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Independent Thinking in an Uncertain World Valerie A. Brown, John A. Harris, David Waltner-Toews, 2019-04-29 Any effective response to an uncertain future will require independently thinking individuals working together Human ideas and actions have led to unprecedented changes in the relationships among humans and between humans and the Earth Changes in the air we breathe the water we drink and the energy we use are evidence of Nature which has no special interest in sustaining human life looking out for itself Even the evolutionary context for humans has altered Evolutionary pressures from the digital communication revolution have been added to those from natural systems For humans to meet these challenges requires social re organisation that is neither simple nor easy *Independent Thinking in an Uncertain World* explores workable field tested strategies from the frontiers of creating a viable future for humans on Earth Based on research results from hundreds of social learning workshops with communities worldwide many of them part of Australian National University's Local Sustainability Project authors with diverse interests explore the gap between open minded individual thinking and closed socially defined knowledges The multiple dimensions of individual social and biophysical ways of thinking are combined in ways that allow open minded individuals to learn from one another

Directory of World Cinema: American Independent John Berra, 2010-05-01 With high profile Academy Award nominations and an increasing number of big name actors eager to sign on to promising projects independent films have been at the forefront in recent years like never before But the roots of such critical and commercial successes as *The Hurt Locker* and *Precious* can be traced to the first boom of independent cinema in the 1960s when a raft of talented filmmakers emerged to capture the attention of a rapidly growing audience of young viewers A thorough overview of a thriving area of cultural life *Directory of World Cinema: American Independent* chronicles the rise of the independent sector as an outlet for directors who challenge the status quo yet still produce accessible feature films that not only find wide audiences but enjoy considerable box office appeal without sacrificing critical legitimacy Key directors are interviewed and profiled and a sizeable selection of films are referenced and reviewed More than a dozen sub genres including African American cinema queer cinema documentary familial dysfunction and exploitation are individually considered with an emphasis on their ability to engage with tensions inherent in American society Copious illustrations and a range of research resources round out the volume making this a truly comprehensive guide At a time when independent films are enjoying considerable cultural cachet this easy to use yet authoritative guide will find an eager audience in media historians film studies scholars and movie buffs alike

United States International Economic Policy in an Interdependent World United States. Commission on International Trade and Investment Policy, 1971

Status of the World's Nations United States. Department of State. Office of the Geographer, 1964

Pragmatism and Objectivity Sami Pihlström, 2017-02-17 Pragmatism and Objectivity illuminates the nature of contemporary pragmatism against the background of Rescher's work resulting in a stronger grasp of the prospects and

promises of this philosophical movement The central insight of pragmatism is that we must start from where we find ourselves and deflate metaphysical theories of truth in favor of an account that reflects our actual practices of the concept Pragmatism links truth and rationality to experience success and action While crude versions of pragmatism state that truth is whatever works for a person or a community Nicholas Rescher has been at the forefront of arguing for a more sophisticated pragmatist position According to his position we can illuminate a robust concept of truth by considering its links with inquiry assertion belief and action His brand of pragmatism is objective and organized around truth and inquiry rather than other forms of pragmatism that are more subjective and lenient The contingency and fallibility of knowledge and belief formation does not mean that our beliefs are simply what our community decides or that truth and objectivity are spurious notions Rescher offers the best chance of understanding how it is that beliefs can be the products of human inquiry yet aim at the truth nonetheless The essays in this volume written by established and up and coming scholars of pragmatism touch on themes related to epistemology philosophy of mind philosophy of science and ethics The Anatomy of Idealism P. Hoffman, 1982-08-31 In its attempt to come to grips with the nature of the human mind idealism employs such terms as pure self transcendental apperception pure consciousness and so on What do these terms mean What do they refer to Provisionally at least the following answer could be satisfying such and similar expressions are purported to capture a very special quality of human mind a quality due to which man is not simply a part of nature but a being capable of knowing and acting according to principles governing the spiritual realm In the first chapter of the present study the author attempts to bring the idea of pure Ego down to earth By analyzing Kant's concept of pure apperception the ancestor of all similar notions in the history of modern and contemporary idealism the author concludes that certain functions and capacities attributed to pure apperception by Kant himself imply the rejection of the idealistic framework and the necessity to naturalize the idea of pure self In other words and Kant's claims to the contrary notwithstanding pure apperception cannot be conceived as superimposed upon man viewed as a part of nature as a feeling and a sensing being The referent as it were of the expression pure self turns out to be something much more familiar to us a human organism with all its needs drives and dispositions

Rational Spirituality and Divine Virtue in Plato Michael LaFargue, 2016-04-28 Michael LaFargue presents an important and accessible aspect of Plato's legacy largely overlooked today a variety of personal spirituality based on reason and centered on virtue Plato's Virtue Forms are transcendent in their goodness ideals that Platonists can use to improve character and become like God so far as is humanly possible LaFargue constructs a model of inductive Socratic reasoning capable of acquiring knowledge of these perfect Virtue Forms then scales back claims about these Forms to what can be supported by this kind of reasoning This is a critical theory but also a pluralistic one that accommodates modern cultural diversity A how to chapter provides detailed descriptions of the rules of Socratic reasoning basic to this spirituality which any interested individual can practice today LaFargue supports his interpretation by a close reading of the Greek text of key

passages in Plato's dialogues The work also undertakes a broader philosophical consideration discussing the philosophical foundations proposed for this Platonism in relation to the thought of G E Moore Ludwig Wittgenstein Martin Heidegger Friedrich Nietzsche and Richard Rorty *Beyond Hellenistic Epistemology* Charles E. Snyder, 2021-07-29 Charles E Snyder considers the New Academy's attacks on Stoic epistemology through a critical re-assessment of the 3rd century philosopher Arcesilaus of Pitane Arguing that the standard epistemological framework used to study the ancient Academy ignores the metaphysical dimensions at stake in Arcesilaus's critique Snyder explores new territory for the historiography of Stoic Academic debates in the early Hellenistic period Focusing on the dispute between the Old and New Academy Snyder reveals the metaphysical dimensions of Arcesilaus's arguments as essential to grasping what is innovative about the so-called New Academy Resisting the partiality for epistemology in the historical reconstructions of ancient philosophy this book defends a new philosophical framework that re-positions Arcesilaus's attack on the early Stoa as key to his deviation from the metaphysical foundations of both Stoic and Academic virtue ethics Drawing on a wide range of scholarship on Hellenistic philosophy in French Italian and German *Beyond Hellenistic Epistemology* builds bridges between analytical and continental approaches to the historiography of ancient philosophy and makes an important and disruptive contribution to the literature

The Independent, 1916 After Cognitivism Karl Leidlmair, 2009-09-01 There is a basic perplexity in our times On the one hand we find a blind trust in technology and rationalism In our neo-liberalistically dominated world only what can be rapidly exploited and commercialized seems to count The only opposing reaction to this kind of rationalism is an extreme rejection of all kinds of reasoning and sometimes attendant religious fundamentalism But instead of reflecting on the limits and possibilities of reasoning dialogue is replaced by a demagogic struggle between cultures One cause of the blind trust in technology is misunderstandings about the significance and the application of theories in the reception of the so-called Enlightenment The Enlightenment is essentially characterized by two forces i the conception of society as a social contract and ii the new science Newtonian physics etc But as a result we lost ground Atomistic individualism nourished the illusion of a self-contained ego prior to man's entering into a shared intersubjective world And in the new science our constructions of reality became autonomous and independent of our interventions Thus we became caught in the inherent dynamism of our computational constructions of reality Science as it is applied today operates with far too simple parameters and model-theoretic constructions erroneously taking the latter the models as literal descriptions of reality Incommensurability and Cross-Language Communication Xinli Wang, 2017-05-15 A dominant epistemological assumption behind Western philosophy is that it is possible to locate some form of commonality between languages traditions or cultures such as a common language or lexicon or a common notion of rationality which makes full linguistic communication between them always attainable Xinli Wang argues that the thesis of incommensurability challenges this assumption by exploring why and how linguistic communication between two conceptually disparate languages traditions or cultures is often problematic and even

unattainable According to Wang's presuppositional interpretation of incommensurability the real secret of incommensurability lies in the ontological set ups of two competing presuppositional languages This book provides many original contributions to the discussion of incommensurability and related issues in philosophy and offers valuable insights to scholars in other fields such as anthropology communication linguistics scientific education and cultural studies **Essays**

on Skepticism Anthony Brueckner, 2010-08-19 Anthony Brueckner is recognized as one of the leading contemporary investigators of the problem of skepticism This collection brings together Brueckner's most important work in this area providing a connected and comprehensive guide to the complex state of play on this intensively studied area of philosophy

Reference and Referring William P. Kabasenche, Michael O'Rourke, Matthew H. Slater, 2012-12-21 Original essays on reference and referring by leading scholars that combine breadth of coverage with thematic unity These fifteen original essays address the core semantic concepts of reference and referring from both philosophical and linguistic perspectives After an introductory essay that casts current trends in reference and referring in terms of an ongoing dialogue between Fregean and Russellian approaches the book addresses specific topics balancing breadth of coverage with thematic unity The contributors all leading or emerging scholars address trenchant neo Fregean challenges to the direct reference position consider what positive claims can be made about the mechanism of reference address the role of a theory of reference within broader theoretical context and investigate other kinds of linguistic expressions used in referring activities that may themselves be referring expressions The topical unity and accessibility of the essays the stage setting introductory essay and the comprehensive index combine to make Reference and Referring along with the other books in the Topics in Contemporary Philosophy series appropriate for use in advanced undergraduate and graduate courses **The World's**

Work, 1924 **An Introductory Philosophy of Medicine** James A. Marcum, 2008-05-07 In this book the author explores the shifting philosophical boundaries of modern medical knowledge and practice occasioned by the crisis of quality of care especially in terms of the various humanistic adjustments to the biomedical model To that end he examines the metaphysical epistemological and ethical boundaries of these medical models He begins with their metaphysics analyzing the metaphysical positions and presuppositions and ontological commitments upon which medical knowledge and practice is founded Next he considers the epistemological issues that face these medical models particularly those driven by methodological procedures undertaken by epistemic agents to constitute medical knowledge and practice Finally he examines the axiological boundaries and the ethical implications of each model especially in terms of the physician patient relationship In a concluding Epilogue he discusses how the philosophical analysis of the humanization of modern medicine helps to address the crisis of care as well as the question of What is medicine The book's unique features include a comprehensive coverage of the various topics in the philosophy of medicine that have emerged over the past several decades and a philosophical context for embedding bioethical discussions The book's target audiences include both undergraduate and graduate students as well as healthcare

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Conceptual Realism and Historicity: Brandom versus Hegel Norman Schultz, 2024-12-23 A persistent challenge in philosophy is constructing an explicit link between mind and external reality In this regard this book introduces and examines two opposing philosophies It scrutinizes Brandom's inferentialist solution encompassing his influential work *Making It Explicit* 1994 and his controversial interpretation of Hegel as a conceptual realist in *A Spirit of Trust* 2019 Contrastingly it introduces Hegel's relativist historicism arguing that a robust epistemological framework does not necessitate an explicit link to mind independent reality By confining knowledge to its historical context it prevents adherence to false beliefs maintaining openness for truth to emerge one day

Philosophers on Consciousness Jack Symes, 2022-02-10 We know more intimately than anything else what it's like to undergo a rich world of experiences agonizing pains dizzying pleasures heady rage and existential doubts But despite the incredible advances of physical science it seems that we're no closer to an explanation of how this inner world of experiences comes about No matter how detailed our description of the physical brain perhaps we'll always be left with this same question how and why does the brain produce consciousness This book is a short accessible and engaging guide to the mystery of consciousness Featuring remastered interviews and original essays from the world's leading thinkers *Philosophers on Consciousness* sheds new light on the most promising theories in philosophy and science Beyond understanding the mind this is a journey into personal identity the origin of meaning the nature of morality and the fundamental structure of reality Contributors include Miri Albahari Susan Blackmore David Chalmers Patricia Churchland Daniel Dennett Keith Frankish Philip Goff Frank Jackson Casey Logue Gregory Miller Michelle Montague Massimo Pigliucci and Galen Strawson

Communication Against Domination Max Hänska, 2021-04-12 This book tackles the philosophical challenge of bridging the gap between empirical research into communication and information technology and normative questions of justice and how we ought to communicate with each other It brings the question of what justice demands of communication to the center of social science research Max Hänska undertakes expansive philosophical analysis to locate the proper place of normativity in social science research a looming subject in light of the sweeping roles of information technologies in our social world today The book's first section examines metatheoretical issues to provide a framework for normative analysis while the second applies this framework to three technological epochs broadcast communication the Internet and networked communications and the increasing integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies into our communication systems Hänska goes beyond the prevailing frameworks in the field by exploring how we answer normative questions and how our answer can change depending on our social context and the affordances of prevailing communications technologies This book provides

an essential guide for scholars as well as graduate and advanced undergraduate students of research and theory in communication philosophy political science and the social sciences *The Risk Society Revisited* Eugene Rosa,Ortwin Renn,Aaron McCright,2014 Risk is a part of life How we handle uncertainty and deal with potential threats influence decision making throughout our lives In *The Risk Society Revisited* Eugene A Rosa Ortwin Renn and Aaron M McCright offer the first book to present an integrated theory of risk and governance The authors examine our sociological understanding of risk and how we reconcile modern human conditions with our handling of risk in our quest for improved quality of life They build a new framework for understanding risk one that provides an innovative connection between social theory and the governance of technological and environmental risks and the sociopolitical challenges they pose for a sustainable future Showing how our consciousness affects risk in the decisions we make as individuals and as members of a democratic society *The Risk Society Revisited* makes an important contribution to the literature of risk research **Wild Knowledge** Will Wright,1992

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