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Το Τμήμα Κλασικών Σπουδών και Φιλοσοφίας σας προσκαλεί
στη δημόσια ομιλία που θα δώσει στο πλαίσιο της διαδικασίας ανελίξεώς του

ο Λέκτορας του Τμήματος

κ. Χρίστος Κυριάκου

με θέμα:

Against Instrumentalism about Epistemic Rationality

Περίληψη

Various epistemologists have argued that epistemic rationality is *reducible* to instrumental practical rationality. According to this broadly Humean reductionist position, epistemic rationality (and other epistemic values, such as knowledge and truth) is valuable insofar as it is instrumentally practically valuable, that is, insofar as it is useful to satisfy our contingent desires. Call this position *instrumentalism about epistemic rationality*. Cowie (2019) has recently defended instrumentalism about epistemic rationality at some length. I present one of his arguments, namely, ‘*the argument from the ordinary explanation of conformity to epistemic norms*’, and subject it to thorough scrutiny.

In particular, I present eight arguments against it. I first present two semantic arguments that should make us suspicious of the purported reduction. I then offer four modal arguments that build on a modal instability intuition to support that suspicion. Finally, I provide a methodological argument and an anti-conventionalist argument. I conclude that these arguments suggest that epistemic rationality (and other epistemic values) are irreducible to mere instrumental practical value.

Η ομιλία θα δοθεί μέσω της πλατφόρμας Zoom
την **Τετάρτη 6 Οκτωβρίου 2021**, στις **11.30**.

Απαιτείται εγγραφή μέσω του συνδέσμου:

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