

NORMATIVE KINDS: VALUES AND CLASSIFICATORY DECISIONS IN SCIENCE AND POLICY-MAKING

SEMINAR AND PROJECT KICK-OFF

When

Tuesday January 23rd, 2024
11:00-13:00

Where

c/o Sala Apollo,
Department of Philosophy and
Communication, via Zamboni 38.

Organizers

F. Bianchini, R. Campaner,
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All welcome.

No registration required.

Invited Speakers



DR ROBERTO GRONDA

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Is Public a Kind?

One of the most important concepts in current political and social debates is that of "public". We talk about public problems, we say that a certain issue is of public concern, and we also argue that something - an object, a place, or a cultural institution - is of public interest. The aim of the talk is to explore whether the public can be properly understood as a kind. Starting from an analysis of what function the public is expected to perform, I will attempt to clarify which conception of kind is most appropriate for understanding its nature and distinctive properties

Please note: the seminars will be in Italian and in person only.



**PROFESSOR PIERLUIGI
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Biodiversity, conceptual pluralism, and the unity of science. A pragmatic approach

The starting point of this paper concerns the "thick" nature of the concept of biodiversity. Starting from this point I will raise three closely related problems. The first problem is whether the plurality of biodiversity concepts is compatible with a single and true conception of biodiversity: I will answer in the positive. The second problem is epistemological: we will see why the plurality of biodiversity concepts does not imply the acceptance of relativism. Finally, the third problem, which is metaphysical. We will see why pragmatism does not give up the idea that biological diversity is a real diversity, that is, a characteristic of the world and of nature, and not a social construct according to which nature is conventionally divided for classification purposes.

About the project

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