*are indefinitely iterable*: they are subject to no discernible bounds, limits or *Grenzen* anyone has yet been able to discern or anticipate.

Such theories, in short, serve as the *simplest natural metatheoretic venues for other theories which may 'appear' to them* (the motivation for my

allusion above to *Ockham's razor*), in the sense that they can *pose* and *sometimes decide* 'semantic' questions for them--questions about their 'consistency'; or their 'existence'; or their *Anwendung*; or their *Verwendung*; or . . . .

The *interpretations* such first-order metatheories provide--which I have just construed as forms of metalogical '*appearance*'-- also come in various gradations. Certain theories, for example, may be '*interpretable*' in other theories in the (relatively *weak*) sense that the latter have ways to '*understand*' 'what the former are *talking about*', though they may *not* be able to make '*semantic*' metatheoretic decisions of the sort just introduced.

The formal jargon for this (much studied) relation among first-order theories is '*syntactical interpretability*' (cf., e. g., Enderton, 154-163, or Shoenfield, 61-65). One might therefore follow Peirce in calling theories which interpret other theories in this less semantically '*conclusive*' way '*interpretants*' (rather than '*metatheories*') for them. Such interpretants, may offer also useful formal counterparts of Wittgensteinian "*Übersicht*" and "*Sehen als*". But they do *not* necessarily confer '*existence*' (*consistency*) on what they '*interpret*' in this way.

Since I also believe such distinctions between stronger and weaker forms of '*interpretation*' track aspects of Kant's elusive demarcation of what is *konstitutiv* from what is *bloß regulativ* (cf., e.g., KdrV B536, B537, B544, B692, B694, B699 and B710-714 ), let me say that a *metatheory* for a given theory '*constitutes*' that theory (as opposed to an *interpretant*, which merely *interprets* it).

As Kant himself suggested in the *Dialektik* of the first *Kritik* (cf., e.g., B672-B674), venerable forms of Wittgenstein's "*Philosophenunsinn*" may be traceable to tendencies to efface or ignore this distinction. Be that as it may, let me stop and recapitulate.

I have sketched an assimilation of Wittgensteinian '*language games*' to *consistent* first-order theories of the sort just sketched. And I have outlined binary relations between such theories which I have called '*being an interpretant of*', and '*being a metatheory for*'.

How much of the *Problematik* Wittgenstein set forth in the *Untersuchungen* carries over into this formal (or as I have presented it, semiformal) context? Quite a bit.

Consider first an obvious sense in which *metalogical interpretations* of first-order theories (in the strong sense of *metatheoretically complete and quantificationally adequate extensions* of such theories) *formally relativised* as well as *pluralised* the LPA's inchoate prototype of a '*universal satisfaction-relation* (its '*Welt*').

Comparable forms of *informal* (and warily admeasured) *relativisation* and *pluralisation* clearly appeared among the *desiderata* to be satisfied by

more latitudinarian accounts of language-games and their multiple interpretations that began to appear in Wittgenstein's later writings (though he condemned usages of words such as "*Deutung*" as carriers for them, in accordance with his '*horror metatheoriae*' I attributed to him in section 1).

Consider next the question whether a putative '*game*' could identify '*all*' '*games*' (and therefore '*define*', in that sense, *what a 'game' is*). By Gödel's now-classical arguments, there could *be* no such game. For if there *were*, it would be a *consistent 'game' that constituted itself*, and Gödel and Tarski showed in different but closely related ways that this cannot happen.

Thirdly, consider the following metalogical reconstruction of the '*rule-following*' *conundrum*. In a game that provides a metatheory for another game, one might ask which '*rules*' the second, '*object-theoretic*' game '*follows*'.

If we convened that a '*rule*' is given by a metatheoretic *formula* or *predicate* or *property* or *procedure* (as Wittgenstein pointedly declined to do), could we prescribe in the metatheory how far we could '*go on*' in accordance with a given such '*rule*', without '*making a mistake*'?

If we appeal to slightly more complex Gödelian arguments, the curiously '*Wittgensteinian*' answer to this question will in general be '*no*.' For a simple application of the parametric diagonal lemma (cf., e.g., Smorynski, 827, Boolos, 49, or Boos 1998, 61) yields that *the metatheory cannot decide which 'rules' it imposes on an interpretation of the object-theory will fail to respect the relevant axioms of 'mathematical induction'* (A sketch of the proof appears in 6.1 below.)

These observations suggests that my avowedly non-Wittgensteinian assimilations of '*games*' to consistent '*ontologically neutral*' first-order theories may *not* yield results which are *antithetical* to the *Aporien* Wittgenstein studied. In some cases at least, they *confirm* them.

Returning to the remarks I made at the beginning of the section, let me now reconsider in this quasi-'later-Wittgensteinian' context the extent to which '*language-games*' of the sort I have just studied might form a '*phenomenology*', or '*phenomenological class*'.

By the foregoing remarks, each '*game*' with an induction-scheme adequate to '*engage in linguistic activity*' (parse and interpret its own language) *will* be able to '*define*' a class of theories *it* considers '*games*'. In this sense, it might be said to determine a kind of metalogical *Lebensform* (or Husserlian *Lebenswelt*).

What it *cannot* do is *decide* whether *it itself* (which it can syntactically '*encode*', and '*talk about*') is a '*game*'; or which '*rules*' have the property that '*games*' it identifies can *apply* them in such a way that they or the metatheory '*knows how to go on*'.

There are, moreover, no undogmatic reasons to 'stop' the search for wider and wider metatheories, despite Wittgenstein's stern pronouncements (cf., e.g., *PU* 29, *ÜG* 563 and *ÜG* 576) that such recourses to 'secondary' language-games (which play metatheoretic roles in Hintikka's phenomenological analysis) 'must halt', and assertions 'we' cannot engage 'forever' in such *Philosophenunsinn*. (Indeed. As Keynes' observed, 'in the long run' we're all dead.)

Put more formally, metatheoretic 'games' might provide 'object-theories' for other 'interpretants' and 'metatheories', which might or might not 'ground' them (prove their *consistency*, which David Hilbert--anticipating the completeness theorem--construed as a distributive metatheoretic sort of 'existence').

Such interpretants and metatheories, as I remarked earlier, may continue to do their thing(s), in indefinitely iterable ways. But the very 'Wittgensteinian' absence of any *scharfe Grenze* or *closure* or final 'fixed point' of such iterations might also suggest a *broader* sort of 'phenomenology', namely an indeterminately processive 'phenomenological' hierarchy of quasi-Leibnizian 'phaenomena bene fundata'.

(Cf. "*Ex Hypothesi, quod nihil aliud existat, quam Monades, et quod eae modificentur varie et consentienter, fit ut omnia caetera Entia quae concipimus non sint nisi phaenomena bene fundata*", Leibniz II, 473.)

Such hierarchies would also recapitulate ancient, medieval and post-medieval *hierarchies* of the sort contemporary *skeptics* proffered to their more 'dogmatic' opponents. It was no accident, for example, that Descartes thought he had to 'bound' or suppress such a metatheoretic hierarchy of 'formal' and 'objective realities', in the passages cited in 1.12 above, in order to 'prove' the 'existence' of his [self]-'constituting' 'god'.

Whatever their skeptical implications, moreover, there seem to be no obvious metalogical reasons why 'dynamical trajectories' of such 'games' might not be 'observed', 'interpreted' and even 'constituted' in other 'games'.

If, for example, one further interpreted 'freedom from hypothesis' to mean something like 'apparent epistemic sufficiency unto itself', the class of theories recognisable as (or 'seen as') games in other games might well be adequate to sustain the 'appearance' (or 'illusion') of such 'freedom'.

And if this were the case, once again, such 'appearances' might indeed merit the proud name of (*theory-relative*) 'phenomenology'.

And *this*, finally, suggests to me a concluding unscientific thought-experiment, which reposes postulations of 'apparent epistemic sufficiency' in interrogative form.

If ‘we’ were in such a class, would there be any way ‘we’ could discern what ‘we’ encountered in it from ‘*what there is*’ (or ‘*might be*’)?

I think not, and will defend this view in what follows.

### 3. . . . MORE ‘GAMES’ THAN ARE DREAMT OF IN ‘OUR’ PHILOSOPHIES. . . .

In the last section, I

- 1 construed Wittgensteinian ‘*language-games*’ as *consistent first-order theories*, and
- 2 outlined interpretations for some ‘Wittgensteinian’ predicaments one might encounter in the study of such ‘games’.

What I did *not* do was attempt to argue that every first-order theory is a language-game, in any sense of ‘game’ Wittgenstein himself would have tolerated. For any such ‘reconstruction’ or ‘recuperation’ would be countermanded many times over in Wittgenstein’s *Nachlaß* and published writings.

He explicitly *denied*, for example, that consistently axiomatisable theories which have no counterparts in ‘public’ human speech (so far as ‘we-know’) could be language-games, and insisted this was the case whether or not scientists might later conclude that physiological realisations of them function as precursors or prototypes or preconditions of such speech.

He did not deny, of course that scientists might come to such conclusions, or even they might in some sense be ‘correct’. He simply repudiated the view that such languages ‘could’ have any philosophical significance of the sort he attributed (or admitted ‘we’ ‘can’ or ‘should’ attribute) to ‘*language-games*’.

Suppose, however, one set his strictures aside once again, and extended usage of the word ‘*language*’ to *any* formal first-order language of the sort considered in the last section, and ‘*game*’ to any *consistent theory* in such a ‘language’? I will argue in this section that such a change might have interesting and significant implications for such languages’ ‘*phenomenology*’.

More precisely, I will argue that the *constraints* and *circumscriptions* Wittgenstein imposed on his *Sprachspiele* are *much* more ‘*reductive*’ than the metalogical assimilations I have introduced in the last section wish to consider further here.

Those constraints make it *very* difficult, for example, to *parse*, much less *credit*, *genuine changes in 'linguistic' as well as semantic perspective*. Wittgenstein struggled to solve this latent problem--without noticeable success, in my view--in his last (and perhaps most readable) work *Über Gewißheit* (cf., e.g., *ÜG* 506-509, *ÜG* 512-513 and *ÜG* 577).

If rigorously enforced, such constraints might even render difficult any serious cognitive analysis of Wittgenstein's own '*Hasenente*'-sequence--one of the reasons, I believe, why it is one of the *PU*'s more charming but less conclusive lines of argument.

*A fortiori*, they would literally render unintelligible wider-ranging accounts of cognitive loss and recovery in works such as Oliver Sacks's *Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, a work which seems to me rich in philosophical resonances.

So *stultifying* in fact do Wittgenstein's recusals seem to me that they remind me of David Hume's unwitting rejection of *theory-change* of almost *any* sort in his otherwise reasonable rejection of 'miracles' (cf. *E I*, 114-116); or of the passerby's well-known remark in *ÜG* 467 that "[*d*]ieser Mensch ist nicht verrückt. Wir philosophieren nur. . .").

How did this come to pass? I believe that its antecedents in Wittgenstein's work may be traceable to motives which appear in

- 3 his elusive but pointed remarks about '*solipsism*' in *LPA* 5.64; and
- 4 his unusual choice of the word "*intern*" to characterise 'the' *inexpressible* '*structures*' that individuate the tractarian *Welt* (4.122) (semantic relations are commonly thought to be '*external*' to the syntactic predicates they realise)

On my account I sketched above in section 1, Wittgenstein's careful consideration of '*solipsism*' in the *LPA* was an early concomitant or (consequence) of his lifelong *horror metatheoriae*. In what follows, I will argue that his subsequent refusals to broaden the notion of '*game*' to accommodate '*internal*' processes and '*intentional*' faculties reflected an equally persistent conviction that

- 5 his new, more broadly 'phenomenological' (or 'physicalist', in Hintikka's usage) realm of public language-games must be '*closed*', '*complete*' and *sufficient unto itself*; and that
- 6 'the' *self* and its '*inner*' properties remain ('publically') *inexpressible*, and therefore marginal to this apparently more extensive and latitudinarian realm of 'linguistic' *phenomena*.

By way of preliminary gloss of 5, I would first ask the reader to consider how often Wittgenstein--surely one of the twentieth century's most relentless critics of ambiguously 'modal' assertions and 'dispositional predicates'--constructed philosophical arguments that eventuated in sententious pronouncements (ostensibly *ad se ipsum*) about what 'can' and 'cannot' be done, and what 'we' 'should' or 'should not' say about it.

To me at least, the abundance of such aphorisms and assertions suggest that *unscharfe Grenzen* of the sort which arise in semantic analyses of 'deontic' as well as 'alethic' modalities (cf., e.g., Boos 2003) may have been more or less *invisible* to him, despite the fact that he made acute observations about such *Unschärferelationen* in their 'doxastic' and 'epistemic' counterparts..

Be that as it may, notice also that the *LPA's Welt* and the *PU's Lebensform(en)* (or *Lebenswelt(en)*) shared a common attribute: their 'phenomena' (unlike those of, say, Kant) are 'appearances' without any clearly identifiable observer to which they 'appear' (even, so to speak, "überhaupt").

Whatever rationales one might offer for such 'appearances' in other contexts, I believe that Wittgenstein's repudiation of any such 'observability' or 'intentional inexistence' reflects once again the 'horror metatheoriae' I have attributed to him. In the *LPA*, of course, Wittgenstein clearly believed he had found a 'resolution' of this problem (which seems to me fundamentally methodological rather than epistemic) in his allusive and (literally) recondite analyses of 'solipsism' and 'mysticism'.

In his later work, I believe, a modulated form of *horror metatheoriae* underlay the tenacity, even ferocity, of his elenctic assault on whole galleries of rhetorical *Strohänner* and *Schießbudenfiguren* who dared suggest that 'inner' observations, expectations and other 'intentional' responses to language-games might merit the accolade of game-theoretic 'existence', even though they were not (or 'could never be') adequately manifested in public language-games' 'An-' and 'Verwendungen'.

There are of course no passages in the *PU* comparable to *LPA* 5.64. But there do seem to me lines of argument which converge on a kind of *collective solipsism* (cf. Elizabeth Anscombe's "linguistic idealism")--an elusive view in which

- 5 'we' express ourselves entirely in 'public' languages, and these public languages are bounded
- 6 'below' (or 'within') by 'nonsensical' *vacua*, and

- 7 'above' (or 'without') by equally 'nonsensical' levels of complexity and metatheoretic ascent ("cf. [s]ie sind mir geschlossen", *PU* II, 537)

Taken together, such prescriptive and proscriptive limitations apply to 'outer' limits of 'public' language-games ('the way up'), and to 'inner' ones, which enclose black boxes (or *Käferschachteln*) of intentionality ('the way down'). They also seem to define new, ever so slightly extended topological boundaries of Wittgenstein's '*Fliegenglas*'. Wittgenstein's closed '*phenomenologies*' of 'public' language-games *might* indeed have '*left everything as it is*'. But they have also told us very little about *what might be*, and offered few insights into 'the starry heavens above us', much less 'the moral law within us'.

It remains open to Wittgenstein's critics, in any event, to

- 8 acknowledge that *nonconstructive forms of concept-formation* may lead us into labyrinths of (*Philosophen*)*unsinn*, but
- 9 hope that they might *also* indicate new heuristic analyses and provisional modes of escape from his *Fliegengläsern*,
- 10 and offer a bit of useful instruction in consequence in *compassion* and *intellectual modesty*.

(*Who are 'we', after all, that 'we' are so mindful of 'us'?*)

#### 4. ...WHAT 'WE' (MIGHT) 'SAY' ABOUT WHAT 'WE' (MIGHT) 'USE' TO UNDERSTAND [WHAT 'WE' (MIGHT) 'SAY' ABOUT WHAT 'WE' (MIGHT) 'USE' TO UNDERSTAND] ...

I have not made any attempt in this brief essay to trace through any systematic textual correlations or interrelations between Wittgenstein's usage(s) of '*games*', '*grammar(s)*', '*meanings*' and '*use(s)*'. One rationale (or excuse) for this is that conflicting assertions in the published texts and *Nachlaß* often seem to offer exemplary instances of skeptical *isostheneia*. Instead, I will focus in this section on the *contextuality*, *liminality*, *relationality* and '*dispositionality*' which seem to me characteristic of *all*

*four* of these notions, as well as most others to which he gives any serious measure of semantic or semeiotic force.

Many of Wittgenstein's more aggressive assertions about language-games' 'grammar' and dismissive assertions about what 'we' (can) 'do'

- 1 trump dialectical counterarguments which appeal to metatheoretic ascent;
- 2 block metatheoretic applications of otherwise persuasive elenctic arguments; and
- 3 permit Wittgenstein's more successful *personae* to retain the (locally) final word.

Collectively, in fact, the elenctic and eristic roles of Wittgenstein's many claims about '(our) grammar' and what 'we' (can) 'say' in the *PU* suggest he thought that

- 4 such claims might 'constitute' *Lebensformen* (or *Lebenswelten*), (in the quasi-metatheoretic sense introduced above) much as he had once believed that
- 5 comparable claims about ('my') *logic* and what 'I' can 'show' might 'constitute' the LPA's '*Welt*'.

To me at least, these analogies also bring to mind another, very different historical comparison: between

- 6 Wittgenstein rigorous 'use'-based semantics (or semeiology) of 'meaning', and
- 7 David Hume's equally rigorous and dogmatically ambiguous 'Custom'-based semeiology of 'causation'.

If the analogy is at all tenable, it suggests that the corresponding 'dogmatic ambiguities' came at a high price in both cases. Hume, notoriously, could not even locate '*himself*', much less '*Custom*', in the tines of his 'fork' or the focal field of his 'microscope'. And Wittgenstein--comparably, I believe--could not tell 'us' who 'we' are, or provide a '*useful*' or applicable characterisation of 'use'.

The principal reason for this, I believe, is that ranges of 'use' are as *dispositional* (open to *indefinite* varieties of alternate *interpretation*) as are

ranges of 'purpose', 'intention', 'consequence' and (for that matter) 'consciousness'.

Put somewhat differently, in 'semantic paradoxical' form: if there 'is' no 'game' of 'all' 'games', why should there be a 'Verwendung' of 'all' 'Verwendungen'? Alternatively paraphrased in Wittgenstein's ambiguously 'dialogical' manner: is there a 'use' for 'us' to (talk about) 'our' 'use'?

*Aporien* that arise naturally, even inevitably, in straightforward attempts to 'answer' such reflexive questions suggest

- 8 that *all* the notions italicised in the last paragraph--'use' and 'uses of use'--conspicuously among them--are comparably 'dispositional': that is,
- 9 subject to adjudication and readjudication, in the very same sorts of 'interpretants' and 'metatheoretic' thought-experiments Wittgenstein deployed again and again against his own straw-opponents; and
- 10 that the only recourses available to Wittgenstein to 'bound' such hermeneutic and metatheoretic ascents were to arrogate the last word (at least rhetorically), and simply *decree* that they 'must' 'have an end'.

(The 'last philosopher', so to speak, can be anyone who claims the right to turn off the metatheoretical lights and leave the room) Also like Hume--or at least my interpretation of Hume--Wittgenstein

- 11 conflated his 'empirical' *horror metatheoriae* with a shadow-background *monism* (which in my view he never seriously questioned); and
- 12 'grounded' the 'unity' of his linguistic counterparts of phenomenologists' "impressions" and "ideas" in 'complete' and hypothesis-free 'phenomenology' for which he could not offer any 'game'-theoretic justification

(Hume, who had a wry sense of humor, once likened the 'Custom' which grounded his 'phenomena' to a form of "preestablished harmony" and "final cause"; cf. *E I*, 54-5).

Since I have used the word 'dispositional' more than once, and in senses Wittgenstein roundly rejected (cf., e.g., *PU II*, 501), it may be useful at this point to pause and try to clarify the sense(s) for it (I think) I have in mind.

Consider first

- 13 the *primary etymology* of its verbal Latin antecedent *dis-ponere*--to place arrange or distribute in *different alternate* locations--and
- 14 subsequent suggestive *extensions* of this 'literal' usage to a kind of *liberum arbitrium*, or intentional '*freedom*' to *choose* among such alternatives

(Both senses linger in odd linguistic corners--the French military expression "*(vous pouvez) disposer*", for example, for the English "dismissed").

It is presumably evident why a philosopher who rejected attempts to integrate '*interior*' forms of *intentionality* as well as '*potentiality*' into his language games might reject 'game'-theoretic appeals to<sup>14</sup>, much as Hume had finessed questions of '*interior*' "Liberty and Necessity" in *E I* 80-103.

Less evident may be the extent to which Wittgenstein was equally wary of conceptual or hermeneutic counterparts of the 'physical' *plurality* in 13, and determined to preserve some sort of *monism* or metaphysical *realism* at the (still ineffable) margin of an allegedly 'complete' epistemic 'phenomenology' of public *Sprachspiele*.

In opposition to these commitments, I conjecture that *hermeneutic plurality* and *game-theoretic incompleteness* ( a weak form of '*freedom*') may 'regulate' 'game'-internal *individuation*--make it 'possible', in some quasi-Kantian sense.

In physical terms, such *individuation* might be likened to '*artificial*' *isolation* and '*localisation*' of systems under '*controlled*' observation.

In 'conceptual' terms, it may be likened to '*intentional*' *isolation* and '*localisation*' of 'games' under '*metatheoretic*' or '*hermeneutic*' observation.

To me, such analogies also suggest

- 15 that '*the world*' may be *filled* with 'dispositional' '*games*' and systems open to indefinite varieties of *experimentation* and *thought-experimentation*;
- 16 that indefinite semeiotic hierarchies of such '*experimentation*' might offer an inherently *incomplete* but arguably 'phenomenological' account of '*experience*'.











































































































































is reconstructed here as a condition which when a context  $\mathbf{m}$  is being chosen restricts the choice of the logic underlying the modalities of  $\mathbf{m}$ .

### **2.2.2 Dialogics for S.05, S.2 and S3**

The major issue here is to determine dynamically – i.e., during the process of a dialogue – in which of the contexts may the Opponent not have to conceded that it is a non-normal one and allowing him thus to choose a non-modal propositional logic different of the standard one. This must be a part of the dialogue's structural rules (unless we are not dealing with dialogues where the dialogical contexts with their respective underlying propositional logic are supposed to have been given and classified from the start). I will first discuss the informal implicit version of the corresponding structural rules and in the following section we will show how to build tableaux which implement these rules while formulating the notion of validity for the non-normal dialogics. Let us formulate a general rule implementing the required dynamics but some definitions first:



















































































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any guides, logic in the strategic sense is our guide to pure discovery. Sherlock Holmes, as Hintikka so aptly puts it, was quite right: strategically speaking, Watson, what is truly elementary is that the secret of all discovery lies in logic.

Now for some technical qualifications and explanations. There is no need for us to explain the parallelism between deductive inferences and question-answer steps mentioned above in the case of simple wh-questions, since in that case the use of a proposition of the form

$$(3.27) \quad K(\exists x)S[x]$$

as a presupposition of a question yields a response in the form of a proposition

$$(3.28) \quad K S[b]$$

where  $b$  is the individual specified by the answer. Now, the answer cannot possibly be conclusive unless

$$(3.29) \quad K(\exists x/K)(b=x)$$

which allows us to substitute for  $b$  a universally quantified variable falling within “ $K$ ”’s scope. This important step, from (3.27) to (3.28), which parallels existential instantiation, allows us to go from

$$(3.30) \quad (\exists x)S[x]$$

to

$$(3.31) \quad S[\beta]$$

where  $\beta$  stands for the “dummy name” or the name of “an arbitrary individual,” like “John Doe” on a legal form. (3.28) and (3.31) are analogous, and the rest of the interrogative argument will preserve this analogy, which is the basis of the parallelism between deductive and questioning strategies. Now, we can extend this parallelism to more complex cases by generalizing the rule of existential instantiation. The extended form, which allows us to move from a first-order sentence  $S_o = S_o[(\exists x)S_1[x]]$ , is in the negation normal form. It contains the subformula

$$(3.32) \quad (\exists x)S_1[x]$$

to a sentence where (3.32) is replaced by a sentence having the form





























































von Neumann operator calculus in Hilbert space and projection postulate, Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and reduction of the wave packet, Pauli's canonical conjugate variables, the de Broglie wave particle duality, probability waves, superposition, and the Planck correspondence principle. We may thus one day soon if not before come to see a new logical light at the proverbial end of the quantum tunnel, and a friendly one at that.



































(h) “Kolme itävaltalaisista rautatieasemaa ja kiinalainen onnenpeli: Huomioita Grazin filosofikokouksesta 1-4.10.1970”, *Parnasso* **20**, (1970), 512-515. (“Three Austrian Railway-stations and a Chinese Game of Chance: Observations From the Meinong-Colloquium in Graz, 1-4 October 1970”.)

(i) “Kontinuumiongelma ja joukko-opin aksiomaatiikan probleemat”, *Arkhimedes* **22**, (1970), 1-7. (“The Continuum Problem and the Problems of Axiomatic Set Theory”.)

(j) “Kybernetiikka ja yhteishuntatieteiden metodologia”, *Sosiologia* **7**, (1970), 217-225. (“Cybernetics and the Methodology of Social Sciences”.)

(k) “Nykyinen logiikka filosofian apuvälineenä”, in *Logiikka ja matematiikka-Studia Logica et Mathematica*, Werner Söderström Oy, Porvoo-Helsinki, 1970, 41-60. (“Modern Logic as a Tool in Philosophy”.)

(l) “Objects of Knowledge and Belief: Acquaintances and Public Figures”, *The Journal of Philosophy* **67**, (1970), 869-883.

Individuals can be identified between different possible worlds in two ways, descriptively and by acquaintance. The latter depends on someone’s first-hand cognitive relationships to individuals, and identifies them if they play the same role in these relations. If “B” picks out the same individuals from all worlds compatible with A’s memories, A remembers who or what B is; if the same individual by acquaintance, A remembers B. This yields a semantical analysis of the direct-object construction with “remembers” (and likewise with “knows”, “perceives”, etc.).

(m) “On Attributions of ‘Self-Knowledge’”, *The Journal of Philosophy* **67**, (1970), 73-87.

This is a reply to a paper by H.N. Castañeda in the same journal. The following points are made: (1) ordinary language should be interpreted by means of logical semantics, not vice versa. (2) Castañeda misinterprets the relation of my condition to instantiation. (3) Castañeda’s example of the amnesiac hero is solved by a distinction between different methods of individuation (descriptive and by acquaintance). (4) Castañeda’s back-reference notation is compared with a semantical theory of the subject.

(n) “On Kant’s Background”, *Ajatus* **31**, (1970), 164-170.

(o) “On Semantic Information”, in *Information and Inference*, Jaakko Hintikka and Patrick Suppes, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1970, 3-27.

(p) “Philosophy of Science (Wissenschaftstheorie) in Finland”, *Zeitschrift für allgemeine Wissenschaftstheorie* **1**, (1970), 119-132.

This is a brief survey of recent work in the philosophy of science in Finland. The main sources of influence emphasized are Eino Kaila (1890-1958) and G.H. von Wright (b. 1916). The main topics covered are: induction and probability; information and explanation; the role of auxiliary (theoretical) terms; measurement; general methodology of social and behavioral sciences; finalistic explanation; methodology of sociology and history.

(q) “‘Prima Facie’ Obligations and Iterated Modalities”, *Theoria* **36**, (1970), 232-240.

A reply to Trandy’s paper in the same issue pp. 221-231. Main points: (1) A semantic system of deontic logic stands on its own feet, and (2) does not have to rely on any straightforward translation into ordinary language. (3) My semantics deals with ‘seinsullen’ rather than ‘tunsullen’. (4) It associates automatically a clear sense to the iteration of deontic operators. (5) The notion of permission it relies on is essentially that of Hohfeld’s liberty. (6) Trandy notwithstanding, it does distinguish between obligation and necessity.

(r) “The Semantics of Modal Notions and the Indeterminacy of Ontology”, *Synthese* **21**, (1970), 408-424.

Quantification into modal contexts depends on cross-identifications of individuals between possible worlds, which in turn depends on the structure and interrelations of these worlds. There is hence no guarantee that cross-identification always succeeds. It will fail for the worlds needed for realistic applications of logical modalities, partly vindicating Quine’s criticism of them. In general, world lines of individuals cannot always be extended from a world to others.

(s) “Statistics, Induction and Lawlikeness: Comments on Dr. Vetter’s Paper”, in *Induction, Physics, and Ethics. Proceedings and Discussions of the 1968 Salzburg Colloquium in the Philosophy of Science*, P. Weingartner and G. Zech, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1970, 91-102.

(t) “Surface Information and Depth Information”, *Information and Inference*, Jaakko Hintikka and Patrick Suppes, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1970, 263-297.

Measures of probability and information are defined for the sentences of a finite first-order (quantificational) language in a natural way such that logically equivalent sentences don’t always have the same probability of information. The resulting “surface probability” satisfies all the other axioms of probability calculus. A valid logical argument from p to q yields more surface information if and only if it is nontrivial in the sense of 1973(a). The usual “depth” probability and “depth” information are related to surface notions. There is a sense in which the depth information of p is the limit of its surface information when more and more of the logical consequences of p are uncovered, e.g., by turning it into deeper and deeper distributive normal form. (Note: A model theory for surface notions can be obtained by means of Rantala’s urn models along the lines sketched in (1975(b).)

(u) “Two Studies in Probability”, in *Reports from the Institute of Philosophy, University of Helsinki*, (1970), 58 pp.

(v) (with Raimo Tuomela) “Towards a General Theory of Auxiliary Concepts and Definability in First-order Theories”, in *Information and Inference*, Jaakko Hintikka and Patrick Suppes, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1970, 298-330.

**1971***Papers*

(a) “Different Kinds of Equivocation in Aristotle”, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* **9**, (1971), 368-372.

The interrelations of (1) synonymy, (2) homonymy, and (3) the intermediate class of “pollakhos legetai” in Aristotle are studied here. The independence of (3) “vis-à-vis” (2) is defended against G.E.L. Owen. The role of development of (3) is emphasized. In Aristotle, (3) “owes its genesis as much to the breakdown of the homonymy-amphiboly distinction as to the breakdown of the synonymy-homonymy dichotomy.”

(b) “Inductive Generalization and Its Problem: A Comment on Kronthaler’s Comment”, *Theory and Decision* **1** (1971), 393-398.

(c) “Knowledge and its Objects in Plato”, *Ajatus* **33**, (1971), 168-200.

Plato thought of the relation of such ‘dynameis’ as knowledge, belief, saying, etc., to their objects as something like ‘aiming at’ or ‘trying to realize themselves in’ these objects. Several consequences of this observation are studied: (1) “Euthydemus” 284 B-C represents a serious temptation; (2) difference between objects implies difference between the ‘dynameis’; (3) hence Plato’s argument for the forms in “Rep” 475-480; (4) meaningful but false saying becomes a problem, for meaningful (successful) saying seems to involve realization of the ‘dynamis’ in its objects, i.e., truth; (5) by the same token, true belief and knowledge seem to be inseparable.

(d) “The ‘Lottery Paradox’ and the Concept of Shared Information”, *Ajatus* **33**, (1971), 266-270.

The lottery paradox always involves a situation in which  $P(S)$  is greater than or equal to  $T - E$ ,  $P(T)$  is greater than or equal to  $T - E$ .  $P(S \& T)$  is greater than or equal to  $T - E$ , where  $T - E$  is the acceptance level. A condition for this not to happen is that  $T - P(S \text{ or } T)$  is greater than or equal to  $E$ . This can be interpreted as saying that S and T must have a certain minimum amount of information in common (in the sense of transmitted content). (Edited)

(e) “On Defining Information”, *Ajatus* **33**, (1971), 271-273.

Suppose that we first know S and then come to know T. The increase of information at the second step is  $\text{cont}(S \& T) - \text{cont}(S)$ . It must be assumed that this equals the information of the weakest additional premise which jointly with S implies T, i.e., equals  $\text{cont}(CST)$ . It is shown that this equation justifies, together with certain normalizing assumptions, the usual definition  $\text{cont}(R) = T - P(R)$ .  $P(R)$  being the probability of R.

(f) “On the Ingredients of an Aristotelian Science”, *Reports from the Institute of Philosophy: University of Helsinki*, no. 3, (1971). (An early version of “On the Ingredients of an Aristotelian Science” *Nous* **6**, (1972), 55-69.)

(g) “Semantics for the Prepositional Attitudes”, in *Reference and Modality*, Leonard Linsky, editor, London/New York, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1971, 145-167.

(h) “Some Main Problems of Deontic Logic”, in *Deontic Logic: Introductory and Systematic Readings*, Risto Hilpinen, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1971, 59-104.

(i) “Sosa on Propositional Attitudes de dicto and de re”, *The Journal of Philosophy* **68**, (1971), 489-497.

Comments on Sosa’s paper in the same issue, pp. 883-896. Sosa’s main question concerning ‘exportability’ (validity of existential generalization) is an apt one, but he neglects the resources of semantics. As a consequence, Sosa is led to exaggerate the role of pragmatic and contextual factors and to neglect e.g. the connection between exportation and who- and what-constructions. Several examples of Sosa’s are analyzed and shown not to support his conclusions. His main statements of the conditions of exportability can nevertheless be accepted with relatively small changes.

(j)(with Risto Hilpinen) “Rules of Acceptance, Indices of Lawlikeness, and Singular Inductive

Inference: Reply to a Critical Discussion”, *Philosophy of Science* **38**, (1971), 303-307.

## 1972

### *Papers*

(a) “Concept as vision. Todellisuuden esittämisen ongelmasta modernissa kuvataiteessa ja modernissa filosofiassa”, *Aika* **66**, (1972), 133-146. (“On the Problem of Representation in Modern Art and Modern Philosophy”.)

(b) “Constituents and Finite Identifiability”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* **1**, (1972), 45-52.

Syntactic criteria are formulated in terms of the author’s constituents for (i) the finite definability (identifiability) and (ii) the restricted identifiability (i. Up to the cardinality of the domain) of a given predicate in a first-order theory T. They are manifested by the disappearance of certain uncertainty sets in the members of an expansion of T. But (unlike the case of explicit or piecewise definability) these sets may occur inside constituents, not in the outmost layer of quantifiers.

(c) “Different Constructions in Terms of the Basic Epistemological Concepts: A Survey of Some Problems and Proposals”, in *Contemporary Philosophy in Scandinavia*, Raymond Olsen and Anthony M. Paul, editors, The Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore and London, 1972, 105-122.

“Die Intentionen der Intentionalität”, *Neue Hefte für Philosophie*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Netherlands, 1972.

“Kantian Intuitions”, *Inquiry* **15**, (1972), 341-345.

By way of a reply to Charles Parson's paper in the Nagel Festschrift, Kant's notion of intuition (*Anschauung*) is examined. It is argued that for Kant the immediate relation which an intuition has to its object is a mere corollary to its singularity. It does not presuppose (as Parsons suggests) any presence of the object to the mind. This is shown, e.g., by the prolegomena section 8, where the objects of intuitions a priori are denied by Kant to be so present, they yield knowledge, not in virtue of their immediacy but in virtue of their ideality.

(f) "Knowledge by Acquaintance — Individuation by Acquaintance" in *Bertrand Russell: A*

*Collection of Critical Essays*, David Pears, editor, Anchor Books/Doubleday and Co., Garden

City, NJ, 1972, 52-79.

Russell's distinction between knowledge by description and knowledge by acquaintance is not only epistemological in nature, but also semantical, concerning the entities whose existence is presupposed in the semantics of our language. The distinction is here traced back to a contrast which in a possible-worlds treatment can be found between two kinds of methods of cross-identification, by means of the criteria we use in deciding whether it is known who or what someone or something is or by means of the criteria we use in deciding whether one knows someone or something. This distinction is parallel to a distinction between perceiving who or what and perceiving someone or something. This rational reconstruction of Russell's distinction is related to his use of sense-data as objects of acquaintance, his notion of "logically proper name", and his attempted "reduction to acquaintance."

(g) "Leibniz on Plenitude, Relations, and the Reign of Law", in *Leibniz: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Harry Frankfurt, editor, Anchor Books, Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N.J., 1972, 155-190.

(h) "Mitä on kybernetiikka? in *Mitä-Missä-Milloin: Kansalaisen vuosikirja 1972*, Paul Kojo et al., editors, vol. 23, Otava, Helsinki, 1972, 294-295. (What is cybernetics?)

(i) "On the Ingredients of an Aristotelian Science", *Nous* 6, (1972), 55-69.

Because an Aristotelian science relied on syllogistic logic, Aristotelian scientific inferences use sequences of nested terms. The primitive assumptions of any one science were hence threefold: (i) common axioms, assumptions shared by all sciences; (ii) atomic premises, dealing with the connections between two adjacent terms; (iii) generic premises, postulating the existence of the genus studied in the science in question. Assumptions (iii), but not (ii), carry existential force. Aristotle sometimes calls assumptions (ii) and even (iii) definitions. This is argued for among other things by reference to the text of *Post An.* 1, 2 and 10 and to the force of the terms *deixis* and *apodeixis* in Aristotle.

(j) "Transcendental Arguments – Genuine and Spurious", *Nous* 6, (1972), 274-281.

Kant called knowledge transcendental when it deals with ‘the mode of our knowledge of objects ... a priori’ (A11=B25) – knowledge which is possible only of ‘what we ourselves put into’ objects (B xvii). The suggestion is made that transcendental arguments for Kant dealt essentially with this contribution of the human mind to our knowledge. The views of Strawson, Gram (*Nous* 5 (1971), 135-172) and others of so-called transcendental arguments are criticized from this point of view.

(k) “Valtasuhteet, määränemmistösuhteet ja parlamentarismien luonne”, *Aika* 66, (1972) 406-411. (Power Relations, Qualified Majority Rules, and the Nature of Parliamentary Democracy”.)

(l) “Some Main Problems in Epistemic Logic: Two comments”, *Ajatus* 34, (1972), 144-148.

This note is a reply to the notes by Tomberlin and Wu in the same volume. It is suggested that Tomberlin’s desiderata might be achieved by not assuming the epistemic law “K (P) and K(Q) implies K(P and Q)”, the semantic interpretation of the resulting system is outlined.

### 1973

#### **Books**

(a) *Logic, Language-games, and Information*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1973, pp. x+291pp.

The two leading ideas of this book are: (i) the logic, semantics and pragmatics of quantifiers are all based on their role in certain language-games of seeking and finding; (ii) a distinction can be made between nontrivial and trivial logical inferences depending on whether new individuals have to be brought to bear on the inference. As a background and a set of tools, two different logical techniques are expounded: the model set method (chapter 1) and the theory of constituents and distributive normal forms (chapter 11). The following more specific theses are argued for: (a) Model sets can serve as “pictures”, in the sense of Wittgenstein’s so-called picture theory (chapter 2). (b) Language-games of seeking and finding can be used for the translation of quantifier words (chapter 4). (c) These language-games are knowledge-seeking activities in the sense in which Kant in his transcendental philosophy emphasizes such activities (chapter 5). (d) Trivial logical inferences are analytic in a natural sense of the term while nontrivial ones are not (chapter 6). (e) Nontrivial logical arguments are not tautological in any natural sense (chapter 7). (f) Kant’s analytic-synthetic distinction is in the area of mathematical reasoning tantamount to the trivial-nontrivial one. In particular, Kant’s idea that interindividual existential inferences are synthetic can be vindicated (chapter 8). (g) Kant’s notion of analyticity is a natural sequel to earlier ideas of analysis and analyticity (chapter 9). (h) Senses of information (measures of information) can be defined in which logical inferences increase one’s information if they are nontrivial. Such information can be said to be conceptual in a sense and about the world in another (chapter 10).

(b) *Time and Necessity: Studies in Aristotle's Theory of Modality*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1973, vi + 225 pp.

Several interrelated interpretational results are argued for: (i) Aristotle distinguishes between outright ambiguity (homonymy) of a word and its being used in many ways (*pollakhos legetai*). (ii) Aristotle distinguishes substantially but not terminologically “contingency” and “possibility proper”, only the latter of which includes cases of necessity. (iii) In the light of (i)-(iii), we can understand *De Int.* 12-13 if we realize that *akolouthein* does not there mean logical following but literally “going together.” (iv) The paradigmatic vehicle of communication for Greek philosophers was a temporally indefinite (“now”) sentence depending on the moment of its utterance. This explains several features of the views of Greek philosophers, e.g., their ideas that the truth-value of a belief or proposition could change and that we can have knowledge only of what is unchangeable. (v) Aristotle assumed that no possibility can remain unfulfilled through an infinity of time. (vi) Aristotle did not think that the infinite is “potential but never actual”; rather, he thought that the infinite is potentially and actually in an unusual sense of existence. (vii) Aristotle did not deny the applicability of *tertium non datur* to contingent future events. Rather, he distinguished what can be said of temporally definite statements (which according to (v) must be necessary if true) and temporally indefinite statements about them. (viii) Aristotle uses an argument apparently parallel with the Master Argument of Diodorus to defend (v) instead of arguing for determinism. This enables us to conjecture the line of thought used in the Master Argument.

(c) (edited with Julius M.E. Moravcsik and Patrick Suppes) *Approaches to Natural Languages. Proceedings of the 1970 Stanford Workshop on Grammar and Semantics*, D Reidel

Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1973, viii+526 pp.

The papers are arranged under three sub-titles, viz. grammar, semantics, and special topics. Part I on grammar contains papers of stress, phonology, syntax, transformational grammars, and the like. Part II on semantics contains, among other things, papers on the relations between grammar and on belief sentences. Special topics treated in Part III are topicalization and self-reference. Some papers in Parts II and III are followed by special comments. The volume contains 27 essays.

### **Papers**

(a) “Aristotle on the Realization of Possibilities in Time”, in Jaakko Hintikka, *Time and Necessity: Studies in Aristotle's Theory of Modality*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1973, 93-113.) (A fuller version of “Necessity, Universality and Time in Aristotle”, *Ajatus* **20**, 1957), 65-90.)

(b) “Carnap's Semantics in Retrospect”, *Synthese* **25**, (1973), 372-397.

Carnap's work in logical semantics is a culmination of the Fregean tradition based on the contrast extension vs. intension. In characterizing his intensions Carnap came close to the subsequent ‘possible-worlds semantics’ of Montague, Kripke, and

others. Carnap was prevented from developing a full-fledged possible-world as distinguished from an arbitrarily defined logical model. Only the former makes it possible to analyze such propositional attitudes as belief semantically, thus improving essentially on Carnap's discussion. Possible-worlds semantics vindicates the use of intensions in dealing with the problems of identity, but it shows that traditional intensions fail to cope with quantification into nonextensional contexts. Possible-worlds semantics also opens new avenues for behaviouristic interpretations of intensional concepts and of notions like belief. In this respect, too, possible-worlds semantics carries further certain Carnapian ideas.

(c) "Grammar and Logic: Some Borderline Problems", in *Approaches to Natural Languages*, Jaakko Hintikka, Julius M. E. Moravcik and Patrick Suppes, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1973, 197-214.

(d) "Knowing How, Knowing That, and Knowing What: Observations on Their Relation in Plato and Other Greek Philosophers", in *Modality, Morality, and Other Problems of Sense and Nonsense: Essays Dedicated to Sören Hallden*, C.W.K. Gleerup, Lund, 1973, 1-12.

(e) "On the Different Ingredients of an Empirical Theory", in *Logic, Methodology, and the Philosophy of Science*, Patrick Suppes et al., editors, North-Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 1973, 313-322.

(f) "Quantifiers, Language-games, and Transcendental Arguments", in *Logic and Ontology*, Milton K. Munitz, editor, New York University Press, New York, 1973, 37-57.

(g) "Quantifiers vs. Quantification Theory", *Dialectica* 27, (1973), 329-358.

Quantifiers can be dealt with in game-theoretical semantics by allowing the verifier ("myself") to choose the values of existentially bound variables and the falsifier ("nature") to choose the values of universally bound quantifiers. By allowing imperfect information we can obtain a semantics for partially ordered (e.g., branching) quantifiers. It is argued that such quantifier prefixes are exemplified by semantics of English sentences.

(h) "Remarks on *Poiesis, Praxis* and *Ergon* in Plato and Aristotle", in *Studia Philosophica in Honorem Sven Krohn*, Timo Airaksinen and Risto Hilpinen, editors, Turun Yliopisto, Turku, 1973, 53-62.

(i) "Surface Semantics: Definition and its Motivation", in *Truth, Syntax, and Modality. Proceedings of the Temple University Conference on Alternative Semantics*, Hughes Leblanc, editor, North-Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 1973, 128-147.

A kind of model ("possible world") can be described by specifying what ramified sequences of individuals (to a given length  $d$ ) an observer might come upon in such a world. Labelled tree diagrams specifying them are called surface models, on one further condition: that its different parts match as closely as possible, reflecting the requirement that the set of individuals the observer may come upon is the same at each stage of the investigation of the world. Such surface models are

described by the constituents of 1953(a). Hence each proposition in a first-order language admits some surface models of its own depth and excludes the others. Not every surface model corresponds to possible world (model). It corresponds to one if it can be extended indefinitely by increasing  $d$  to infinity.

(j) "Theoretical Terms from Ramsey's Reductions: Outline of Scientific Logic", translated from Russian, V.A. Markov, translator, in *Scientific Lectures for Higher Education: Philosophy of Science*, (1973), 49-61.

(k) (with Ilkka Niiniluoto) "On the Surface Semantics of Proof Procedures", *Ajatus* 35, (1973), 197-215.

The concepts of Hintikka's surface semantics (see H. Leblanc, editor, *Truth, Syntax, and Modality*" 1973) are applied to the evaluation of the efficiency of different first-order proof techniques. By means of an example it is suggested that they cannot be more effective than the use of distributive normal forms, when efficiency is measured in terms of the nonextendable surface models the proof techniques rule out.

## 1974

### Books

(a) *Knowledge and the Known: Historical Perspectives in Epistemology*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1974, xii+ 243 pp.

The following historical or systematic points are argued: (i) Plato dealt with the concepts of knowledge, thinking and saying on a goal-directed model. This explains several peculiarities of his philosophy, including his preoccupation with the problem of meaningful falsehood and his emphasis on knowledge-based skills as unerring skills (chapter 1). It also explains Plato's identification of knowing what  $X$  is (what its definition is) with ability to bring about  $X$  and Plato's use of a craftsman as a conceptual model (chapter 2). (ii) See chapter 4 of 1973(a) (chapter 3). (iii) There is a historical tradition maintaining the superiority of knowledge of objects which one has brought about or has in one's power ("maker's knowledge"). This tradition includes Vico and Kant. The superiority claim nevertheless leads into systematic problems (chapter 4). (iv) See 1961(d) (chapter 5). (v) Kant's transcendental method led him to explain the peculiarity of mathematical method, which he took to be the use of constructions (by which he in effect meant instantiations) by considering the way we come to know the objects of applied mathematics, which are for him particular objects. This way he (mistakenly) identified with sense-perception. Hence he concluded that mathematics is based on the structure of our faculty of sense-perception. This way of looking at Kant's theory of mathematics is supported by a close analogy of his description of the mathematical method and Euclid's expositional practice (chapter 6, 8). (vi) See 1965(b), (chapter 7). (vii) If Kant's "things in themselves" are interpreted as objects as they are independently of the effects of our knowledge-seeking activities and the conceptual framework they use, then first-order logic offers an example of their

unknowability. For because of its undecidability, we cannot ever eliminate all merely apparent possibilities which a proposition admits concerning the world (chapter 10). (vii) See 1969(d), (chapter 11).

(b) *Induzione, accettazione, informazione*, ed. e trad. da Marco Mondadori e Paolo Parlavecchia, Societa editrice il Mulino, Bologna, 1974.

(c) (with Unto Remes) *The Method of Analysis: Its Geometrical Origin and Its General Significance*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht 1974, xviii+ 144 pp.

The nature of the Greek geometrical method of analysis and synthesis is analyzed, especially by reference to Pappus' description of the method. It is argued that Pappus does not assume that the analytic passage from the desired consequence to known premises is deductive. The inevitable role of auxiliary constructions is noted and the difficulties it presented to the theoretical understanding of the method of analysis and synthesis (e.g., the two processes cannot be mirror images of each other) are discussed. What is analyzed in geometrical analysis is a geometrical configuration, not a geometrical proof. This feature explains the use of analysis as a paradigm of the experimental methodology of early modern scientists, who were analyzing physical configurations by essentially the same method.

### **Papers**

(a) "Concept as Vision", *Iyyun* **25**, (1974), 139-157.

(b) "Dinge an Sich' Revisited", in *Akten des 4. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*, Mainz 6-10 April 1974, Teil 1, hg. Gerhard Funke und Joachim Kopper, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 86-96.

(c) "Logic, Philosophy of", in *Encyclopedia Britannica* **11**, Helen Hemingway Benton, editor, Chicago, 1974, 72-77.

(d) "Logiikka ja kielitieteen vallankumous", in *Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia, esitelmät ja pöytäkirjat 1973*, The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, 1974. ("Logic and the Revolution in Linguistics".)

(e) "On the Proper Treatment of Quantifiers in Montague Semantics", in *Logical Theory and Semantic Analysis: Essays dedicated to Stig Kanger on his Fiftieth Birthday*, Sören Stenlund, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1974, 45-60.

(f) "Practical vs. Theoretical Reason: An Ambiguous Legacy", in *Proceedings of the 1972 Bristol Colloquium on Practical Reason*, Stephan Körner, editor, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1974, 83-102.

The inseparability of practical and theoretical reason is illustrated by discussing the history of the assumption that we can have genuine knowledge only of what we can bring about and by discussing Aristotle's concepts of deliberation and practical syllogism.

(g) "Questions on Questions", in *Semantics and Philosophy*, Milton K. Munitz and Peter Unger, editors, New York University Press, New Delhi, 1974, 103-158.

(h) "Reply to Dorothea Frege", *Synthese* **28**, (1974), 91-96.

The thesis (put forward earlier in *Nous* 6 (1972)) is defended against Dorothea Frede that an Aristotelian science has three different kinds of starting points: (1) assumptions common to all sciences; (2) generic premisses; (3) atomic premisses. Frede's doubts about (3) are rebutted. It is maintained that for any particular science (2) carry all the existential assumptions. As a new point, it is emphasized here that Aristotle's failure to distinguish the existential and the predicative force of syllogistic premisses clearly from each other confuses the situation somewhat. Sundry objections by Mrs. Frede are also met.

(i) "Transparent Knowledge Once Again", *Philosophical Studies* 24, (1974), 125-127.

(j)(with Lauri Carlson) "Conditionals, Generic Quantifiers and Other Applications of Subgames", in *Meaning and Use*, A. Margalit, editor, D. Reidel Publishing, Dordrecht, 1974, 179-214.

## 1975

### *Books*

(a) *The Intentions of Intentionality and Other New Models for Modalities*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, x + 262 pp.

After a survey of the different constructions with epistemic verbs and of the problems concerning their interrelations (chapter 1), the following main points are argued: (i) in possible-worlds semantics, the identity of individuals in different worlds cannot be taken for granted, but presents an important conceptual problem. The class of individuals that can be cross-identified depends on the class of worlds being considered, which in the case of propositional attitudes like belief depends on the believer, i.e., on the person or community in question. This vindicates Quine's emphasis on the indeterminacy of ontology, but not his pessimistic conclusions concerning its inscrutability (chapter 2). (ii) In most contexts there are two principal methods of cross-identification, by reference to a public impersonal framework or by reference to a person's direct cognitive relations to the objects of knowledge or belief. The former may be called descriptive identification, the latter identification by acquaintance. This contrast is the same as the contrast between wh-constructions (knowing who, seeing who, etc.). The contrast underlies Russell's distinction between knowledge by description and knowledge by acquaintance (chapter 3). (iii) In cross-identification by acquaintance, world lines connecting the actual world with one's epistemic alternatives are drawn by means of causal chains (chapter 4). (iv) Carnap anticipated possible-worlds semantics technically, but he never considered models as realistic alternatives to the real world (or the actual situation) which preserve the normal meanings of non-logical words and by means of which those meanings can be studied. Once this step is taken, however, all the usual conceptual problems about intensional contexts disappear. In their stead, the problem of cross-identification becomes paramount (chapter 5). (v) This development partially answers Quine's critical questions concerning the viability of quantified model logic

but partly throws them into a sharper focus, viz. by turning them into questions concerning cross-identification (chapter 6). (vi) On the basis of possible-worlds semantics for epistemic logic, a simple and illuminating analysis can be given on the relation of a question to its (conclusive) answers. This analysis relies on the questioner's state of knowledge after the reply is given, and illuminates the pragmatic nature of replies (chapter 7). (vii) The author's earlier distinction between trivial and nontrivial logical inferences (cf. item 1973 *Books* (a) – *Papers* (b) above) is brought to bear to distinguish cases where knowing (fully) the premises entails knowing their consequences and cases where this does not hold (chapter 9). (viii) The intentionality of a concept in the sense of phenomenologists should not be construed as directedness. Rather, it means that the semantics of the concept involves a variety of possible words (situations, scenarios) (chapter 10). (ix) There are analogies between the problem of representation in modern art and in recent meaning theory, e.g., cubists did not seek to capture the (appearances of) objects (references), but the noemata (Husserl) or the senses (Frege) by means of which we refer to them. Also, in both fields the choice of the method of representation has been freed from the hegemony of one preferred mode. Indeed, the very interplay of objects and their representations has become a problem (chapter 11).

(b) *Logica giochi linguistici e informazione: Temi kantiani nella filosofia della logica*, traduzione di Marco Mondadori e Paolo Parlavecchia, in the series Biblioteca di filosofia e metodo scientifico **40**, il Saggiatore, Milano, 1975, 334pp.

(c) (edited) *Rudolf Carnap, Logical Empiricist: Materials and Perspectives*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, lxviii+ 400pp.

The contributions to this volume contain criticisms of Carnap's works as well as articles developing further his ideas.

### ***Papers***

(a) "Answers to Questions" in *The Intentions of Intentionality and Other New Models for Modalities*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, 137-158.

(b) "Carnap and Essler versus Inductive Generalization", *Erkenntnis* **9**, (1995), 235-244.

Essler criticizes me for assigning nonzero prior probabilities to generalizations in infinite domains because the estimate (expected value) of the frequency of different kinds of individuals may nevertheless remain nonzero on finite evidence. This trades on the misleading connotations of terms like "estimate" and "expected value" which are happy only with a sequence of probabilistically independent events. Another criticism alleges that the nonzero probabilities of generalizations have no practical consequences. Yet De Finetti's representation theorem shows that the probabilities one associates with generalizations are determined by the bets one is willing to make on singular events on finite evidence.

(c) "Comment on Professor Bergstrom", *Theoria* **41**, (1975), 35-38.

(d) “Concept as Vision: On the Problem of Representation in Modern Art and in Modern Philosophy”, in *The Intentions of Intentionality and Other New Models for Modalities*, D. Reidel Publishing Company, Dordrecht, 1975, 223-251.

The most important cubist painters conceived of their art as representational and even realistic. This surprising claim is interpreted here by means of the contrast “sinn-bedeutung” (Frege), sense-reference, or noema-object (Husserl): cubists were representing noemata, not objects. This is in keeping with their rejection of perspective and lighting. The general theoretical problems connected with the concept of sense (“Sinn”, “noema”) likewise have partial counter-parts in cubist theory and practice, in particular, the giving up of the idea of “logic as language” in logic and in philosophy of language, i.e., the idea of one inescapable medium of communication which can neither be viewed from the outside nor arbitrarily re-interpreted, parallels the cubist rejection of one preferred method of pictorial representation, i.e., the naturalistic and illusionistic one. Cubists were aware of the relativity of methods of pictorial representation. This technique has a partial analogue in logical model theory in the possibility of interpreting certain sets of expressions as speaking of themselves. (edited)

(e) “A Counterexample to Tarski-type Truth-definitions as Applied to Natural Languages”, *Philosophia* 5, (1975), 207-212.

Sentences of the following type are counter-examples to Davidson’s use of Tarski’s T-schema as applied to natural languages: the sentence “any corporal can become a general” is true if any corporal can become a general. This counter-example is not subject to easy refutations, for it really is a counter-example to the principle that the meaning of a sentence is a function of the meanings of its constituent parts.

(f) “G.H. von Wright on Logical Truth” in *The Philosophy of G.H. von Wright*, P. Schilpp, editor, Open Court, La Salle, Illinois, 1975, 25-39.

(f) “Impossible Possible Worlds Vindicated”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 4, (1975), 475-484.

By means of Rantala’s notion of urn model, a model theory can be developed for the distinction between trivial vs. nontrivial logical truths developed earlier. It is noted that certain urn models cannot in a natural sense be told apart from classical (invariant) models. Then a logical truth is trivial if it is true in all such “almost invariant” models. This yields the same class of logical truths as the earlier formal (syntactical) characterizations.

(g) “Quine on Quantifying: A Dialogue”, in *The Intentions of Intentionality and Other New Models for Modalities*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, 102-136.

(i)(with Ilkka Niiniluoto) “An Axiomatic Foundation of the Logic of Inductive Generalization”, in *Formal Methods in the Methodology of Empirical Sciences*, M. Przelecki et al., editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, 57-81.

(k) (with Veikko Rantala) "Systematizing Definability Theory", in *Proceedings of the Third Scandinavian Logic Symposium, Uppsala, April 1973*, Stig Kanger, editor, North-Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 1975, 40-62.

(h) (with Unto Remes) "Ancient Geometrical Analysis and Modern Logic", in *Essays in Memory of Imre Lakatos*, R.S. Cohen et al., editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1975, 253-276.

(j)(with Esa Saarinen) "Semantical Games and the Bach-Peters Paradox", *Theoretical Linguistics* 2, (1975), 1-20.

### 1976

#### **Books**

(a) *The Semantics of Questions and the Questions of Semantics: Case Studies in the Interrelations of Logic, Semantics and Syntax*, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 28, no. 4, (1976), 200 pp.

A direct question Q is analyzed as a request to bring out the state of knowledge specified by the desideratum of Q. Desiderata are studied by means of epistemic logic and used to define the presupposition of Q and a criterion which (conclusive) answers to Q have to satisfy. Existential and universal readings of desiderata are distinguished from each other. This approach is applied to multiple questions in English. It is argued that the set of acceptable readings cannot be explained either by the epistemic logic treatment or by any reasonable variety of the generative treatment, but can be explained by treating (subordinate) questions by means of game-theoretical semantics. Other problems concerning questions are also dealt with, including the relationship of subordinate questions to relative clauses, especially relative clauses without antecedents. Among the general theoretical suggestions of the results achieved there are specific limitations of generative-syntactical methods and the relativity of several central semantical concepts (e.g., ambiguity) to the underlying framework of semantical representation.

(b) (edited with others) *Essays on Wittgenstein in Honour of G.H. von Wright*, *Acta Philosophical Fennica* 28, 1-3, (1976), 516 pp.

This volume is a Festschrift on the occasion of G.H. von Wright's sixtieth birthday. The contributions to it can be devoted to the following aspects of Wittgenstein's life and philosophy: personal reminiscences, editing Wittgenstein, logic and philosophy of language, philosophy of mathematics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of action, ethics, aesthetics and wider perspectives.

#### **Papers**

(a) "Back to Frege? A reply to Dr. Potts", in *Proceedings of the Bristol Colloquium on Philosophical Logic*, Stephan Körner, editor, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1976.

(b) “Gaps in the Great Chain of Being: An Exercise in the Methodology of the History of Ideas”, *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association* **49**, (1976), 22-38.

There are no “unit ideas”, in Lovejoy’s sense to serve as the ultimate subject matter of the history of ideas. The implications of any idea depend on its context and on the background of its use. Their central role in the history of ideas is due instead to the fact that they define conceptual issues involved in the history of ideas. These points are illustrated and argued for by reference to the idea Lovejoy calls “the Principle of Plenitude” (the realization of all possibilities in time).

(c) “Information, Causality, and the Logic of Perception”, *Ajatus* **36**, (1976), 76-94.

(d) “Language-games”, in *Essays on Wittgenstein in Honour of G.H. von Wright*, Jaakko Hintikka, et al., editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **28**, nos. 1-3, (1976), 105-125.

The basic idea of Wittgenstein’s later philosophy of language is that the basic representative relations between language and the world are mediated by certain rule-governed human activities, language-games. This does not affect the basic idea of his picture theory, which is that combinations of symbols (“names”) represent analogous combinations of entities F (“objects”) in the world, because this idea is independent of the way basic semantical relations operate. The reason why Wittgenstein does not emphasize the semantical role of language-games is his general assumption that semantics is ineffable.

(e) “Partially ordered quantifiers vs. partially ordered ideas”, *Dialectica* **30**, (1976), 89-99.

In response to Stenius (see the same number of *Dialectica*) the following main points are made: (1) Stenius’ claim that my semantical games are inevitably games with perfect information is based on a failure to understand the concept of strategy; (2) his translation of one of my examples into a linear-quantifier notation is based on ad hoc assumptions that are not available in general; (3) my semantical games can be considered language-games in Wittgenstein’s sense.

(f) “Possible Worlds Semantics as a Framework for Critical and Comparative Philosophy”, in *Contemporary Aspects of Philosophy*, Gilbert Ryle, editor, Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., London, 1976, 57-69.

(g) “The Prospects of Convention T”, *Dialectica* **30**, (1976), 61-66.

Davidson’s reliance on the T-schema (see the same number of *Dialectica*) is criticized by pointing out a counter-example to its unlimited application to natural languages. There is no obvious way of getting around this counter-example, which casts serious doubts on the whole idea of recursive truth-conditions as the main tool of semantics.

(h) “Quantifiers in Logic and Quantifiers in Natural Language”, in *Philosophy of Logic. Proceedings of the 1974 Bristol Colloquium*, Stephan Körner, editor, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1976, 208-232.

Quantifier phrases behave in natural languages rather like other denoting noun phrases. This fact is not accounted for by using the usual first-order logic as one's canonical notation. It is shown how a game-theoretical treatment explains the similarity: each quantifier phrase will denote one particular individual, but only relative to a play of a semantical game. Moreover, the values (denotations) of existential and universal quantifiers are selected by a different player.

(i) "The Question of Question Mark: A Comment on Urs Egli", *Dialectica* **30** (1976), 101-103.

Certain difficulties in Egli's treatment of questions in the same number of *Dialectica* are pointed out, especially, the difficulty of treating direct and subordinate questions in the same way.

(j) "Quine vs. Peirce?", *Dialectica* **30**, (1976), 7-8.

Supplementing Føllesdal's paper in the same number of "Dialectica", it is pointed out the way in which Quine's sense of "possible observation" differs from other uses of the same expression in being extremely narrow. The course of natural events is thought of by him as being fixed and only the movements of observers as being variable.

(k) "Who is afraid of Ludwig Wittgenstein? Reply to Professor Fogelin", in *Proceedings of the*

*Bristol Colloquium on Philosophical Logic*, Stephan Körner, editor, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1976.

(l) (with Heikki Kannisto) "Kant on 'The Great Chain of Being' or the Eventual Realization of all Possibilities: A Comparative Study", *Philosophic Exchange* **2**, (1976), 69-85.

In his early pre-critical writings, Kant accepted the principle that each possibility is eventually realized. In 1770, he rejected it, but turned back to a qualified acceptance in his mature period. The reason for the last change is that Kant limited the relevant possibilities to experiential ones. But since this limitation is due to ourselves (to the mode of functioning of human sensibility, understanding, and reason), there is no independently given range of possibilities for the principle to apply to. This explains Kant's ambivalence towards the principle.

(m) (with Ilkka Niiniluoto) "An Axiomatic Foundation for the Logic of Inductive

Generalization" in *Formal Methods in the Methodology of Empirical Sciences*, M.

Przelecki, et al., editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1976, 57-81.

(n) (with Veikko Rantala) "A New Approach to Infinitary Languages", *Annals of Mathematical Logic* **10**, (1976), 95-115.

In most of the infinitary languages currently studied, formulas are thought of as having been built by recursion from atomic ones. This assumption imposes various finitistic features on the formulas. In this paper, new languages are defined, whose formulas are not constructed step by step from atomic ones but are defined

directly as certain tree-like structures. The notion of satisfaction is defined for them game-theoretically. In these languages, infinitary counterparts to Hintikka's constituents can be defined. Some fundamental properties of these generalized constituents are briefly studied.

(o) (with Unto Remes) "Ancient Geometrical Analysis and Modern Logic" in *Essays in*

*Memory of Imre Lakatos*, R. Cohen and M. Wartofsky, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co.,

Dordrecht, 1976, 253-276.

### 1977

#### Books

(a) (with Unto Remes and Simo Knuuttila) *Aristotle on Modality and Determinism*, *Acta*

*Philosophica Fennica* 29, no. 1, (1977), 124pp.

(b) (edited with Robert Butts) *Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress of Logic*,

*Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, London, Ontario, Canada, 1975, 4 vols., D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1977. (Includes **1** *Logic, Foundations of Mathematics and Computability Theory*, x+406pp.; **2** *Foundational Problems in the Special Sciences*, x+427pp.; **3** *Basic Problems in Methodology and Linguistics*, x+420pp.; **4** *Historical and Philosophical Dimensions of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, x+336pp.)

#### Papers

(a) "Quantifiers in Natural Languages: Some Logical Problems II", *Linguistics and Philosophy* **1**, (1977), 153-172.

Two logical problems concerning natural-language quantifiers are discussed: branching quantifiers and the behavior "any." These exemplify two major explanatory strategies made possible by a game-theoretical treatment, viz. the possibility of informationally independent moves and the use of ordering principles governing the applications of different game rules. As to branching quantifiers, more evidence of their presence in natural language is uncovered. As to "any", the ordering principles governing it are registered and a condition, the *any*-thesis, for its acceptability in a given context is formulated. Given certain further assumptions, it is shown that, if the *any*-thesis is correct, the class of acceptable sentences of English is not recursively enumerable. This would show that no generative methods can fully account for the acceptability of English sentences.

(b) "The Ross Paradox as Evidence for Reality of Semantical Games", *The Monist* **60**, (1977), 370-379.

The Ross paradox is exemplified by the intuitive invalidity of "John ought to P; therefore John ought to P or Q" in spite of the validity of "OP implies O(P ∨ Q)" in deontic logic. The explanation here offered turns on the fact that in the semantical

game on “John ought to P or Q” my move in choosing R or Q is easily confused with John’s decision to P or to Q. This explanation supports the reality of semantical games, for otherwise their moves could not be confused with real life decisions. Supplementary evidence is adduced for this resolution of the paradox, which also applies to the paradox of free choice permission.

(c) (with Lauri Carlson) “Pronouns of Laziness in Game-theoretical Semantics”, *Theoretical Linguistics* 4, (1977), 1-29.

## 1978

### *Papers*

(a) “Answers to Questions”, in *Questions*, Henry Hiz, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1978, 279-300.

(b) “Aristotle’s Incontinent Logician”, *Ajatus* 37, (1978), 48-65.

Aristotle’s actual syllogistic theory is based on a distinction between perfect syllogisms, which are self-explanatory, and imperfect ones, which are not self-explanatory and which therefore are to be reduced to perfect ones. It is argued that Aristotle’s ideas about the psychology of reasoning nevertheless committed him to holding that all syllogisms are automatic and self-explanatory. All thinking involves *ekthesis*-like instantiations, and such instantiations will automatically implement all syllogisms. Yet Aristotle avoided the use of *ekthesis* in his syllogistic theory as much as possible. This theory is hence a shaky compromise between different theoretical ideas. Aristotle could never explain fully how the knowledge of syllogistic premises does not automatically mean knowledge of the conclusion. This problem is the theoretical counterpart to the corresponding problem of accommodating failures to draw a practical inference, which is Aristotle’s problem of incontinence (*Akrasia*).

(c) “Degrees and Dimensions of Intentionality”, *Versus: Quaderni di studi semiotici* 19, (1978), 73-76.

(d) “A Discourse on Descartes’ Method”, in *Descartes: Critical and Interpretative Essays*, Michael Hooker, editor, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 1978, 74-88.

Descartes’ philosophical and scientific method was a variant of the method of analysis originating from ancient Greek geometry, and a generalization of his analytic (algebraic) method in geometry. The problems connected with it are the same as the problems of understanding the method of analysis in general. The three different types of analysis Buchdahl distinguishes are combined in Descartes’ idea. A difference between Descartes and Newton was that for the former analysis was essentially conceptual analysis whereas for Newton analysis “consists in making experiments and observations.”

(e) (with Merrill Provence (Hintikka)) “Wittgenstein on Privacy and Publicity”, in *Wittgenstein and His Impact on Contemporary Thought*, Elisabeth Leinfellner et al., editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien 1978, 353-362.

**1979****Books**

(a) (edited with Ilkka Niiniluoto and Esa Saarinen) *Essays in Mathematical and Philosophical Logic. Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Logic Symposium and of the 1<sup>st</sup> Soviet-Finnish Logic Conference, Jyväskylä, Finland, June 29-July 6, 1976*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1979, 462 pp.

**Papers**

(a) "Frege's Hidden Semantics" *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **33**, (1979), 716-722.

Frege's main achievement as a semanticist is not his theory of sense and reference, but the creation of semantics for first-order logic. His awareness of the problems of intensional contexts was but a corollary to his insights into the power (and limitations) of the extensional semantics which has since become almost universally adopted. Frege was prevented from formulating this semantics explicitly by his belief in "logic as language" (van Heijenoort) or, more generally, in "language as the universal medium." Only now are the main limitations of Frege's first-order semantics under criticism.

(b) "'Is', Semantical Games, and Semantical Relativity", *Journal of Philosophical Logic* **8**, (1979), 433-468.

Frege and Russell (followed by most subsequent logicians, philosophers, and linguists) claimed that "is" is ambiguous between identity, existence, predication, and general implication. It is shown that no such ambiguity can be present in Hintikka's game-theoretical semantics. This shows that central semantical notions (e.g., ambiguity) can be relative to the underlying semantical (logical) framework. The resulting "'semantical relativity'" has several important implications for the methodology of linguistics, telling, e.g., against all reliance on semantical intuitions or on "the language of thought." It is also anachronistic to project the Frege-Russell ambiguity to most pre-Fregean logicians and philosophers.

(c) "Quantifiers in Natural Languages: Some Logical Problems", in *Game-Theoretical Semantics*, Esa Saarinen, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1979, 81-117.

(d) "Quantifiers in Natural Language: Some Logical Problems I", in *Essays in Mathematical and Philosophical Logic*, Jaakko Hintikka, Ilkka Niiniluoto and Esa Saarinen, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1979, 295-314.

(e) "Rejoinder to Peacocke", in *Game-theoretical Semantics*, Esa Saarinen, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1979, 135-151.

(f) "Virginia Woolf and our Knowledge of the External World", *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* **38**, (1979), 5-14.

As a case study of the interrelations of literature and philosophy in the Bloomsbury group, a comparison is made between Virginia Woolf's fictional technique and Russell's central construction in his book *Our Knowledge of the*

*External World*. Virginia Woolf lets her readers construct her fictional universe. Especially her main characters, out of the impressions of other characters or even from those of merely potential observers. Russell constructs one common world out of the perspectives of individual observers, including merely potential ones. The construction is in neither case a reduction but calculated to enhance the reality of our common everyday world.

(g) (with Lauri Carlson) “Conditionals, Generic Quantifiers, and other Applications of Subgames”, in *Meaning and Use*, Avishai Margalit, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht 1979, 179-214.

The natural treatment of a conditional “if  $X$ , then  $Y$ ”, in game-theoretical semantics is to divide the game on it into two subgames: First, a game with roles reversed is played on  $X$ . Only if the verifier wins this subgame is a game played on  $Y$  (with normal roles) in which the verifiers (nature’s) strategy in the game on  $X$  is remembered. If the syntactical order of  $X$  and  $Y$  is reversed, a different arrangement of subgames is more natural. In this way, several problems in the semantics of conditionals, including the behavior of anaphoric pronouns in them, can be understood.

(h) (with Esa Saarinen) “Information-seeking Dialogues: Some of their Logical Properties”, *Studia Logica* **38**, (1979), 355-363.

## 1980

### Books

*Logical-Epistemological Studies*, V.N. Sadovski and V.A. Smirnova, editors, translated into Russian by V.I. Bryushinkina, et al., in the series Logic and Methodology of Science, V.M. Leontyev, editor, Publishing House ‘Progress’, Moscow, 1980, 448 pp.

### Papers

(a) “Aristotelian Induction”, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **34**, (1980), 422-439.

(b) “C.S. Peirce’s ‘First Real Discovery’ and its Contemporary Relevance”, *The Monist* **63**, (1980), 304-315.

C.S. Peirce made the same distinction between trivial and nontrivial logical truths as was made in 1973(a) calling the two “corollarial” and “theorematic” and attaching a great significance to the distinction. Peirce’s distinction was a generalization from elementary geometry where some arguments do not need auxiliary constructions whereas others do. His insight was that this need of “auxiliary objects” is not obviated by a formalization of the geometrical arguments.

(c) “Degrees and Dimensions of Intentionality”, in *Language, Logic, and Philosophy. Proceedings of the Fourth International Wittgenstein Symposium, 28<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1979*, Rudolf Haller and Wolfgang Grassl, editors, Holder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1980, 283-296.

In the title essay of *The Intentions of Intentionality* it was argued that the intentionality of a concept means that its semantics involves a multiplicity of possible scenarios (“worlds”). This idea is developed further by suggesting that a concept is the more intentional the more different the alternative worlds are from the actual one that are used in its semantics. Since these differences are themselves unlike each other, we obtain a variety of different dimensions of intentionality. The most important is the one in which the alternative worlds need not even be logically possible, only epistemically possible. It turns out that this dimension is found to be especially significant both in our conceptual practice (it distinguishes, e.g., subjective conceptions of probability from objective ones” and in the formal criteria of intentionality that philosophers have proposed.

(d) “In What Sense can Values be Absolute?”, in *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on the Unity of Sciences*, New York, 1980, 35-39.

(e) “On the *Any*-thesis and the Methodology of Linguistics”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 4, (1980), 101-122.

New evidence is adduced for the author’s “any”-thesis (“any” is acceptable if and only if “every” is acceptable in its place and yields a nonequivalent string). Chomsky’s attempted explanation of the same data (in *Rules and Representations*) is refuted. “Any”-thesis implies (jointly with other assumptions) that the set of acceptable English sentence is not generable in any generative grammar. Chomsky’s claim that this entails no major methodological consequences is criticized. E.g., Chomsky’s present position differs radically from his early one; “any”-thesis implies a greater violation of the autonomy of syntax than he acknowledges.

(f) “On Sense, Reference, and the Objects of Knowledge”, *Epistemologia* 3, (1980), 143-164.

(g) “Parmenides’ Cogito Argument”, *Ancient Philosophy* 1, (1980), 5-16.

(h) “Philosophy in Finland since 1945”, in *Handbook of World Philosophy*, John R. Burr, editor, Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., 1980, 15-32.

(i) “Standard vs. Nonstandard Logic: Higher-order, Modal, and First Order Logics”, in *Modern Logic*, Evandro Agazzi, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1980, 283-296.

In the usual Kripke-semantics for modal logic, the set of alternatives to the actual world can be any set of worlds. This does not capture the notion of *logical* necessity, for logical necessity obviously means truth in all logically possible alternatives, not just in some arbitrary set of alternatives. Hence Kripke models for alethic modal logic must be modified and a further requirement imposed on them. This yields a new kind of models for modal logics, which are related to the old ones in the same way standard models of higher-order logics in Henkin’s sense are related to a kind of (weak) nonstandard models. The “standard” modal logic that they define is not well defined, however, before assumptions are made as to what individuals may exist in the alternative worlds, and on suitable further assumptions it is equivalent in power to standard second order logic and hence unaxiomatizable.

The contrast between standard and nonstandard models can be extended to first-order logic.

(j) “Theories of Truth and Learnable Languages”, in *Philosophy and Grammar: Papers on the Occasion of the Quincentennial of Uppsala University*, Stig Kanger and Sven Ohman, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1980, 37-57.

Compositionality (Frege principle) says that the meaning of a complex expression depends functionally on the meanings of its parts. It is shown to amount to semantical context-independence, which fails in e.g., English, as exemplified by branching quantifiers, backwards-looking operators, “any”, etc., Davidson notwithstanding, compositionality is also unnecessary for learnability. Moreover, T-schema (Tarski, Davidson) fails (witness “‘anyone can become a millionaire’ is true if anybody can become a millionaire”).

(k) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Different Language-games in Wittgenstein”, in *Language, Logic, and Philosophy. Proceedings of the Fourth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Rudolf Haller and Wolfgang Grassl, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1980, 417-422.

## 1981

### Books

(a) (edited with David Gruender and Evandro Agazzi) *Theory Change, Ancient Axiomatics, and Galileo’s Methodology: Probabilistic Thinking, Thermodynamics, and the Interaction of the History and Philosophy of Science. Proceedings of the 1978 Pisa Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science*, Synthese Library, 2 vols., D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1981. (Includes Synthese Library **145**, xvi+354pp. and Synthese Library **146**, xiv+324pp.)

### Papers

(a) “Aristotelian Axiomatics and Geometrical Axiomatics”, in *Theory Change, Ancient Axiomatics, and Galileo’s Methodology; Probabilistic Thinking, Thermodynamics, and the Interaction of the History and Philosophy of Science. Proceedings of the 1978 Pisa Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science I*, Synthese Library **145**, Jaakko Hintikka, David Gruender and Evandro Agazzi, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1981, 133-144.

(b) “Intuitions and Philosophical Method”, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **35**, (1981), 74-90.

(c) “Kant on Existence, Predication, and the Ontological Argument”, *Dialectica* **35**, (1981), 127-146.

The ontological argument fails because of an operator order switch between (1) “necessarily there is an (existentially) perfect being” and (2) “there is a being which necessarily is (existentially) perfect”. Here (1) is trivially true logically but (2) is problematic. Since Kant’s criticisms were directed at the notion of existence, not at the step from (1) to (2), they are misplaced. They are also wrong, because

existence can be a predicate. Moreover, Kant did not anticipate Frege's claim that "is" ("isi") is ambiguous between existence, predication, identity, and class-inclusion. To restore the ontological argument, an extra premise is needed to the effect (roughly) that it is known who the existentially perfect being is. The question is raised whether Kant could have meant the failure of this extra premise by his thesis that existence is not a "real" predicate.

(d) "The Logic of Information-seeking Dialogues: A Model", in *Konzepte der Dialektik*, Wilhelm Essler und Werner Becker, editors, Vittorio Klostermann, Frankfurt A.M., 212-231.

(e) "On Common Factors of Dialectics", in *Konzepte der Dialektik*, Wilhelm Essler and Werner Becker, editors Vittorio Klostermann, Frankfurt A.M., 1981, 109-110.

(f) "On Denoting What?", *Synthese* 46, (1981), 167-183.

(g) "On the Logic of an Interrogative Model of Scientific Inquiry", *Synthese* 47, (1981), 60-84.

(h) "Phenomenology vs. Possible-worlds Semantics: Apparent and Real Differences", *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 35, (1981), 113-119.

(i) "Russell, Kant, and Coffa", *Synthese* 46, (1981), 265-270.

(j) "Semantical Games and Transcendental Arguments", in *Theory of Argumentation*, E.M. Barth and J. Martens, editors, John Benjamins, Amsterdam, 1981.

(k) "Semantics: A Revolt Against Frege", in *Contemporary Philosophy: A New Survey*, 1, in the series *Philosophy of Language/Philosophical Logic*, G. Floistad and G.H. von Wright, editors, Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague, 1981, 57-82.

(l) "Theories of Truth and Learnable Languages" in *Philosophy and Grammar: Papers on the Occasion of the Quincentennial of Uppsala University*, Stig Kanger and Sven Ohman, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1981, 37-57.

(m) "Tieteen prosessiluonne ja sen seuraukset tiedesuunnittelulle", *Tieteen tila, KTTS:n monistesarja* 9, Foundation for Research in Higher Education and Science Policy, Helsinki, 1981, 58-80. ("The Process Character of Science and its Consequences for Science Policy".)

(n) "What is an Answer?, and Other Questions in the Theory of Questions and Answers", in *Philosophy As Science and Philosophy of Science*, Edgar Morscher, et al., editors, Comes Verlag, Bad Reichenhall, 1981, 261-277.

(o) "Wittgenstein's Semantical Kantianism", in *Ethics: Foundations, Problems and Applications. Proceedings of the Fifth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Edgar Morscher and R. Stranzinger, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1981, 375-390.

(p) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) "Wittgenstein: Some Perspectives on the Development of his Thought", in *Essays in Philosophical Analysis: Dedicated to Erik Stenius on the Occasion of his 70th birthday*, Ingmar Pörn, editor, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 32, (1981), 79-95.

The concept of ostensive definition plays an important role in Wittgenstein's early middle period. It is a descendant of the idea of showing in "Tractatus." But the allegedly direct naming relations which ostensive definitions can establish were in Wittgenstein's later philosophy constituted by complex language-games, which can be learned only by training, not by ostension. This change led Wittgenstein to deemphasize rules and criteria in his mature philosophy.

(q) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) "Wittgenstein and the 'Universal Language' of Painting", in *Ethics, Foundations, Problems and Applications. Proceedings of the Fifth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, E. Morscher and R. Stranzinger, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1981, 492-497.

## 1982

### Books

(a) *Kieli ja mieli: Katsaus kielifilosofiaan ja merkityksen teoriaan*, Otava, Helsinki 1982. 255pp. (*Language and Meaning. Surveys of the Philosophy of Language and the Theory of Meaning.*)

### Papers

(a) "A Dialogical Model of Teaching", *Synthese* **51**, no.1, (1982), 39-59.

A simple model of teacher-student interaction is set up using a game theoretical framework. This enables us to study instructional strategies, i.e., dependencies of the teacher's and the student's several "moves" on each other. Since some of these moves are question-answer pairs, the model relied on my theory of questions. We can e.g. distinguish different purposes questions can serve in instruction. The relation of instructional strategies to problem solving is briefly discussed.

(b) "Game-Theoretical Semantics: Insights and Prospects", *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic* **23**, (1982), 219-241.

The basic ideas of game-theoretical semantics are implicit in logicians' and mathematicians' folklore but used only sporadically (e.g., game quantifiers, back-and-forth methods. Partly ordered quantifiers). The general suggestions of this approach for natural languages are emphasized: the univocity of "is", the failure of compositionality, a reconstruction of Aristotelian categories, limitations of generative grammars, unity of sentence and discourse semantics, an new treatment of senses and other temporal notions, etc.

(c) "Is Alethic Modal Logic Possible?", in *Intensional Logic: Theory and Applications*, Ilkka Niiniluoto and Esa Saarinen, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **35**, (1982), 89-105.

The correct semantics for logical modalities is not Kripke's. It is insufficient for the logical truth of P that P be true in each alternative, unless we (unlike Kripke) require every set of alternatives to contain all the relevant logically possible structures. Even then we have a problem about the domains of individuals of the

alternatives. If they are not restricted, paradoxes threaten. If they are restricted to actual individuals, we obtain an unaxiomatizable logic.

(d) “Kant’s Theory of Mathematics Revisited”, in *Essays on Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*, J.N. Mohanty and Robert W. Shehan, editors, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, 1982, 201-215.

The author’s interpretation of Kant’s theory of mathematics is defended by pointing out the precise meaning of Kant’s statements in the light of the mathematical practice of his day (Euclid, Descartes). Among the most salient points there are the following: the “datum” of Kant’s theory is the need of auxiliary constructions (instantiations), not appeal to intuitions; the analyticity of mathematical inferences in B 14 refers only to the “apodeixis” part of Euclidean arguments, and hence does not support attempts to trace the syntheticity of mathematics apud Kant back to the axioms.

(e) “Questions with Outside Quantifiers”, in *Papers from the Parasession on Nondeclaratives*, Robinson Schneider, Kevin Tute, and Robert Chametzky, editors, Chicago, 1982, 83-92.

(f) “Semantical Games and Transcendental Arguments”, in *Argumentation: Approaches to Theory Formation*, E.M. Barth and J.L. Martens, editors, John Benjamins, Amsterdam, 1982, 77-91.

(g) “Tag-questions and Grammatical Acceptability”, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics* 5, (1982), 129-132.

(h) “Temporal Discourse and Semantical Games”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 5, (1982), 3-22.

A game-theoretical semantics for temporal discourse offers several advantages, largely because of its semantical context sensitivity: the choices of time-moments correlated with different words can be co-ordinated so as to instantiate a general principle; important regularities (e.g., the any-thesis) can be extended to temporal contexts; Reichenbach’s notion of reference-time is avoided, especially in the contrast between simple past and past perfect.

(i) “Transcendental Arguments Revived”, in *Philosophers on Their Own Work – Philosophers critiques d’eux-mêmes* 9, édité par Andre Mercier and Maja Sviar, Peter Lang, Bern, 1983, 116-133.

(j) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Sherlock Holmes Confronts Modern Logic: Toward a Theory of Information-seeking Through Questioning”, in *Argumentation: Approaches to Theory Formation*, E.M. Barth and J.L. Martens, editors, John Benjamins, Amsterdam, 1982, 55-76.

In ordinary discourse (e.g., detective novels) logical deductions (inferences) are assumed to yield new factual information. Such “deductions” cannot be logical inferences in philosophers’ technical sense, for in this sense all inferences are tautological. It is proposed that they be construed as a series of questions addressed to some source of information, which can be the inquirer’s tacit background knowledge, interspersed by logical inferences in the narrow technical

sense. Such “deductions” cannot be construed as enthymemes, for the questions needed to elicit this knowledge may depend on earlier inferences and earlier questions. Such question-answer sequences can be construed as “games against nature.”

(k) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Towards a General Theory of Individuation and Identification”, in *Language and Ontology. Proceedings of the Sixth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Werner Leinfellner, Eric Kraemer and Jeffrey Schank, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1982, 137-150.

The crucial conceptual problem in possible-worlds semantics is cross-identification. Since in typical cases, the different “possible worlds” share a part, cross-identification is possible if re-identification is possible, for then we can try to compare individuals in different worlds by tracing them in space-time to the common part. But how do we re-identify, say, physical objects? It is shown that if the basic data of the re-identification of propertyless mass points include their instantaneous velocities at different times, their world lines are obtained as solutions to certain systems of differential equations. Physical objects proper are then defined by their surfaces, which are smooth, stable sets of singularities of solutions of those equations. Conceptually, re-identification problem is thus a problem in the stability theory of differential equations. This has philosophical implications, e.g., because it suggests that the concepts of space and time are more basic than the concept of discrete object, for they have to be relied on in the conceptual constitution of physical objects.

(l)(with Jack Kulas) “Russell Vindicated: Towards a General Theory of Definite Descriptions”, *Journal of Semantics* 1, (1982), 387-397.

### 1983

#### **Books**

(a) (with Jack Kulas) *The Game of Language: Studies in Game-Theoretical Semantics and Its Applications*, Synthese Language Library 22, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1983, xii + 344 pp.. (Second, corrected ed. 1985.)

The first chapter presents a survey of the basic ideas and results of game-theoretical semantics (GTS). The following theses are argued in the other chapters: (i) GTS is the correct realization of Kant’s theory of mathematical (for us, logical) reasoning when Kant’s mistaken reliance on perception as the only source of our knowledge of particulars is eliminated (chapter 2). (ii) The true logic of GTS is given by Gödel-type functional interpretations. By their means, certain tricky problems, including the treatment of Geach’s “donkey sentences”, can be solved (chapter 3). (iii) The semantical behavior of negation, “any”, temporal notions, and definite descriptions in natural languages can be fruitfully studied by means of GTS (chapters 4-6). (iv) In GTS, words like “is” are not, and cannot be, assumed to be ambiguous in the Frege-Russell sense between the “is” of identity, predication, existence, and general implication. This ambiguity claim is mistaken, and

differences in use between different “is” can be explained contextually. Even if GTS is not accepted as the sole account of the semantics of natural languages, it shows that many of the basic semantical concepts (e.g., ambiguity) are relative to a semantical theory. Since the Frege-Russell ambiguity idea is built into the usual first-order logic, this logic is not the only nor the best framework of semantical representation for natural languages (chapter 7). (v) By spelling out the range of player’s choices in semantical games on quantified sentences in natural languages, we obtain a close approximation to Aristotle’s theory of categories, which thus was not a theory of logical types but a theory of largest classes of particular entities (values ranges of quantifiers). This approximation runs into problems closely related to Aristotle’s problems (chapter 8). (vi) Further evidence is presented for the thesis that the class of acceptable sentences of English is not recursively enumerable. Chomsky’s alternative proposal is criticized and the methodological implications of the result examined (chapter 9). (vii) The principle of compositionality presupposes a kind of semantical context-independence. It is not assumed in GTS, which therefore can handle linguistic phenomena due to failures of the principle. Several such apparent counter-examples to the principle are examined, including counter-examples to Tarski’s T-schema. (It is not true that “anybody can become a millionaire” is true if anybody can become a millionaire.) Such counter-examples can in principle be explained away, but only at too high a cost in psycholinguistic and theoretical simplicity.

#### Papers

- (a) “Any Problems — No Problems” in Jaakko Hintikka, with Jack Kulas, *The Game of Language: Studies in Game-Theoretical Semantics and Its Applications*, Synthese Language Library **22**, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1983, 77-112.
- (b) “New Foundations for a Theory of Questions and Answers”, in *Questions and Answers*, F. Kiefer and Hans Karlgren, editors, KVAL, Stockholm, 1983, 159-190.
- (c) “Paras teoria”, in *Huippuluokan tutkielmia*, Lilli Alanen et al., editors, Reports from the Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, no. 2, (1983), 8-14. (“The Best Theory”.)
- (d) “Semantical Games, the Alleged Ambiguity of ‘is’, and Aristotelian Categories”, *Synthese* **54**, (1983), 443-467.
- (e) “Semantical Games, Subgames, and Functional Interpretations” in Jaakko Hintikka, with Jack Kulas, *The Game of Language: Studies in Game-Theoretical Semantics and Its Applications*, Synthese Language Library **22**, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1983, (Second, corrected ed. 1985.), 47-76.
- (f) “Sherlock Holmes Formalized”, in *The Sign of Three: Dupin, Holmes, Peirce*, Umberto Eco and Thomas Sebeok, editors, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Indiana, 1983, 170-178.
- (g) “Situations, Possible Worlds, and Attitudes”, *Synthese* **54**, (1983), 154-162.

(h) “Super Models”, in *Vexing Questions: An Urnful of Essays in Honour of Veikko Rantala*, Ilkka Patoluoto et al., editors, Reports from the Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, no. 3, (1983), 12-18.

(i) “Transsendentaalitiedon paradoksi”, *Ajatus* **40**, (1983), 20-48. (“The Paradox of Transcendental Knowledge”.)

(j)(with Merrill B. Hintikka) “The Development of Ludwig Wittgenstein’s Philosophy: The Hidden Unity”, in *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. Proceedings of the Seventh International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Paul Weingartner and Hans Czermak, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1983, 425-437.

(k) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “How Can Language be Sexist?”, in *Discovering Reality: Feminist Perspectives on Epistemology, Metaphysics, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science*, Sandra Harding and Merrill B. Hintikka, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1983, 139-148.

(l)(with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Some Remarks on (Wittgensteinian) Logical Form”, *Synthese* **56**, (1983), 155-170.

(m) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Wittgensteinin Tractatus-teoksen salaisuus”, in *Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia – Academia Scientiarum Fennica – Vuosikirja – Yearbook 1982*, Lauri A. Vuorela, editor, Helsinki, 1983, 121-133. (“The Enigma of Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus*”)

## 1984

### Books

(a) (edited with Lucia Vaina) *Cognitive Constraints on Communication*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1984, xiv+428pp.

### Papers

(a) “Are There Nonexistent Objects? Why Not? But Where are They?”, *Synthese* **60**, (1984), 451-458.

“Das Paradox transzendentaler Erkenntnis”, in *Bedingungen der Möglichkeit: ‘Transcendental Arguments’ und Transzendentes Denken*, Hrsg. Eva Schaper und W. Vossenkuhl, Klett-Cotta, Stuttgart, 1984, 123-149.

(c) “Hundred Years Later: The Rise and Fall of Frege’s Influence in Language Theory”, *Synthese* **59**, (1984), 27-49.

Frege established a paradigm which has dominated philosophical language theory for the last 100 years. Some of his main ingredients are identified and criticized: (1) the idea of quantifiers as simply ranging over a set of entities, which leads to the problems of (i) atomism and (ii) cross-identification; (2) distinction between allegedly different meanings of “is” (identity, predication, existence, and class-inclusion); (3) compositionality (semantical context-independence).

(e) “The Logic of Science as a Model-Oriented Logic”, in *Philosophy of Science Association 1984* **1**, Peter Asquith and Philip Kitcher, editors, Philosophy of Science Association, East Lansing, Michigan, 177-185.

(f) “Luovuus ja ihmiskäsitykset”, *Ajatus* **41**, (1984), 83-88. (“Creativity and Conceptions of Man”.)

(g) “Kant’s Transcendental Method and His Theory of Mathematics”, *Topoi* **3**, (1984), 99-108.

Following his transcendental method, Kant tried to explain mathematical knowledge as reflecting the way we humans come to know particulars. This way Kant mistakenly identified with sense-perception, concluding that mathematical knowledge reflects the forms of our sense-perception. Here is the reason why things-considered-in-themselves are transcendent causes of perceptions. A true Kantian should identify it with the “language-games” of seeking and finding, which would lead him to my game-theoretical semantics.

(h) “Questioning as a Philosophical Method”, in *Principles of Philosophical Reasoning*, James H. Fetzer, editor, Rowman and Allanheld, Totowa, N.J., 1984, 25-43.

(i) “Rules, Utilities, and Strategies in Dialogical Games”, in *Cognitive Constraints on Communication*, Lucia Vaina and Jaakko Hintikka, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1984, 277-294.

(j)(with Charles Harvey) “Review Article on David W. Smith and Ronald McIntyre, *Husserl and Intentionality*”, *Husserl Studies* **2**, (1984), 201-212.

(k) (with Lucia Vaina) “Introduction”, in *Cognitive Constraints on Communication*, Lucia Vaina and Jaakko Hintikka, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1984, vii-xvii.

## 1985

### Books

(a) (with Jack Kulas) *Anaphora and Definite Descriptions: Two Applications of Game-Theoretical Semantics*, Synthese Language Library **26**, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1985, xiv + 250 pp.

Definite descriptions (the-phrases) are treated in game-theoretical semantics as involving two interdependent choices of individuals from a certain choice set  $I$  which essentially is the set of individuals so far chosen by the players of a semantical game or otherwise made available to them. Anaphoric pronouns are treated similarly. Hence they are not like variables of quantification, “bound” to their grammatical antecedents, but independently evaluated choice terms rather like Hilbert’s *epsilon*-terms except that the choice is limited to  $I$ . Restrictions on co-reference for such pronouns are consequences of the ordering principles which in general govern semantical games, including the introduction of individuals into  $I$ . (If a non-anaphoric expression has not been dealt with so as to introduce its value into  $I$  before a rule is applied to an anaphoric pronoun, this expression cannot be “co-referential” with the pronoun.)

(m) (edited with Fernand Vandamme) *Logic of Discovery and Logic of Discourse*, Plenum Press, NY, 1985, xv+271pp.

**Papers**

(a) “Legal Reasoning and Legal Systems”, in *Man, Law and Modern Forms of Life*, E. Bulygin et al., editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., 1985, 209-220.

(b) “Philosophical Logic”, (in Hebrew) *Modern Trends in Philosophy* 2, A. Kasher and Shalom Lappin, editors, Yachdav United Publishers, Tel Aviv, 1985, 71-93.

(c) “A Spectrum of Logics of Questioning”, *Philosophica* 35, (1985), 135-150.

In an interrogative game, the inquirer tries to prove C (or not  $\neg C$ ) from a theory  $T$  plus nature's answers to his/her questions. The character of the game depends on structural restrictions on available answers, with no restrictions. The strategy selection is virtually identical with the purely deductive case. Traditionally, nature's only answers are assumed to be (possibly negated) atomic propositions. In the logic of experimental inquiry, AE answers nevertheless also occur, changing radically the situation.

(d) “True and False Logics of Scientific Discovery”, *Communication and Cognition* 18, (1985), 3-14.

Several conceptions of the logic of scientific discovery are criticized, including its impossibility, its interpretation as the logical syntax of the language of science and the structuralist view. The logic of science is construed as a logic of questioning. Different varieties of this idea (Kant, Laudan) are compatible because questions play two different rules in interrogative inquiry: The inquirer is trying to answer a “big” initial question by pulling a number of “small” questions to nature and using her answers as additional premises.

(e) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Ludwig Looks at the Necker Cube: The Problem of ‘Seeing as’ as a Clue to Wittgenstein's Philosophy”, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 38, (1985), 36-48.

Wittgenstein's different comments on ambiguous figures help to confirm the interpretation offered in *Investigating Wittgenstein* (1986(a)). In the *Tractatus* seeing the same configuration of physical objects in two different ways was supposed to show that the objects we have to assume are phenomenological, not physical. Conversely, “seeing as” became a problem for Wittgenstein when he gave up phenomenological languages. He had to explain, not only the possibility of seeing a figure in different ways, but also the spontaneity (non-interpretation character) of “seeing as.” That Wittgenstein comments conform to our interpretation is seen also from his use of the term “aspect.”

(f) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Wittgenstein über private Erfahrung”, in *Sprachspiel und Methode: Zum Stand der Wittgenstein-Diskussion*, Dieter Birnbacher and Armin Burkhardt, editors, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 1985, 1-26.

(g) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Wittgenstein's ‘annus mirabilis’:1929”, in *The Tasks of Contemporary Philosophy. Proceedings of the Tenth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1985, 437-447.

Wittgenstein's notebooks show that on October 22, 1929, he rejected phenomenological languages in favor of physicalistic ones. This forced him to face new problems, including (i) how to speak of internal (phenomenological) objects and events in a physicalistic language, and (ii) how language-world links are constituted now that simple objects are no longer presented to us in direct experience. Wittgenstein's eventual answer to (i) is the ill-named 'private language argument', and to (ii), his concept of language-game.

(h) (with Jack Kulas) "Different Uses of the Definite Article", *Communication and Cognition* **18**, (1985), 69-80.

Anaphoric definite descriptions are like Russellian ones except that the quantifiers they involve range over values available in a semantical game at the time. Russellian, Generic and Platonic uses of Definite descriptions are pragmatic variants of the anaphoric one. The generic use arises when the uniqueness presupposed by definite descriptions can only be satisfied by assuming a "museum scenario" where one representative of each homogeneous kind is being considered. Hence the generic sense expresses what is species-characteristic, not what is lawlike.

(i)(with Simo Knuuttila) "Introduction", in *The Logic of Being: Historical Studies*, Synthese Historical Library **28**, Simo Knuuttila and Jaakko Hintikka, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1985, ix-xvi.

## **1986**

### ***Books***

(a) (with Merrill B. Hintikka) *Investigating Wittgenstein*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1986, xx + 326 pp.

Wittgenstein's early philosophy can be seen as a further development of Russell's theory of acquaintance. In his *Theory of Knowledge* (1913, published only in 1984), Russell tried to account for logic in terms of his theory by postulating logical forms as objects of acquaintance. Wittgenstein modified this by rejecting logical forms as independent objects of acquaintance. All logical forms can be built out of the logical forms of basic objects. These objects are given in direct experience, and the language to be used of them is a phenomenological one. The meanings of simple names are such phenomenological objects; they cannot be expressed in language, but have to be presented in immediate experience, i.e., "shown." Wittgenstein's development out of his early position began in October 1929 when he rejected phenomenological languages in favor of everyday physicalistic languages as philosophically and logically basic ones. That implied that meanings cannot any longer be taught by ostensive confrontations with direct experience, but have to be mediated somehow. Wittgenstein experimented with rules and criteria as such mediators, but rejected them in favor of language-games which are conceptually prior to their rules. The ultimate basis for rejecting private phenomenological languages is the need of language-games as mediators of meaning, for games qua games cannot be private. Thus Wittgenstein is not denying

the reality, knowability or privacy of private experiences, only the possibility of speaking of them without recourse to public language-games. This does not hold of such notions as expecting or hoping, for they do not deal with particular experiences at all. Only of such propositional attitudes is it true that an inner process is in need of external criteria. In general, a distinction is needed between primary and secondary language-games.

(b) (edited with Leila Haaparanta) *Frege Synthesized: Essays on the Philosophical and Foundational Work of Gottlob Frege*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1986, vi+395pp.

(c) (edited with Simo Knuutila) *The Logic of Being: Historical Studies*, Synthese Historical Library **28**, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1986, xvi+300pp.

### **Papers**

(a) “Comments and replies”, *Philosophia* **2**, Part 1, nos. 1-2, (1986) 105-119 and Part 2, nos. 3-4, (1986), 277-287.

To Geach, more attention to the semantics of deontic logic is recommended. Harrah misses the discourse character of my analysis of questions. P the analogy between denials of “akrasia” and logical omni-science is emphasized. The applicability of L.J. Cohen’s comparison between chess and language is limited. Lehrer prompts a further criticism of Bayesianism because of the need of experiential revision of one’s indices of caution. Mellema misunderstands my logic of perceptions because he follows natural language too closely.

(b) “Filosofian tulevaisuus”, in *Tulevaisuus (a Festschrift for G.H. von Wright)*, Ilkka Niiniluoto and Heikki Nyman, editors, Otava, Helsinki, 1986, 265-275.

(c) “The Languages of Human Thought and the Languages of AI” (résumé), in *AI and Philosophy. STEP-86 Invited Papers*, **1**, M. Karjalainen, J. Seppänen and M. Tamminen, editors, Finnish Society of Information Processing Science, Espoo, 1986, 1-3.

(d) “Logic of Conversation as a Logic of Dialogue”, in *Philosophical Grounds of Rationality, Intentions, Categories, and Ends*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1986, 259-276.

Grice and Strawson proposed to study the logic of discourse, but their crucial concept (presupposition, conversational maxims, etc.) nevertheless apply only to individual utterances. Moreover, they apply to different kinds of utterances differently, as is shown by references to question-answer dialogues. In a dialogical ‘game’, rationality can only be attributed to entire strategies, not to individual ‘moves’ (utterances). Hence concepts like coherence (relevance) are essentially attributes of strategies, not of utterances.

(e) “Quine on Who’s Who”, in *The Philosophy of W.V. Quine*, L.E. Hahn and P. A. Schilpp, editors, Library of Living Philosophers, Open Court, La Salle, Illinois, 1986.

The general problem of “quantifying in” reduces to the model-theoretical problem of cross-identification. In particular, Hintikka’s condition for quantifying into an epistemic context, e.g., the truth of “A” knows who “B” is”, is basically model-theoretical, independent of how it is approximately expressed in English. Once this is understood, Quine’s doubts about Hintikka’s condition are resolved. Its apparent vagaries illustrate, in fact, important semantical phenomena, e.g., the duality of methods of cross identification.

(f) “Reasoning about Knowledge in Philosophy: The Paradigm of Epistemic Logic”, in *Reasoning About Knowledge*, Joseph Halpern, editor, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, Los Altos, CA, 1986, 63-80.

(g) “The Semantics of ‘a certain’”, *Linguistic Inquiry* **17**, no. 2, (1986), 331-336.

(h) “The Varieties of Being in Aristotle”, in *The Logic of Being: Historical Studies*, Synthese Historical Library **28**, Simo Knuuttila and Jaakko Hintikka, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht 1986, 81-114.

(i)(with Leila Haaparanta) “General Introduction” in *Frege Synthesized: Essays on the Philosophical and Foundational Work of Gottlob Frege*, Jaakko Hintikka and Leila Haaparanta, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1986, 3-8.

(j)(with Merrill B. Hintikka) “Wittgenstein and Language as the Universal Medium”, in *Investigating Wittgenstein*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1986, 1-29.

(k) (with Simo Knuuttila) “Introduction” in *The Logic of Being: Historical Studies*, Synthese Historical Library **28**, Jaakko Hintikka and Simo Knuuttila, editors, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1986, ix-xvi.

## 1987

### *Papers*

(a) “Comment je vois la philosophie”, in French translation, in *Encyclopédie Philosophique*, A. Jacob, editor, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1987.

(b) Comment on Jeffrey’s “Alias Smith and Jones: The Testimony of the Senses”, *Erkenntnis* **26**, (1987), 407.

(c) Comments on Kamlah’s “What can Methodologists Learn From the History of Probability”, *Erkenntnis* **26**, (1987), 327.

(d) “Extremality Conditions in the Foundations of Mathematics”, in *Philosophy of Science Association 1986* **2**, A.Fine and M. Forbes, editors, Philosophy of Science Association, East Lansing, MI, 1987, 5 pp.

(e) “The Fallacy of Fallacies”, *Argumentation* **1**, (1987), 221-238.

Several of the so-called “fallacies”, in Aristotle were not mistaken inference-types, but mistakes or breaches of rules in the questioning games practiced in the Academy and in the Lyceum. The entire Aristotelian theory of fallacies should

therefore be studied by reference to the author's interrogative model on inquiry, not as a part of a theory of inference. Many Aristotelian fallacies can be diagnosed in this way, including *petitio principii*, multiple questions, "babbling", etc., and also his alleged anticipation of *argumentum ad hominem*. Indeed, Aristotle's initial conception of inquiry is an interrogative one. Deductive conclusions caught Aristotle's attention as those answers that every rational inquirer must give, assuming his prior admissions. Several features of Aristotle's methodology can now be appreciated, e.g. the role of *endoxa* in it and the typical organization of Aristotle's philosophical discussion of a given problem.

(f) "Game-theoretical Semantics as a Synthesis of Truth-conditional and Verificationist Meaning Theories", in *New Directions in Semantics*, E. LePore, editor, Academic Press, London and Orlando, Florida, 1987, 235-258.

(g) "The Interrogative Approach to Inquiry and Probabilistic Inference", *Erkenntnis* **26**, (1987), 429-442.

(h) "Is Scope a Viable Concept in Semantics?", in *ESCOL '86. Proceedings of the Third Eastern States Conference on Linguistics*, Ann Miller and Zheng-Shen Zhang, editors, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1987, 259-270.

(i) "Language Understanding and Strategic Meaning", *Synthese* **73**, (1987), 497-529.

(j) "Logic Translation: An Impossible Dream?", *LMPS 87,5, Abstracts*, 1987, 30-32.

(k) "Mental Models, Semantical Games and Varieties of Intelligence", in *Matters of Intelligence: Conceptual Structures in Cognitive Neuroscience*, Lucia Vaina, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1987, 197-215.

(l) "Model Minimization: An Alternative to Circumscription", *Journal of Automated Reasoning* **3**, (1987), 1-13.

(m) "A Note on Anaphoric Pronouns and Information Processing by Humans", *Linguistic Inquiry* **18**, (1987), 111-119.

(n) "Replies and Comments", in *Jaakko Hintikka: A Profile*, Radu Bogdan, editor, D. Reidel Publishers, Dordrecht, 1987, 227-344.

(o) "Self-profile", in *Jaakko Hintikka: A Profile*, Radu Bogdan, editor, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Dordrecht, 1987, 3-40.

## 1988

### *Papers*

(a) "Advice to Prospective Philosophers", in *Proceedings and Addresses of The American Philosophical Association*, Supplement to vol. 62, no.1, (September, 1988), 272-273.

(b) "'Die Wende der Philosophie': Wittgenstein's New Logic of 1928", in *Philosophy of Law, Politics and Society. Proceedings of the 12th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1988, 380-396.

Around 1928 Wittgenstein abandoned his belief that truth-function theory is complete. Accordingly, language-world comparisons could not be immediate, but required human operations on the propositions in question. Initially, this meant that atomic propositions contained numerical parameters and that the operations needed were arithmetical calculations. Hence mathematics was now more fundamental for Wittgenstein than logic, a view he also found in Brouwer. Since language belongs to the physical world, those calculations involve temporarily persistent physical objects. In October 1929 these ideas led Wittgenstein to think that language can directly represent only the world of physical objects.

(c) "Oikeustieteellinen päättely ja oikeusjärjestelmät", *Lakimies*, no. 3, (1988), 219-231.

(d) "On the Development of the Model-theoretical Viewpoint in Logical Theory", *Synthese* 77, (1988), 1-36.

All model theory presupposes a modicum of belief in what I have called language as calculus, as contrasted to belief in language as the universal medium. A functional interpretation of quantifiers (in Gödel's sense) is argued to be an important aspect of the model-theoretic way of thinking and hence of the entire calculus view. This idea is traced back from Gödel to Hilbert, Löwenheim, Schröder and Peirce, who formulated it most clearly in his semiotic theory. What initially prevented the full development of this idea was the absence of the concept of strategy in von Neumann's sense.

(e) "On the Incommensurability of Theories", *Philosophy of Science* 55, (1988), 25-38.

The commensurability of two theories can be defined (relative to a given set of questions) as the ratio of the total information of their shared answers to the total information of the answers yielded by the two theories combined. Answers should be understood here as model consequences (in the sense of the author's earlier papers), not deductive consequences. This definition is relative to a given model of the joint language of the theories, but can be generalized to sets of models. It turns out to capture also the idea of incommensurability as conceptual alienation. Incommensurability so defined does not imply incomparability.

(f) "Todistiko Gödel matematiikan epätäydelliseksi?", in *Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia vuokirjassa 1988-89, Esitelmät ja pöytäkirjat*, 1988, 117-126.

(g) "Was Leibniz's Deity an *Akrates*?", in *Modern Modalities: Studies of the History of Modal Theories from Medieval Nominalism to Logical Positivism*, Simo Knuuttila, editor, *Synthese Historical Library* 33, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1988, 85-108. Jaakko Hintikka, Toim., Simo Knuuttila, Dordrecht, 1988, 85-108.

Leibniz tried to reconcile contingency with lawlikeness by envisaging God choosing the most lawlike world from all possible ones. Since the laws of our actual world do not hold in others, they are metaphysically contingent. But was God's choice really free? God had both the major premise (knowledge of the best world)

and the minor premise (power to create it) of a practical syllogism; hence he would be an “akrates” unless he created this particular world. Leibniz’s subtile response was to reject syllogistic models of rational agency and instead conceptualize decision as a rule-governed resultant of competing force-like “appetites.”

(h) “What is the Logic of Experimental Inquiry?”, *Synthese* **74**, (1988), Dordrecht, 1988, 173-190.

(i)(with Stephen Harris) “On the Logic of Interrogative Inquiry”, in *Philosophy of Science Association 1988* **2**, A.Fine and J. Lepkin, editors, Philosophy of Science Association, East Lansing, Michigan, 1988, 233-240.

### 1989

#### **Books**

(a) *L'intentionnalité et les mondes possibles*, traduit et présenté par Nadine Lavand, in the series Opuscule **6**, dirigée par André Laks et Jean Quillien, Presses Universitaires de Lille, Paris, 1989, 228 pp.

(b) (with Merrill Hintikka) *The Logic of Epistemology and the Epistemology of Logic: Selected Essays*, Synthese Library **200**, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989, ix + 243 pp.

In each of the central essays collected here, the authors put forward a general idea apparently capable of sustaining an extensive logico-philosophical theory. They include a new type of semantics for logical modalities; a diagnosis of Frege’s and Russell’s central problems; a solution to the problem of logical omniscience; a general theory of the individuation and the identification of physical objects; a connection between two different modes of identification and two anatomically distinguishable actual cognitive systems; a possibly sex-linked difference in individuation; the different dimensions of intentionality; and a logical theory of questions and answers.

#### **Papers**

(a) “The Cartesian *cogito*, Epistemic Logic, and Neuroscience: Some Surprising Interrelations” in Jaakko Hintikka, with Merrill Hintikka, *The Logic of Epistemology and the Epistemology of Logic: Selected Essays*, Synthese Library **200**, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1989, 113-136. (Appears also in *Synthese* **83**, no. 1, (1990), 133-157.)

(b) “Concepts of Scientific Method from Aristotle to Newton”, in *Knowledge and the Sciences in Medieval Philosophy. Proceedings of the Eighth Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Helsinki, 24-29 August 1987*, Monica Asztalos, John Murdoch and Ilkka Niiniluoto, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **48**, (1989), 72-84.

The strength of interrogatively construed methodology depends on (1) its initial premises; (2) available answers. Nontrivial conclusions require that (1) or (2) include general propositions. Otherwise inquirers face Hume’s problem of induction as an inference from particulars to generalizations. Neither Aristotle, medieval

nominalists nor Newton faced this problem; Aristotle because he thought one can perceive the properties and interrelations of general forms in their instantiations in the soul; nominalists (who rejected Aristotle) because they assumed strong initial premises; and Newton because controlled experiments and systematic observations yield general truths about dependencies between variables. Induction meant for them a non-Humean process of extrapolating and interpolating partial generalizations.

(c) “Exploring Possible Worlds”, in *Possible Worlds in Humanities, Arts and Sciences. Proceedings of Nobel Symposium 65*, Sture Allén, editor, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 1989, 52-73.

(d) “G. H. von Wright on Logical Truth and Distributive Normal Forms”, in *The Philosophy of G.H. von Wright*, P. A. Schilpp and L. Hahn, editors, The Library of Living Philosophers **19**, Open Court, La Salle, Illinois, 1989, 517-537.

(e) “Is There Completeness in Mathematics after Gödel?”, *Philosophical Topics* **17**, no. 2 (1989), 69-90.

(f) “Is Truth Ineffable?”, in *Les formes actuelles du vrai. Entretiens de Palermo 1985*, (no editor indicated) Endichiridion, Palermo, 1989, 89-120.

(g) “Knowledge Representation and the Interrogative Model of Inquiry”, in *Knowledge and Skepticism*, Marjorie Clay and Keith Lehrer, editors, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado, 1989, 155-183.

(h) “Logical Form and Linguistic Theory”, in *Reflections on Chomsky*, Alex George, editor, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1989, 41-57.

(i) “Ludwig’s Apple Tree: Evidence Concerning the Philosophical Relations between

Wittgenstein and the Vienna Circle, in *Traditionen und Perspektiven der Analytischen*

*Philosophie: Festschrift für Rudolf Haller*, Wolfgang L. Gombocz, Heiner Rutte und Werner

Sauer, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1989, 187-202.

Contrary to a widespread view, Wittgenstein shared many philosophical problems and ideas around 1930 with the Vienna Circle. In May 1932 Wittgenstein complained that Carnap’s paper “Die physikalisch Sprache als Universalsprache der Wissenschaft” amounted to plagiarism of his new ideas, developed since 1928, in which the primacy of physicalistic languages did play a crucial role. Offended by Carnap’s reaction, Wittgenstein later claimed that Carnap had also appropriated ideas from the *Tractatus*. Among such alledged borrowings, Wittgenstein listed the idea of a formal mode of speech and his peculiar conceptions of ostensive definition, hypotheses, and the nature of philosophy.

(j) “On the Limitations of Generative Grammar”, in *Proceedings of the Scandinavian Seminar*

*on Philosophy of Language*, Filosofiska Förening and Filosofiska Institutionen vid Uppsala

Universitet, Uppsala **26**, no. 1, (1989), 1-92.

(k) “On the Role of Modality in Aristotle’s Metaphysics”, in *Of Scholars, Savants and Their Texts*, Ruth Link-Salinger, editor, Peter Lang, New York, 1989, 123-134.

(l) “The Paradox of Transcendental Knowledge” in *An Intimate Relation*, J. R. Brown and J. Mittelstrass, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1989, 243-57.

(m) “The Role of Logic in Argumentation”, *The Monist* **72**, (1989), 3-24.

The author’s “interrogative model of inquiry” (MI), which can also be used as a model of argumentation, is used here to diagnose the role of logic in argumentation. In the simplest form of IMI an “inquirer” is arguing for a conclusion “C” from an initial premise “I”. Using deductive inferences as new premises. Thus the role of deductive logic in argumentation appears to be that of one component of a larger enterprise. If “strategic” rules (i.e., rules telling how to play “well”) are considered, it turns out that the strategic principles of question choice are essentially the same as the strategic principles of deductive logic. (edited)

(n) “Rules, Games and Experiences: Wittgenstein’s Discussion of Rule-following in the Light of His Development”, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **43**, (1989), 279-297.

When Wittgenstein rejected phenomenological languages in 1929, he first could not accommodate rules (especially rules of language) in his new outlook. He had believed (he confessed) that a rule could be gathered from one single experience of using it correctly. This phenomenological conception is what he later criticized in denying that rule-following is a matter of having certain experiences. But a rule as a physicalistic entity (e.g., as a symbolic formula) cannot explain rule-following, either. It has to play a role in some language-game, Wittgenstein eventually argued. Thus language-games are conceptually primary with respect to their rules.

(o) “Todistiko Gödel matematiikan epätäydelliseksi?”, in *Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, Year Book 1988-89*, Helsinki, 1989, 117-126. (“Did Gödel Show that Mathematics is Incomplete?”)

(p) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Informational Independence as a Semantical Phenomenon”, in *Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science VIII*, J.E. Fenstad et al., editors, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1989, 571-589.

Insofar as a formal or natural language can be treated game-theoretically, the notion of informational independence (II), in the sense of game theory, applies to its different ingredients. A notation is proposed for II and the most salient facts about it are noted. Even though II is not indicated syntactically in English, it is the gist of such varied phenomena as the *de dicto* vs. *de re* distinction, complex questions, negation-raising, branching quantifiers, actuality operators, etc. It is therefore an extremely important component of the overall semantics of natural languages, both for philosophical and for linguistic purposes.

**1990****Papers**

(a) “The Languages of Human Thought and the Languages of Artificial Intelligence”, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **49**, (1990), 307-330.

John von Neumann argued that in computational tasks humans as distinguished from computers are hardwired to prefer low functional depth (low degree of the nesting of functions). The same contrast is here extended to logical reasoning by relating functional depth to quantificational depth via the concept of Skolem function. This has implications to the languages favored by human reasoners as distinguished from the automata of AI.

(b) “Nonstandard Models and the Completeness of Mathematical Theories” in Russian translation, from *The Joint Soviet Finnish Colloquium on Logic and New Tendencies in Logical Semantics, July, 1989* in *Humanism, Science, Technology I*, V.S. Stepin, editor-in-chief, Academy of Science, Moscow, 1990, 96-110.

(c) “Obstacles to Understanding” (on the fate of Wittgenstein’s *Nachlass*), *Times Literary Supplement*, September 28 October 4 1990, 1030.

(d) “Paradigms for Language Theory” in *Language, Knowledge and Intentionality: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka*, Leila Haaparanta, Martin Kusch and Ilkka Niiniluoto, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **49**, 181-209.

Language can be viewed either as a rule-governed process (the recursive paradigm) or as a goal-directed process (the strategic paradigm). The former has dominated recent approaches to language, such as generative grammar, reliance on compositionality, formalizations of logical and mathematical reasoning, etc. The strategic paradigm is instantiated by game-theoretical semantics and certain aspects of Wittgenstein’s development. Test cases are constituted by semantical phenomena which are not marked syntactically. They are instantiated by transcategorial phenomena like informational independence in the sense of game-theoretical semantics, including the so-called *de dicto* vs. *de re* distinction.

(e) “Quine as a Member of the Tradition of the Universality of Language”, in *Perspectives on Quine*, Robert Barrett and Roger Gibson, editors, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1990, 159-175.

Quine is considered here as a member of a largely tacit tradition of believers in the universality of (one’s home) language and in the ineffability of semantics. This unacknowledged membership is consistent *inter alia* with Quine’s disinterest in model theory, his criticisms of modal logic and his belief in the indeterminacy of radical translation. It leaves Quine with the behavior of native speakers as the sole guide for the semantics of their jargon. In this direction, Quine is seriously handicapped by his disregard of strategic behavior as a clue to meaning.

(f) “Wittgenstein as a Philosopher of Immediate Experience”, in *Wittgenstein: Towards a Re-evaluation. Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium*, **1**, Rudolf Haller et al., editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1990, 155-67.

(g) “Wittgenstein and the Problem of Phenomenology” in *Language, Knowledge and Intentionality: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka*, Leilla Haaparanta, Martin Kusch and Ilkka Niiniluoto, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 49, (1990), 15-46.

In early Wittgenstein, simple objects are phenomenological objects. In October 1929 Wittgenstein gave up phenomenological objects as references of names, but still maintained a phenomenological ontology. Later, he envisaged phenomenological languages as an alternative “notation.” The contrast between physicalistic and phenomenological discourse then turns on the principle of identification relied on. This helps to understand the meaning of “phenomenology” (as distinguished from “phenomenalism”) in Wittgenstein as well as his views on time, memory, solipsism, private language, and identity.

(h) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Metaphor and the Varieties of Lexical Meaning”, *Dialectica*, (1990), 55-77.

The “meaning lines” connecting the references of an expression in different situations or scenarios (“worlds”) are usually “drawn” with the help of both similarity and continuity. In metaphoric use, emphasis shifts predominantly on suitable similarity considerations; in metonymic use, it shifts on continuity considerations. Even though metaphoric meaning lines are nonstandard, they have to be “anchored” to a literal reference of the expression in some situation or world (not necessarily in the actual one). Hence metaphor is not a matter of truth or of a special kind of language act (use of sentences).

## 1991

### **Books**

(a) (with James Bachman) *What If...? Toward Excellence in Reasoning*, Mountain View, Mayfield, 1991, v + 465 pp.

This introduction to reasoning uses Hintikka’s interrogative model of inquiry. Logical and informal inferences are construed as steps in the same process of inquiry. All new information enters as answers to questions, as in the Socratic questioning method. Other innovations include (i) we distinguish definitory rules of reasoning (they merely tell what is permissible) from strategic principles (they tell how to reason well); (ii) logical rules are formulated so that they apply directly to ordinary language reasoning; (iii) the interrogative model is used to analyze and to construct arguments; and (iv) novel treatments are given of scientific reasoning and of several fallacies.

(b) (with Gabriel Sandu) *On the Methodology of Linguistics*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1991, 186pp.

(c) (edited) *Wittgenstein in Florida. Proceedings of the Colloquium on the Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein, Florida State University, 7-8 August 1989*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1991, 329pp. (Reprinted from *Synthese* 87, nos. 1-2, (1991).)

**Papers**

(a) “Carnap, the Universality of Language and Extremability Axioms”, *Erkenntnis* **35**, (1991), 325-336.

Mathematicians’ attention was called to extremality (maximality, minimality) assumptions by Hilbert’s use of an “Axiom of Completeness”, in his 1899 *Foundations of Geometry*. Carnap attempted (in his 1936 paper with F. Bachmann) a logical analysis of extremality axioms. However, they tacitly reinterpreted these axioms and hence failed to solve the real problem. This was due to Carnap’s belief that the interpretation of a language always involves one single domain of individuals, which belief in turn followed from his commitment to one element in the complex I have called the idea of language as the universal medium.

(b) “Defining Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth”, in *Reports from the*

*Department of Philosophy*, University of Helsinki, no. 2, (1991), 74 pp.

(c) “Geach and the Methodology of the Logical Study of Natural Language”, in *Peter Geach: Philosophical Encounters*, Harry Lewis, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1991, 137-149.

Husserl: The Phenomenological Dimension”, in *Phenomenology/Fenomenologia. Proceedings of the Symposium on Phenomenology, Jyväskylä, 5 May 1988*, Matti Kosonen, editor, Department of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, 1991, 15-28.

(e) “An Impatient Man and His Papers”, *Synthese* **87**, (1991), 183-201.

Because of Wittgenstein’s impatience as expositor, the problem background of his philosophical ideas is virtually impossible to gather from his so far published writings. Easy access to Wittgenstein’s unpublished writings, especially to his notebooks, is therefore badly needed. The Cornell microfilm edition does not adequately serve this purpose, either, even though its availability means that the legal status of the bulk of Wittgenstein’s Nachlass is that of published material. The two successive complete works editing projects (the first by a group led by Heringer and Nedo, the second by Nedo) have been abject failures. A change of the editor is therefore recommended.

(f) “The Languages of Human Thought and the Languages of Artificial Intelligence” in *Language, Knowledge and Intentionality: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka*, Leila Haaparanta, Martin Kusch and Ilkka Niiniluoto, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **49**, 307-330.

(g) “Overcoming ‘Overcoming Metaphysics Through Logical Analysis of Language’ Through Logical Analysis of Language”, *Dialectica* **45**, (1991), 203-218.

Carnap tried to overcome metaphysics through a distinction between empirical and conceptual truths. The distinction has since been challenged, but not on the basis of a systematic logical analysis of language. It is suggested here that the logical theory of identifiability based on the author’s interrogative model will provide the tools for such a systematic analysis. As an example of what the model can do, a

criticism is offered of Quine's and Chomsky's implicit assumption that language learning is based on atomistic (quantifier-free) "answers" (input).

(h) "Towards a General Theory of Identifiability", in *Definitions and Definability: Philosophical Perspectives*, James H. Fetzer, et al., editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1991, 161-183.

(i) "Wittgenstein and the Problem of Phenomenology", *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **49**, 15-46.

(j) (with Charles W. Harvey) "Modalization and Modalities", in *Phenomenology and the Formal Sciences*, Thomas M. Seebohm, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1991, 59-77.

In Part I of this essay we articulate Husserl's descriptions for the genesis of the primitive logical connectives, negation and disjunction. In Part II we describe possible worlds models for the use of negation and disjunction. In the final part of the essay, we try to show (a) how an appeal to Husserl's analyses of modalization may buffer possible worlds theories of intentionality from charges that it is engaged in a metaphysically naïve enterprise, and (b) how possible worlds methods of analysis may suggest an advisable tactical maneuver for Husserlian phenomenology in light of recent criticisms of Husserl's philosophy of language.

## 1992

### *Papers*

(a) "Carnap's Work in the Foundations of Logic and Mathematics in a Historical Perspective", *Synthese* **93**, (1992), 167-189.

Carnap's philosophy is examined from new viewpoints, including three important distinctions: (i) language as calculus vs. language as universal medium; (ii) different senses of completeness; (iii) standard vs. nonstandard interpretations of (higher-order) logic. (i) Carnap favored in 1930-34 the "formal mode of speech," a corollary to the universality assumption. He later gave it up partially but retained some of its ingredients, e.g., the one-domain assumption. (ii) Carnap's project of creating a universal self-referential language is encouraged by (ii) and by the author's recent work. (iii) Carnap was aware of (iii) and occasionally used the standard interpretation, but was not entirely clear of the nature of the contrast.

(b) "The Concept of Induction in the Light of the Interrogative Approach to Inquiry," in *Inference, Explanation and Other Frustrations: Essays in the Philosophy of Science*, John Earman, editor, University of California Press, 1992, 23-43.

(c) "Different Constructions in Terms of 'Knows'", in *A Companion to Epistemology*, Jonathan Dancy and Ernest Sosa, editors, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1992, 99B-104B.

(d) "Eino Kaila's 'Blue Fire'", in *Eino Kaila and Logical Empiricism*, Ilkka Niiniluoto et al., editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **52**, (1992), 152-159.

Eino Kaila is usually pigeon-holed as a logical positivist. However, by philosophical temperament he was not a positivist, but not unlike a romantic *Naturphilosoph* who was primarily interested in the secrets of nature rather than our means of knowing it. What attracted him to logical positivists was their interest in contemporary science. Kaila was interested in epistemology, but as a naturalistic study of our actual processes of knowledge acquisition. The most challenging and ultimately frustrating problem (his “blue fire”) was for him to understand the sense of causality involved in the contemporary physics.

(e) “Independence-Friendly Logic as a Medium of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning about Knowledge”, in *Information, Modelling and Databases*, S. Ohsuga et al., editors, IOS Press, Amsterdam, Washington, Tokyo, 1992, 258-265.

(f) “The Interrogative Model of Knowledge Acquisition as a Framework for Concept Identification”, in *Information, Modelling and Databases*, S. Ohsuga et al., editors, IOS Press, Amsterdam, Washington, Tokyo, 1992, 174-181.

(g) “The Interrogative Model of Inquiry as a General Theory of Argumentation”, *Communication and Cognition* **25**, (1992), 221-242.

(h) “Knowledge-Seeking by Questioning”, in *A Companion to Epistemology*, Jonathan Dancy and Ernest Sosa, editors, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1992, 241A-244A.

(i) “Theory-Ladenness of Observations as a Test Case of Kuhn’s Approach to Scientific Inquiry”, in *PSA 1992. Proceedings of the 1992 Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association* **1**, David Hull et al., editors, Philosophy of Science Association, East Lansing, MI, 1992, 277-286.

Kuhn’s basic concepts need closer analysis. For instance, the alleged theory-ladenness of observations has several different interpretations. In one sense, it is trivially built into my interrogative approach to inquiry, in that the consequences of an observational answer by nature depend crucially on the initial theoretical premises. A more interesting sense is obtained by noting the multi-level character of inquiry. A lower-level (experimental or observational) inquiry will on this view depend on earlier results obtained on the higher (theoretical) level.

(j) (with Gabriel Sandu) “The Skeleton in Frege’s Cupboard: The Standard vs. Nonstandard Distinction”, *Journal of Philosophy* **89**, (1992), 290-315.

Henkin formulated the standard versus nonstandard distinction in 1950, but the idea of the standard interpretation of higher-order variables is virtually equivalent with that of an arbitrary function which was debated by nineteenth-century mathematicians. Frege’s disregard of the latter notion and his criticisms of abstraction show that he opted for a nonstandard interpretation. This would make his system an inadequate foundation for mathematics, even if it were consistent. One reason why the nonstandardness of Frege’s interpretation has been overlooked is that he did not identify higher-order existence with definability, which is falsely assumed to be the only possible nonstandard interpretation.

**1993****Papers**

(a) "Gödel's Functional Interpretation in a Wider Perspective", in *Yearbook 1991 of the Kurt Gödel Society*, H.D. Schwabl, editor, Kurt Gödel Society, Vienna, 1993, 1-39.

(b) "A Historical Note on Scott's 'Game-theoretical Interpretation of Logical Formulae'", in *Yearbook 1991 of the Kurt Gödel Society*, H.D. Schwabl, editor, Kurt Gödel Society, Vienna, 1993, 45.

(c) "New Foundations for Mathematical Theories", in *Logic Colloquium 90: Lecture Notes in Logic*, no. 2, J. Väänänen and J. Oikkonen, editors, Springer, Berlin, 1993, 122-144.

(d) "The Original *Sinn* of Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics", in *Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Mathematics 2*, Klaus Puhl, editor, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1993, 24-52.

(e) "Socratic Questioning, Logic, and Rhetoric", *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 47, (1993), 5-30.

The earliest form of Aristotle's methodology was a dialectic modelled on the Socratic method of questioning. Logic originated as a study of such answers received in a dialectical game as were necessitated by earlier answers. Even after the ideas of syllogistic and syllogistically organized science were developed, Aristotle's conception of method contained a major dialectical element. Aristotle's rhetoric is but another variant of the same dialectical methodology. Several of its main features can be understood better in terms of the logic of dialectical (interrogative) inquiry, for instance Aristotle's comments on the role of the speaker's character in rhetorical persuasion.

**1994****Books**

(a) *Fondements d'une théorie du langage*, traduit de l'américain par Nadine Lavand, Presses Universitaire de France, Paris, 1994, xviii + 436 pp.

(b) *La vérité est-elle ineffable? et autres essais*, traduit de l'anglais par Antonia Soulez et Francois Schmitz, Collection 'tiré à part', dirigée par Jean-Pierre Cometti, Éditions de l'Éclat, Combas, 1994, 126 pp.

**Papers**

(a) "An Anatomy of Wittgenstein's Picture Theory", in *Artifacts, Representations and Social Practice*, C.C. Gould and Robert S. Cohen, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1994, 223-256.

Wittgenstein's so-called picture theory involves several different assumptions: (i) elementary propositions are "pictures", i.e. isomorphic replicas, of the corresponding states of affairs. (ii) The totality of possible combinations of simple objects matches the totality of elementary propositions. (iii) A name shares a logical

form with its object. (iv) Elementary propositions are mutually independent. (v) Complex propositions are pictures in the same sense as elementary ones. (vi) The logical forms of propositions can be represented by their syntactical forms. Later, Wittgenstein rejected at least (ii), (iv), and (vi), but not the general idea of propositions as pictures.

(b) “Qu’est-ce que la logique élémentaire? La logique faite pour l’indépendance est le coeur même de la logique” in *Fondements d’une théorie du langage*, traduit de l’américain par Nadine Lavand, Presses Universitaire de France, Paris, 1994, 271-317.

(c) (with Ilpo Halonen) “Quantum Logic as a Logic of Identification”, in *Patrick Suppes*:

*Scientific Philosopher* 3, Paul Humphreys, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1994, 125-

145.

(d) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Uses and Misuses of Frege’s Ideas”, *The Monist* 77, (1994), 278-293.

Frege’s achievement as the creator of contemporary logic should not blind us to the limitations of his approach to logic, language and mathematics. Frege accepted the universality of language and its corollaries, the ineffability of semantics, the one-world view of meaning, and the hypostatization of meanings into meaning entities (Sinne). He assumed compositionality and hence overlooked informationally independent quantifiers. His thesis of the ambiguity of words like “is” is unacceptable in the semantics of natural languages. In higher-order logic, he assumed a nonstandard interpretation, which made it impossible for him to handle the important idea of arbitrary function.

(e) (with Gabriel Sandu) “What is a Quantifier?”, *Synthese* 98, (1994), 113-129.

Quantifiers have been interpreted (i) as higher order predicates (Frege), (ii) substitutionally, and (iii) as deputizing choice (Skolem) functions (Hilbert). Game-theoretical semantics is an implementation of (iii), and its success provides evidence for (iii). It vindicates the notion of informationally independent quantifiers. Such quantifiers cannot be accommodated by interpretations (i) and (ii), which further supports (iii). The theory of so-called generalized quantifiers relies on (i), and hence cannot do justice to independent quantifiers or be a fully general theory of quantifiers.

(f) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Why Parallel Processing?”, in *Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Proceedings of the Sixteenth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Robert Casati, Barry Smith and Graham White, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1994, 265-272.

**1995****Books**

(a) (edited with Klaus Puhl) *The British Tradition in 20th Century Philosophy. Proceedings of the 17th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1995, 385 pp.

(b) (edited) *From Dedekind to Gödel: Essays on the Development of the Foundations of Mathematics*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1995, x + 459pp.

**Papers**

(a) "Commentary on Allen", *Proceedings of the Boston Colloquium on Ancient Philosophy* **11**,

John J. Cleary and William Wians, University Press of America, Lanham, Maryland, 1995, 206-213.

(b) "Commentary on Smith's 'What Use is Aristotle's *Organon*?'", in *Proceedings of the*

*Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* **9**, John J. Cleary and William Wians, editors, University Press of America, Lanham, Maryland, 1995, 286-295.

Smith construes Aristotle's *Organon* as a characterization of epistemic virtue, not as a methodological treatise. But for Aristotle the obvious model of the induction of epistemic virtue is the Socratic *elenchus*. Hence Smith's view implies that Aristotle's methodology was an interrogative (dialectical) one. This agrees with the *Topics*, and there also is a hidden dialectical ingredient in the *Analytics*. This interrogative character of Aristotle's methodology provides also a perspective on Aristotle's anti-regress argument Smith discusses: since atomic premises are the best answers to what-questions, a regress would mean that we do not know what we are talking about.

(c) "Constructivism *aufgehoben*", in *Logica '94*, T. Childers and O. Majer, editors, Filosofia, Praha, 1995, 1-15.

(d) "Finnish Philosophy", in *The Oxford Companion to Philosophy*, Ted Honderich, editor, Oxford University Press, 1995, 281-282.

(e) "The Games of Logic and the Games of Inquiry", *Dialectica* **49** (1995), 229-249.

It has been suggested that truth should instead be characterized by reference to the "language-games" of verification and falsification. The author's game-theoretical semantics (GTS) here explained for formal first-order languages, can be thought of as a realization of this idea. More technically speaking, GTS can also be thought of as a systematization of the well-known "epsilon-delta" definitions in the foundations of analysis. In GTS, truth is not defined by reference to winning a play of a game, but a the existence of a winning strategy in the game for the verifier. In a

first-order language, the game-theoretical truth-condition of a sentence S can accordingly be expressed by an explicit second-order (sigma-one-one) sentence asserting the existence of the Skolem function of S. (edited)

(f) “The Longest Philosophical Journey: Quest of Reality as a Common Theme in Bloomsbury”, in *The British Tradition in Twentieth Century Philosophy. Proceedings of the Seventeenth International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Klaus Puhl and Jaakko Hintikka, editors, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Vienna, 1995, 1-26.

(g) “Meinong in a Long Perspective”, *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 50, Rudolf Haller, editor, (listed 1995, appeared in 1996), 29-45.

Meinong’s thought is considered in relation to several major conceptual problems, including the Frege-Russell thesis that words like *is* are multiply ambiguous and Aristotle’s treatment of existence. This treatment leads to a problem of how to interpret quantifiers. The three main possible interpretations are (i) quantifiers as ranging over actual individuals (or individuals existing in some one world); (ii) quantifiers as ranging over a set of possible individuals; (iii) quantifiers merely as a way of specifying the interdependencies of the concepts (forms) specified by syllogistic terms. The subsequent history of philosophers’ and logicians’ treatments of existence is characterized by a tension between (i)-(iii). Meinong’s position is in the main (iii) whereas Russell in his *On Denoting* defended (i). The contrast between (i)-(iii) has a counterpart in nineteenth-century discussions about foundations of mathematics.

(h) “On Proper (Popper?) and Improper Uses of Information in Epistemology”, *Theoria* 59, 158-165.

The following theses are put forward:

(1) Information is specified by specifying which alternatives concerning the reality it admits.

(2) These alternatives do not normally concern the state or the history of the entire universe but only of some small part of it.

(3) Information and probability are inversely related.

(4) A purely logical definition of information is impossible.

(5) The use of information as a goal is compatible with the use of inductive probabilities.

(6) Nonzero inductive probabilities can be associated with strict generalizations also in infinite universes.

(7) There are several different kinds of information which can serve as utilities in an epistemic decision.

(i) “The Phenomenological Dimension”, in *The Cambridge Companion to Husserl*, Barry Smith and David W. Smith, editors, Cambridge University Press, 1995, 78-105.

Husserlian intentionality operates via what is immediately given in experience. Phenomenological reductions are calculated to uncover these given elements in experience and the constitution of our world from them. What is given

are not phenomena, but part of the reality. Husserl's term for the medium of immediate givenness is *Anschauung*. Husserl's transcendental reduction can be compared with Russell's reduction to acquaintance. A major difference is that for Russell the unedited given is already categorially structured into objects of different logical types, whereas for Husserl empirical experience yields in the first place only unstructured *hyle* on which we impose forms.

(j) "Standard vs. Nonstandard Distinction: A Watershed in the Foundations of Mathematics", in *From Dedekind to Gödel: Essays on the Development of the Foundations of Mathematics*, Jaakko Hintikka, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1995, 21-44.

(k) "What Is Elementary Logic? Independence-friendly Logic as the True Core Area of Logic", in *Physics, Philosophy, and the Scientific Community*, Kostas Gavroglu, John Stachel and Marx W. Wartofsky, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1995, 301-326.

(l)(with Ilpo Halonen) "Semantics and Pragmatics for Why-Questions", *Journal of Philosophy* **92**, (1995), 636-657. (Appears also in Jaakko Hintikka, *Inquiry As Inquiry: Toward a Logic of Scientific Discovery, Selected Papers V*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1999, 183-204.

Questions like *Why* P(b)? constitute a degenerate case of statement questions in which presuppositions and answers (in the technical sense) collapse. Answering it consists in deriving P(b) interrogatively from the relevant initial premises T. In typical circumstances, there exists a "covering law formula" H[x] such that H[b] is derivable from nature's answers and the universal implication from H[x] to P(x) derivable from T. This H is what in ordinary usage is the "answer" to a why-question. It is an explanation of P(b) in that it in effect is a summary of the entire argument from T to P(b).

(m) (with Byong-Chul Park) "The Background of Wittgenstein's Phenomenology", *Phenomenological Inquiry* **19** (1995), 134-148.

(n) (with Gabriel Sandu) "The Fallacies of the New Theory of Reference", *Synthese* **104**, (1995), 245-283.

The so-called New Theory of Reference (Marcus, Kripke etc.) is inspired by the insight that in modal and intensional contexts quantifiers presuppose nondescriptive unanalyzable identity criteria which do not reduce to any descriptive conditions. From this valid insight the New Theorists fallaciously move to the idea that free singular terms can exhibit a built-in direct reference and that there is even a special class of singular terms (proper names) necessarily exhibiting direct reference. This fallacious move has been encouraged by a mistaken belief in the substitutional interpretation of quantifiers, by the myth of the *de re* reference, and a mistaken assimilation of "direct reference" to ostensive (perspectival) identification. The *de dicto* vs. *de re* contrast does not involve direct reference, being merely a matter of rule-ordering ("scope"). The New Theorists' thesis of the necessity of

identities of directly referred-to individuals is a consequence of an unmotivated and arbitrary restriction they tacitly impose on the identification of individuals.

(o) (with Gabriel Sandu) “What Is the Logic of Parallel Processing?”, *International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science* 6 (1995), 27-49.

We can associate with each consistent formula  $F$  of first-order logic a computing device as its representation. This computing device is one which will calculate the Skolem functions of  $F$  (for a denumerable domain). When two such devices are operating in parallel, the resulting architecture does not necessarily represent any ordinary first-order formula, but it will represent a formula in independence-friendly (IF) logic, which hence can be considered as a true logic of parallel processing. In order to preserve representability by a digital automaton (Turing machine), a nonstandard (constructivistic) interpretation of the logic in question has to be adopted. It is obtained by restricting the Skolem functions available to verify a formula  $F$  to recursive ones, as in the Gödel’s *Dialectica* interpretation.

## 1996

### Books

(a) *The Principles of Mathematics Revisited*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1996, xii + 288 pp.

A new basic first-order logic is proposed and used to explore the foundations of mathematics. This new logic enables logicians to express on the first-order level such concepts as equicardinality, infinity and truth in the same language. The famous impossibility results by Gödel and Tarski that have dominated the field for the past sixty years turn out to be much less significant than has been thought. All of ordinary mathematics can in principle be done on this first-order level, thus dispensing with all problems concerning the existence of sets and other higher-order entities. (publisher, editor)

(b) *La philosophie des mathématiques chez Kant. La structure de l’argumentation transcendantale*, traduit de l’anglais par Corinne Hoogaert, in the series L’interrogation philosophique, dirigée par Michel Meyer, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1996, viii + 312 pp.

(c) *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Half-Truths and One-and-a-Half Truths, Selected Papers I*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1996, xiv + 353 pp.

Frequently, a genuine understanding of a thinker’s ideas is possible only by following them further than he did himself. Wittgenstein’s Viennese contemporary Karl Kraus spoke in a similar context of one-and-a-half truths in contradistinction to half-truths. In this volume of essays, Jaakko Hintikka examines in the spirit of Kraus’s “bon mot” the two grand visions concerning the interrelations of language, self and the world that guided Wittgenstein’s thought at the different stages of his philosophical development. He shows how one of them, the so-called picture theory of language, was in reality a combination of several independent assumptions, while

the other, the idea of language-games as the vehicles of meaning, was the end product of an intriguing development. Alas, the role of these two fundamental visions is in Wittgenstein's published books largely hidden by his legendary impatience as an expositor. To counter this impatience, Hintikka shows that many of Wittgenstein's best-known ideas can, and must, be understood as defenses or rationalizations of his overall visions. In several essays, Wittgenstein's ideas are illuminated through comparisons with other philosophers, including Russell, Husserl and Carnap.

### *Papers*

(a) "Ajatuksia Aristoteleen ajattelua koskevistä ajatuksista" ["Thoughts on Aristotle's Thoughts about Thinking"], in *Sielun liikkeitä*, Taina and Toivo Holopainen, editors, Gaudeamus, Helsinki, 1996, 28-42.

(b) "Cogito, ergo quis est?", *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **50**, (1996), 5-21.

The "performatory", interpretation of the cogito relies on a logical parallelism between the self-refuting character of asserting "I don't exist" and Descartes's skeptical thought-experiment of trying to think the same. But who is the "I" here? (It is imaginable that someone could perform the cogito and yet not enjoy bodily existence.) In fact only perspectively identified entities can be proved to exist by the cogito, e.g. Descartes's "I" but not Cartesius. – Along separate lines, it is shown that Descartes's logic of existence in the cogito agrees with Aristotle's treatment of existence in the context of a syllogistic science.

(c) "Contemporary Philosophy and the Problem of Truth", in *Methods of Philosophy and the History of Philosophy*, Simo Knuutila and Ilkka Niiniluoto, editors, *Acta Philosophica Fennica* **61**, (1996), 23-39.

Contemporary philosophy exhibits a contrast between two grand views: (1) our language (and the thinking it embodies) is inescapable and inexpressible; (2) our language can be discussed, varied and theorized about in language. The view (1) has prompted philosophers like Heidegger to postulate a special hermeneutical approach to philosophy. A test case is the (in)definability of truth. Tarski's 1935 indefinability theorem has been taken to support (1). However, in independence-friendly languages truth is definable for the same language. This shows that irrelevance of Tarski's theorem and deprives the hermeneutical approach much of its motivation.

(d) "Knowledge Acknowledged: Knowledge of Propositions vs. Knowledge of Objects", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **56**, (1996), 251-275.

By allowing a concept to be informationally independent of another one even when it is within its syntactical scope, the first adequate epistemic logic can be formulated, with *knows that* as the only irreducible kind of knowledge. In this logic, two largely independent derivative concepts of knowledge are distinguished: knowledge of propositions and knowledge of objects. (In the former, an existential quantifier is independent of a sentence-initial knowledge operator; in the latter, a

disjunction.) Distinctions like *de dicto* vs. *de re* or attributive vs. referential are derivative scope distinctions. There is no unanalyzable knowledge *de re*.

(e) “On the Development of Aristotle’s Ideas of Scientific Method and the Structure of Science”, in *Aristotle’s Philosophical Development: Problems and Prospects*, William Wians, editor, Rowman and Littlefield, Savage, Maryland, 1996, 83-104.

Aristotle’s early methodology was an interrogative one modelled on the Socratic *elenchus*. His strategic interest led him to study answers that are necessitated by earlier ones. This study became his syllogistic logic, which is thus still a part of the general theory of interrogative inquiry. However, the syllogistic methodology was by itself too narrow to cope with the problems of change or the special role of the widest premises of a science. Aristotle dealt with the latter by his idea that existence assumptions trickle down in a series of syllogisms from wider to narrower terms.

(f) “Ovatko uutiset analyttisen filosofian kuolemasta liioiteltuja?” (Is the news about the death of analytic philosophy exaggerated?), in I.A. Kieseppä et al., editors, *Tieto, totuus ja todellisuus*, Gaudeamus, Helsinki, 1996, 267-280. (Reprinted in *Filosofian köyhyys ja rikkaus: Nykyfilosofian kartoitusta*, Janne Hiipakka and Risto Vilkkö, editors, Art House Oy, Helsinki, 2001, 21-39.)

(g) “The Place of C.S. Peirce in the History of Logical Theory”, in *The Rule of Reason: The Philosophy of Charles Sanders Peirce*, Jacqueline Brunning and Paul Forster, editors, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1996, 13-33.

In the grand contrast between language as the universal medium and the model-theoretical conception of language, Peirce belongs squarely to the latter camp. This is shown by his own testimony, his work in modal logic, his anticipation of game-theoretical semantics, his acceptance (and cultivation) of metalogic, his insistence on the iconicity of logic, and his theorematic vs. corollarial distinction. Peirce’s model-theoretical approach is also a precondition of his idea that human action is constitutive of meaning and indeed a precondition of his entire pragmatism. It distinguishes him sharply from such universalists as Frege, Wittgenstein and Quine.

(h) “Possible Worlds – Possible Individuals”, in *Philosophy of Language An International Handbook of Contemporary Research 2*, Marcelo Dascal et al., editors, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 1996, 1271-1278.

(i) “Strategic Thinking in Argumentation and Argumentation Theory”, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 50, (1996), 307-324.

All rational argumentation, exemplified by the “deductions” of the likes of Sherlock Holmes, can be construed as a question-answer sequence, interspersed by deductive inferences. The implementation of this idea presupposes a new, better logic of questions and answers which uses the notion of informational independence. What is better and worse in argumentation is determined by strategic rules as distinguished from definitory rules which merely specify which steps in the

process are admissible. Although the definitory rules for questioning and for deduction are entirely different, the strategic rules governing the two are nearly identical in purely discovery-oriented reasoning.

(j) “Wittgenstein on Being and Time”, in Jaakko Hintikka, *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Half-truths and One-and-a-half-truths*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1996, 3-18.

Wittgenstein distinguished between memory time and information time. This distinction is closely related to, but not identical with, a distinction between perspectively identified and publicly identified time reference and also to one between phenomenological and physical time. The distinction is also related to the problem of integrating different perspectival time frames into a single public (physical) time. In the *Tractatus*, memory time was the basic one (our propositions are verified in the present) but was replaced later by information (physical) time as our basic concept of time.

(k) “World Lines and Their Role in Epistemic Logic”, in *Philosophical Logic and Logical Philosophy: Essays in Honour of Vladimir A. Smirnov*, Peter Bystrov and Vadim Sadovsky, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1996, 121-137.

(l)(with Marcelo Dascal and Kuno Lorenz) “Games in Language”, in *Philosophy of Language: An International Handbook of Contemporary Research 2*, Marcelo Dascal et al., editors, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 1996, 1371-1391.

(m) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Game-Theoretical Semantics”, in *Handbook of Logic and Language*, Johan van Benthem and Alice ter Meulen, editors, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1996, 361-410.

(n) (with Gabriel Sandu) “A Revolution in Logic?”, *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic* **1**, (1996), 169-183.

Frege formulated his logic so as to rule out some possible and interpretable patterns of dependence and independence between quantifiers. When they are restored, we obtain independence-friendly (IF) first-order logic. This logic is stronger than ordinary first-order logic. It admits a complete disproof method but not semantically complete axiomatization. This incompleteness makes nonsense of Frege’s and Hilbert’s foundational projects, but opens the possibility of descriptively complete axiomatization where it was previously impossible. This incompleteness does not affect the requirements on formal proofs in mathematics except that all valid inference patterns cannot now be recursively enumerated. New patterns can be discovered, not by intuition, but by model-theoretical considerations. Among other things, the axiom of choice can be vindicated in this way.

**1997****Books**

(a) *Lingua Universalis vs. Calculus Ratiocinator: An Ultimate Presupposition of Twentieth-Century Philosophy, Selected Papers II*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1997, xxii + 268 pp.

The essays collected here explore a fundamental contrast between two overall visions of language and its availability to self-examination. They can be characterized as “language as the universal medium” and “language as calculus” (or the model-theoretical view). The former normally includes the ineffability of semantics and a one-world ontology. This contrast has dominated twentieth-century philosophy but has scarcely been acknowledged before. Philosophers examined here from the vantage point of the contrast include Peirce, Frege, Wittgenstein, Carnap, Quine, Husserl and Heidegger. Tarski’s famous result concerning the indefinability of truth seems to decide the issue in favor of the universalists. Hintikka nevertheless shows that Tarski’s result is inconclusive and that truth can in fact be defined in languages which are in certain respects comparable to ordinary language. This unique volume is a must for every contemporary philosopher and for everyone interested in the semantics of our language. (publisher)

**Papers**

(a) “Commentary on Allen”, in *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy 11*, John J. Cleary and William Wians, editors, University Press of America, Lanham, Maryland, 1997 (for 1995), 206-213.

Allen correctly describes the *Topics* as a handbook of dialectical argumentation, and asks how Aristotle’s logic developed from such argumentation. But passages like *An. Post. I*, 75a 18-27 show that Aristotle continued to think of all inferences as steps in interrogative inquiry. Logical inferences are merely those question-answer steps where the answer is necessitated by earlier answers. Yet it can still be necessary *ad hominem*. The problem of Aristotle’s development concerns the separation of such necessitated answers from others. The difficulty in interpreting Aristotle is largely due to his failure to distinguish definitory and strategic rules from each other.

(b) “A Game Theory of Logic – A Logic of Game Theory”, *Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook 5*, (1997), 315-323.

Game theory is sometimes claimed to be a general theory of rationality. If so, it should have applications outside its original scope of competitive and economic activities. The author’s game-theoretical semantics is a case in point. It has led to significant new developments, including independence-friendly logic, where independence means informational independence as in game theory. All games must nevertheless be actually playable. One corollary is that human players must be able to form their strategies in response to other players’ moves. The question is also raised whether playability requires that one’s strategies be computable.

- (c) “Hilbert Vindicated?”, *Synthese* **110**, no. 1, (1997), 15-36.

The professed reasons for classifying Hilbert a formalist are largely mistaken. The only half-way valid reason is Hilbert’s preference for concrete symbols as the objects dealt with in the foundations of mathematics. This preference was nevertheless only a small part of Hilbert’s campaign against general concepts and for concrete individuals in logic and in the foundations. For Hilbert, mathematics is not a set-theoretical but a combinatorial enterprise. The same orientation is illustrated by Hilberts’ use of the epsilon-symbol. Hilberts’ ideas are partly vindicated by the author’s independence-friendly first-order (and hence “nominalistic”) logic to which all usual mathematical truths can in a sense be reduced.

(d) “The Idea of Phenomenology in Wittgenstein and Husserl”, in *Phänomenologie und Logischer Empirismus: Zentnarium Felix Kaufman*, Friedrich Stadler, editor, Springer-Verlag, Vienna, 1997, 127-151.

- (e) “No Scope for Scope?”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* **20**, (1997), 515-544

The notion of scope is ambiguous, indicating both logical priority and the limits of binding. A separation of these two in first-order logic yields a stronger logic which automatically solves the donkey sentence problem. In natural language, priority scope is determined by ordering principles which do not reduce to bracketing. Binding scope disappears, for natural-language quantifier phrases do not operate like variable-binders but as scopeless description-like terms whose quantifiers range over certain choice sets that depend on the stage a semantical game has reached and hence cannot be indicated by bracketing.

(f) “On Creativity in Reasoning”, in *The Complexity of Creativity*, Å.E. Andersson and N.-E. Sahlin, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1997, 67-78.

(g) “Replies”, in *Knowledge and Inquiry: Essays on Jaakko Hintikka’s Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*, Matti Sintonen, editor, Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Rodopi, Amsterdam, 1997, 311-340.

This is a series of answers to, and comments on, all the other contributions to the same volume. The topics touched on include Aristotle and plenitude; Aristotle’s dialectic; theories of questions in German philosophy around 1900; relationship between Wittgenstein and Ramsey; inductive logic; the atomistic postulate; caution and nonmonotonic inference; identifiability; questions and natural kinds; structure of inquiry; semantics of questions; science and games; explanation; interrogative approach to inquiry; and the logical structure of learning models.

(h) “A Revolution in the Foundations of Mathematics?”, *Synthese* **111**, no. 2, (1997), 155-170.

The received picture of the foundations of mathematics consists of (semantically complete) first-order logic supplemented by higher-order logic or, usually, set theory. But ordinary first-order logic involves needless restrictions on quantifier interplay whose removal results in a new *independence-friendly first-*

*order logic*. It captures many mathematical notions (equicardinality, infinity, etc.) ordinary first-order logic does not capture. It is semantically incomplete, but it facilitates descriptively complete axiomatization of many mathematical theories. In a sense, any mathematical theorem is interpretable as a truth of this logic. In brief, it makes in principle set theory and higher-order largely dispensable.

(i) “Three Dogmas of Quine’s Empiricism”, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* **51**, (1997), 457-477.

The thought of W.V. Quine is shaped by three important but largely unarticulated presuppositions which he shares with many other philosophers.

(1) Quine assumes that our discourse is meaningful only insofar as it pertains to the actual world. (The one-world assumption.) Quine sees no use for concepts which for instance serve to locate the actually realized scenario on the map of numerous possible ones. This excludes him from realistic modal logic, philosophically and linguistically significant model theory, realistic conceptions of probability etc.

(2) A related assumption in Quine is that we cannot meaningfully and nontrivially speak in our language of its own semantics. (The ineffability of semantics.) This reduces semantics for Quine to the study of the linguistic behavior of language users. It is likewise this ineffability thesis that lies at the bottom of Quine’s rejection of the notion of analyticity. If genuine meaning attributions could be expressed and discussed in language, they would be on the same level as any other empirical hypotheses, and so would be e.g. meaning postulates.

(3) Like many other philosophers Quine in effect thinks that the most basic input into our cognitive processes consists of information codifiable in particular propositions. (The atomistic postulate.) Because of the atomistic postulate and of the one-world assumption Quine’s projected behavioristic language theory labors under several serious handicaps.

None of the three presuppositions is acceptable. The one-world assumption misconstrues the actual semantics of our language. The ineffability thesis is disproved by recent developments in logical semantics, and the atomistic postulate is contradicted as an epistemological thesis by the method of controlled experiment and contradicted as a psychological thesis by the phenomenology of human cognition, including the phenomenology of perception.

(j) “What was Aristotle Doing in his Early Logic, Anyway? A Reply to Woods and Hansen”, *Synthese* **113**, no. 2, (1997), 241-249.

Allegedly against my earlier interpretations, Woods and Hansen argue that several typical Aristotelian fallacies are mistakes in reasoning rather than in questioning. But this contrast did not exist for Aristotle. For him our “logical inferences” were merely special kinds of steps in interrogative inquiry, viz. answers that are (as we would say) logically implied by early answers. In Aristotle’s terminology, such interrogative steps are necessary *ad argumentum*, and not merely

*ad hominem*. Either kind of step instantiates both definitory and strategic rules. This analysis illuminates such Aristotelian fallacies as *petitio principii* and the fallacy of many questions.

(k) “Who Is About to Kill Analytic Philosophy?”, in *The Story of Analytic Philosophy*, Anat Biletzki and Anat Matar, editors, Routledge, London, 1997, 253-269.

## 1998

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(a) *Language, Truth and Logic in Mathematics, Selected Papers III*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1998, x + 247 pp.

(b) *Paradigms for Language Theory and Other Essays, Selected Papers IV*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1998, x + 310 pp.

(c) *Questions de logique et de phénoménologie*, Élisabeth Rigal, editor, Élisabeth Rigal, et al., translators, in the series Problèmes et Controverses, Jean-François Courtine, directeur, Librairie Philosophique, J. Vrin, Paris, 1998, 338pp.

(d) *El viaje filosófico más largo: De Aristóteles a Virginia Woolf*, Marcelo M.M. Hurtado, translator, Gedisa Editorial, Barcelona, 1998, 287pp.

### Papers

(a) “*Argumentum ad hominem*: Will the Real Fallacy Please Stand Up?”, *Armenian Mind* II, no. 1, (1998), 45-60.

(b) “Der Formelkram ist nur eine Sprache”, in *Einladung zum Denken: Ein kleiner Streifzug durch die Analytische Philosophie*, Dagmar Borchers, Olaf Brill and Uwe Czaniera, editors, Verlag Holder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien, 1998, 133-42.

(c) “On Gödel’s Philosophical Assumptions”, *Synthese* **114**, (1998), 13-23.

Gödel was a one-world theorist who did not use the idea of other possible worlds or scenarios. Logical truths were for him not truths in all possible worlds, but truths about certain abstract entities in *this* world. As a consequence, Gödel failed to distinguish between different kinds of (in)completeness. He proved the *deductive* incompleteness of elementary arithmetic, but this implies *descriptive* incompleteness only if the underlying theory is *semantically* complete. Because of the same one-world stance, Gödel had to postulate a special supersensory access to his abstract entities, viz. mathematical intuition.

(d) “Perspectival Identification, Demonstratives and ‘Small Worlds’”, in Jaakko Hintikka, *Paradigms for Language Theory and Other Essays, Selected Papers IV*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1998, 219-249.

Demonstratives are characterized by their reliance on perspectival rather than public identification method. These two differ in different alternatives to some given situation of language use, not in different situations of use. Many noun phrases can be used demonstratively, i.e. with a *de re* construction with respect to perspectival identification (type three demonstratives). Words like “this” and “that” have their reference fixed ostensively. They are called “type two demonstratives.” The

reference of “I”, “here”, and “now” seems already fixed by the situation (type one demonstratives). Yet they too can be thought to rely on tacit ostension.

(e) “The Pragmatic Fallacies of the New Theory of Reference,” *Pragmatics and Cognition* 6, nos. 1-2, (1998), 9-20.

As is well known, according to the “new” theory of reference, the reference relation can be carried out by means of rigid designators whose relationship with the object they designate cannot be analyzed away. Moreover, the new theorists claim, the category of proper names in a natural language marks almost invariably rigid designators. In this paper, both claims are rejected. Using distinctions between the referential system (which determines which entities the primitive symbols of language refer to in each possible world) and the identification system (which determines which member of one world is identical with which member of another), and between two types of object identification (public and perspectival), it is argued that the use of a noun phrase as a rigid designator is predicated on the assumption that a language user knows who (or what) the noun phrase refers to in the actual world. The conclusion is that rigid designation is not a conceptually irreducible reference relation, nor are proper names always used as rigid designators.

(f) “Ramsey Sentences and the Meaning of Quantifiers”, *Philosophy of Science* 65, (1998), 289-305.

From a (first-order) theory  $T$ , its Ramsey reduct  $r(T)$  is obtained by replacing all theoretical terms to variables bound to initial second-order existential quantifiers.  $T$  and  $r(T)$  are not equivalent, which seems to imply that Ramsey reduction is not a genuine elimination of theoretical terms. However, if the basic logic is independence-friendly first-order logic, the reduct is equivalent to a first-order sentence. Does that show that theoretical concepts are eliminable? No, because even first-order quantifiers introduce in effect theoretical concepts, viz. the Skolem functions of the sentence in which they occur.

(g) “Réponses et commentaires”, Élisabeth Rigal, translator, in Jaakko Hintikka, *Questions de logique et de phénoménologie*, Élisabeth Rigal, editor, in the series Problèmes et Controverses, Jean-François Courtine, directeur, Librairie Philosophique, J. Vrin, Paris, 1998, 309-329.

(h) “Truth Definitions, Skolem Functions and Axiomatic Set Theory,” *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* 4, (1998), 303-337.

In defining truth for a language, quantifiers ranging over numbers as numbers must be independent of quantifiers over numbers as Gödel numbers. Such independence is not expressible in ordinary logic, only in independence-friendly logic, where the truth of a sentence equals the existence of its Skolem functions. A predicate asserting such existence can be formulated in an axiomatic set theory  $AX$ . Since it cannot be a truth predicate, there is in any model of  $AX$  some true sentence  $S$  whose Skolem functions do not all exist. This is paradoxical, for Skolem functions produce the “witness individuals” that guarantee the truth of  $S$ .

(i) “What is Abduction? The Fundamental Problem of Contemporary Epistemology”, *Transactions of the Charles Peirce Society* **34**, (1998), 503-533.

Peirce distinguished between deduction, abduction and induction. Abduction is an inferential process. Only in abduction are new hypotheses introduced into inquiry. Although abductions are inferences, they are virtually identified by Peirce with conjectures. It is argued that abductions cannot be identified with “inferences to the best explanation.” Furthermore, the requirement of rationality implies that abductions can always be construed as answers to the inquirer’s (explicit or tacit) questions. This vindicates Peirce’s claims; for instance, it is natural to call abductions inferences, for the strategic principles of abduction are virtually identical with the strategic principles of deduction.

(j)(with Ilpo Halonen) “Epistemic Logic”, in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* **3**, Peter Klein and R. Foley, editors, Routledge, London, 1998, 354-359.

(k) (with Arto Mutanen) “An Alternative Concept of Computability”, in Jaakko Hintikka, *Language, Truth and Logic in Mathematics, Selected Papers III*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1998, 174-188.

(l)(with Gabriel Sandu) “Quantifiers”, in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* **7**, Peter Klein and R. Foley, editors, Routledge, London, 1998, 870-873.

(m) (with Gabriel Sandu) “Tarski’s Guilty Secret: Compositionality” in *Alfred Tarski and the Vienna Circle, Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook* **6**, Jan Wolenski and Eckehart Köhler, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1999, 217-230.

Tarski claimed that the concept of truth cannot be used coherently in colloquial language. This claim he initially presented as a consequence of Lesniewski’s ideas, not of his own impossibility theorem. Lesniewski’s ideas turn on compositionality, whose failure in natural language is therefore Tarski’s real reason for his incoherence claim. Accordingly, when compositionality is given up, as in the authors’ independence-friendly logic, a truth-predicate becomes definable in the same language. Compositionality therefore should not be a desideratum in a semantical theory.

## 1999

### Books

(a) *Inquiry As Inquiry: Toward a Logic of Scientific Discovery, Selected Papers V*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1999, xiii+289 pp.

### Papers

(a) “The Emperor’s New Intuitions”, *The Journal of Philosophy* **96**, (1999), 127-147.

The current practice of appealing to intuitions in philosophical argumentation originated as an imitation of (what was taken to be) Chomsky’s methodology in linguistics. Unlike Chomsky, who is a Cartesian, contemporary philosophers do not have a satisfactory theoretical rationale for their appeals to intuitions. They also fail

to realize the limitations of their own intuitions and the possibility of interpreting them in different ways. As an example, Kripke's intuitions on which his "new theory of reference" is based are analyzed and criticized. A constructive perspective on intuitions is to think of them as answers one obtains by the usual methods of ascertaining a person's conceptual assumptions, applied to one's own case. In order to be useful, intuitions must also be admitted to have at least implicit generality.

(b) "Is the Axiom of Choice a Logical or Set-Theoretical Principle?", *Dialectica* **53**, (1999), 283-29.

A generalization of the axioms of choice says that all the Skolem functions of a true first-order sentence exist. This generalization can be implemented on the first-order level by generalizing the rule of existential instantiation into a rule of functional instantiation. If this generalization is carried out in first-order axiomatic set theory (FAST), it is seen that in any model of FAST, there are sentences S which are true but whose Skolem functions do not exist. Since this existence is what the truth of S means in a combinational (model-theoretical) sense, in any model of FAST there are sentences which are set-theoretical "true" but false in the normal sense of the word. This shows that the assumptions on which the axiom of choice rests cannot be fully implemented in FAST. The axiom of choice is not a set-theoretical principle.

(c) "Is Logic the Key to all Good Reasoning?", in Jaakko Hintikka, *Inquiry as Inquiry: A*

*Logic of Scientific Discovery: Selected Papers V*, Kluwer Academic Publishers,

Dordrecht, 1999, 1-24.

(d) "On Aristotle's Notion of Existence", *The Review of Metaphysics* **52**, (1999), 779-805.

(e) "Quine's Ultimate Presuppositions", *Theoria* **65**, (1999), 3-24.

(f) (with Ilpo Halonen) "Interpolation as Explanation", *Philosophy of Science* **66**, (1999), 414-423.

A (normalized) interpolant I in Craig's theorem is a kind of explanation why the consequence relation (from F to G) holds. This is because I is a summary of the interaction of the configurations specified by F and G, respectively, that shows how G follows from F. – If explaining E means deriving it from a background theory T plus situational information A and if among the concepts of E we can separate those occurring only in T or only in A, then the interpolation theorem applies in two different ways yielding two different explanations and two different covering laws.

(g) (with Ilpo Halonen) "Unification — It's Magnificent But is it Explanation?", in *Proceedings of the Lund Conference on Explanation*, J. Persson, editor, *Synthese* **120**,

no. 1, (1999), 27-47.

(h) (with Ilpo Halonen and Arto Mutanen) "Interrogative Logic as a General Theory of Reasoning", in Jaakko Hintikka, *Inquiry as Inquiry: A Logic of Scientific*

*Discovery, Selected Papers V*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1999, 47-90.

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(a) “Epistemology: Introduction” in *The Examined Life: Readings from Western Philosophy from Plato to Kant*, Stanley Rosen, editor, Random House, New York, 2000, 401-414.

(b) “Gadamer: Squaring the Hermeneutical Circle” *Revue de Internationale de Philosophie* **54**, (2000), 487-497.

(c) “Game-Theoretical Semantics as a Challenge to Proof Theory”, *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic* **4**, (2000), 127-141.

(d) “History of Logic Before and After Bochenski”, in *Joseph (I.M.) Bochenski: Life and Work*, J. Kozak and G. Küng, editors, Verlag A. Stanic Scientific Publishers, 2000.

(e) “Intuitions as Model-theoretical Insights”, in *Intuitive Formation of Meaning: Symposium Held in Stockholm, April 20-21, 1998*, Sven Sandström, editor, *Konferenser* **48**, 2000, 75-90.

(f) “Knowledge Functions in the Growth of Mathematical Knowledge”, in *The Growth of Mathematical Knowledge*, E. Grosholz and H. Berger, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2000, 1-15.

(g) “Language as a “Mirror of Nature””, *Sign Systems Studies* **28**, (2000), 62-72.

(h) “On the Educational Missions of Philosophy”, *Diogenes* **48/4**, no. 192, (2000), 63-70.

(i) “Questioning as a Philosophical Method” in *The Examined Life: Readings from Western Philosophy from Plato to Kant*, Stanley Rosen, editor, Random House, New York, 2000, 453-470.

(j) “The Theory-Ladeness of Intuitions” in *Logique en perspective: Mélanges offerts à Paul Gochet*, François Beets and Éric Gillet, editors, Ouisia, Bruxelles, 2000, 259-287.

(k) “What is IF Logic and Why Do We Need It?”, in Chinese translation by Chen Bo, *Journal of Dialectics of Nature* **22**, no. 3, (2000), 20-28.

(l) "What is True and False about So-Called Theories of Truth?", in *Analytic Philosophy and Logic*, Akihiro Kanamori, editor, *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy* **6**, 2000, 155-160.

(m) "Review: *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward Craig, General Editor, Routledge, London/New York, 1998, vols. 1-10", in *Synthese* **124**, no. 3, (2000), 433-445.

(n) (with Ilpo Halonen) "Aristotelian Explanations", *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* **31**, (2000), 125-136.

## 2001

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(a) *Filosofian köyhyys ja rikkaus: Nykyfilosofian kartoitusta*, Janne Hiipakka and Risto

Vilkko, editors, Art House Oy, Helsinki, 2001, 400pp. (*The Poverty and Richness of*

*Philosophy: Perspectives on Contemporary Philosophy*)

Papers

(a) "Ernst Mach at the Crossroads of Twentieth-Century Philosophy" in *Future Pasts:*

*Perspectives on the Analytic Tradition*, Juliet Floyd and Sanford Shieh, editors, Oxford

*University Press, Oxford, March, 2001, 81-100.*

(b) "Introduction and Postscript: Defining Truth and its Difficulties", *Synthese* **126**, nos. 1-2,

(2001), 1-16.

(c) "Intuitionistic Logic as Epistemic Logic", *Synthese* **127**, no. 1, (2001), 7-19.

(d) "Is Logic the Key to All Good Reasoning?", *Argumentation* **15**, (2001), 35-57.

(e) "Post-Tarskian Truth", *Synthese* **126**, no.1 (2001), 17-36.

Using Gödel numbering means speaking of numbers in two different roles, as numbers and as codifications of formulas of the same arithmetical language. If this is done, quantifiers ranging over numbers in the two roles must be informationally independent. This cannot be done in ordinary first-order logic, which explains why Tarski's impossibility theorem holds. It can be done in a suitable independence-friendly first-order language, which means that a self-applied truth-predicate can be defined in it.

This puts the entire theory of truth to a new light. It shows that the previous difficulties in trying to define truth explicitly are not due to the excessive strength of the languages in question, but to their poverty. It deprives such "theories of truth" as the so-called coherence theory much of their motivation. It shows that minimalist

approaches to truth have a point, but need IF logic in order to be carried out explicitly.

(f) “What Is Truth? Stay for an Answer” in *What Is Truth*, Richard Schantz, editor, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 2002, 238-245.

(g) (with Ilpo Halonen) “Toward a Theory of the Process of Explanation” in Ilpo Halonen, *Interrogative Model of Explanation and Covering Laws* (dissertation), Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Vantaa, 2001, 141-212. (Forthcoming in *Synthese*.)

(h) “The Proper Treatment of Quantifiers in Ordinary Logic”, in *Collected Papers of Stig Kanger: With Essays on His Life and Work*, Vol. II, Ghita Holmström-Hintikka, Sten Lindström and Rysiek Sliwinski, editors, Kluwer Academic, Dordrecht, 2001, 87-95.

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(b) “Comment on Eklund and Kolak”, *Synthese* **131**, no. 3, (2002), 389-393.

(c) “Die Dialektik in Gödels *Dialectica* Interpretation”, in Bernd Buldt et al., editors, *Kurt Gödel: Wahrheit und Beweisbarkeit 2*, öbv & hpt, Vienna, 2002, 67-90. (A corrected and expanded version in German translation of “Gödel’s Functional Interpretation in a Wider Perspective”, in *Yearbook 1991 of the Kurt Gödel Society Yearbook*, H.D. Schwabl, editor, Kurt Gödel Society, Vienna, 1993, 1-39.)

(d) “Hyperclassical Logic (a.k.a. IF Logic) and Its Implications for Logical Theory”, *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* **8**, (2002), 404-423.

(e) “Looginen empirismi kuusi vuosikymmentä myöhemmin” in *Wienin piiri*, Ilkka Niiniluoto and Heikki J. Koskinen, editors, Gaudeamus, Helsinki, 2002, 250-260.

(f) “Negation in Logic and in Natural Language”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* **25**, (2002), 585-600.

(g) “Quantum Logic as a Fragment of Independence-Friendly Logic”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* **31**, (2002), 197-209.

(h) (with Anna-Maija Hintikka) “Wittgenstein the Bewitched Writer” in Rudolf Haller and Klaus Puhl, editors, *Wittgenstein and the Future of Philosophy: A Reassessment after 50 Years. Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium*, öbv & hpt, Wien, 2002, 131-150.

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*Woleński on the Occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday*, Synthese Library **323**, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2003, i-xiii+290pp.

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(b) “The Notion of Intuition in Husserl”, *Review Internationale de Philosophie*, no.224, (2003), 169-191.

(c) “On the Epistemology of Game-Theoretical Semantics”, in *Philosophy and Logic: In Search of the Polish Tradition: Essays in Honour of Jan Woleński on the Occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday*, Synthese Library **323**, J. Hintikka, T. Czarnecki, K. Kijania-Placek and A. Rogszczak, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2003, 57-66.

(d) “On Tarski’s Assumptions”, *Synthese*, (2003), 1-17.

(e) “A Second Generation Epistemic Logic and its General Significance”, in *Knowledge Contributors*, Synthese Library, **322**, Vincent F. Hendricks, Klaus Froyen Jørgensen and Stig Andur Pedersen, editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2003, 33-56.

(f) “Squaring the Vienna Circle with Up-to-date Logic and Epistemology”, in *Language, Truth and Knowledge: Contributions to the Philosophy of Rudolf Carnap*, Thomas Bonk, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2003, 149-166.

(g) “What Does the Wittgensteinian Inexpressible Express?”, *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* **XI**, (2003), 9-17.

(h) (with John Symons) “Systems of Visual Identification and Neuroscience: Lessons from Epistemic Logic”, *Philosophy of Science* **70**, (2003), 89-104.

Shows how developments in epistemic logic can play a nontrivial role in cognitive neuroscience. Argues that the striking correspondence between two modes of identification, as distinguished in the epistemic context, and two cognitive systems distinguished by neuroscientific investigation of the visual system (the “where” and “what” systems) is not coincidental, and that it can play a clarificatory role at the most fundamental levels of neuroscientific theory.

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**Papers**

- (a) "Aristotle's Theory of Thinking and Its Consequences for his Methodology", in Jaakko Hintikka, *Analyses of Aristotle: Selected Papers VI*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2004, 45-85.
- (b) "Did Wittgenstein Follow the Rules? (Or Was He Guided by Them?) in *Experience and Analysis: Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*, 27<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium, Elisabeth Leinfellner, Rudolf Haller, Werner Leinfellner, Klaus Puhl and Paul Weingartner, eds., Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg am Wechsel, 2004, 140-141.
- (c) "A Fallacious Fallacy?", *Synthese* **140**, (2004), 25-35.
- (d) "Independence-friendly Logic and Axiomatic Set Theory", *Annals of Pure and Applied Logic* **126**, (2004), 313-333.
- (e) "Hintikka, Merrill Bristow", in *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*, Thoemmes Press, Bristol, 2004.
- (f) "On the Different Identities of Identity: A Historical and Critical Essay" in *Language, Meaning, Interpretation*, Guttorm Fløistad, editor, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2004, 117-139.
- (g) "What Does the Wittgensteinian Inexpressible Express?" *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* **11**, (2003), 9-17.
- (h) "What Is the True Algebra of Logic?", in *First-Order Logic Revisited*, Vincent Hendricks et al., editors, Logos Verlag, Berlin, 2004, 117-128.
- (i) "Wittgenstein's Demon and His Theory of Mathematics", in *Essays on Wittgenstein and Austrian Philosophy: In Honour of J.C. Nyiri*, Tamás Demeter, editor, Rodopi b.v., Amsterdam - New York, 2004, 89-107.

**Forthcoming****Papers**

- (a) "The Crash of the Philosophy of the *Tractatus*: Wittgenstein's Change of Mind in 1929".
- (b) "Epistemology without Knowledge and without Belief".

The nature of epistemology is revealed by two questions: What is it that we are doing in epistemological inquiry? and, What can the product of such an inquiry do for us? The concrete function of the notion of knowledge is to indicate what information we are entitled to act on. What we are doing in epistemological inquiry is shown by the interrogative model of inquiry that has recently been developed. A survey of this model reveals that neither the concept of knowledge nor that of belief are needed in it. Instead of knowledge we are dealing with information, and instead of belief we are dealing with acceptance. The notion knowledge enters only through the question whether the output of inquiry entitles us to act on it. The answer to this question — this is the applicability of the notion of knowledge — depends on the subject matter and not

only on the structure of the inquiry, and hence does not belong to general epistemology. Likewise, belief should be construed as a product of inquiry, not as free choice of propositions to accept. As such, it does not belong to general epistemology any more than the concept of knowledge.

(c) “The Indispensability of Mathematics and the A Priori Element in Experimental Science”, forthcoming.

Mathematics is indispensable in science because mathematical knowledge is needed for the purpose of answering adequately scientific questions, especially experimental ones. In such a question, the inquirer tries to find out how a variable (say,  $y$ ) depends on another one (say,  $x$ ). The desideratum of such a question is therefore of the form

$$(1) \quad K_I(\forall x)(\exists y/K_I) S[x,y]$$

in words, “I know which value of  $y$  is related to each value of  $x$  as in  $S[x,y]$ .” An experiment provides ideally a function-in-extension, in other words, enables the inquirer to assert

$$(2) \quad K_I(\forall x) S[x,g(x)]$$

for some function  $g$  defined by a class of observations, that is, by a class of pairs of correlated argument-values and function-values. But (2) does not yet satisfy the questioner, i.e. does not entail (1). It does so only in conjunction with the further premise

$$(3) \quad K_I(\exists f/K_I)(\forall x)(g(x)=f(x))$$

which can be written as

$$(4) \quad K_I(\exists f/K_I)(g=f)$$

and which says that the inquirer (“myself”) knows which function  $g$  is. This is an eminently natural requirement, which also follows from epistemic logic. What it means is that according to the logic of questions and answers the knowledge expressed by (3) is indispensable for an adequate answer to the original experimental question. But the knowledge expressed by (3) is mathematical, not factual. Hence certain mathematical knowledge is needed for the purpose of answering experimental questions; mathematics is indispensable in science.

This argument is a straightforward application of the basic logic of questions and answers. It is independent of the role (if any) of mathematics as a means of interconnecting and systematizing scientific propositions.

As a corollary, a new discussion of the problem of induction comes to light. Even if an experimentalist can establish an entire function-in-extension (graph of the function)  $g$ , as in (2), the inquirer does not fully know how  $y$  depends on  $x$  unless and until he or she has figured out what this function is, mathematically speaking.

(d) “Omitting data — ethical or strategic problem?”, *Synthese*.

(e) “On Argumentation in a Multicultural Setting” in *Proceedings of the New Delhi Meeting of the IIP*, KluwerAcademic Publishers.

- (f) “Presuppositions of Questions — Presuppositions of Inquiry”, *Proceedings of the 2001 IIP Annual Meeting*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht.
- (g) “Truth, Negation and Other Basic Notions of Logic”
- (h) “Who Has Kidnapped the Notion of Information?”
- (i) “Will the Real Ludwig Wittgenstein Please Stand Up”.
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