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Relativism and Polyadic Truth

Though one of the oldest philosophical doctrines, relativism has recently resurged in philosophy of language and semantics, where it has been claimed to provide the best account of several areas of discourse, from predicates of taste and aesthetic adjectives, over deontic and epistemic expressions, to vague terms. On the other hand, in model-theoretic semantics, it has long been a platitude to take the truth predicate to be relativized to various parameters: models, structures, assignments, worlds, etc. My main goal in this talk will be to examine to which extent "relativist" semantics constitutes an interesting departure from traditional model-theoretic approaches. I shall also discuss some differences between relativism as applied to the basic evaluative expressions ('good' and 'bad') vs. to the rest (in particular, aesthetic terms and predicates of taste).