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posted 2019-01-28 by David Bourget

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posted 2018-05-30 by David Bourget

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Moving toward PhilPeople

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In the coming months, we will launch

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- Philosophy of Social Science (61,053)
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History of Western Philosophy (365,998)

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For example you can select “Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy”.

Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Edited by Margaret Cameron (University of Melbourne)

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Key works A few, highly regarded recently written multi-author surveys and studies of Medieval philosophy in English: Pasnau & Van Dyke 2010, Marenbon 2011, McGrade 2003. Guides to Arabic medieval philosophy: Adamson & Taylor 2004, Nasr & Leaman 1995.. Guides to Jewish medieval philosophy: Frank & Leaman 2003. For information on primary source texts, editions and translations, see the bibliographies in these surveys. For Renaissance philosophy: Hankins 2007, Schmitt et al 1988.

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[Benny Shanon](#) - 1988 - *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 39 (September):331-52.

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Mathematical symbols as epistemic actions

Johan De Smedt & Helen De Cruz

Synthese 190 (1):3-19 (2013)



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Abstract

Recent experimental evidence from developmental psychology and cognitive neuroscience indicates that humans are equipped with ar skills. However, formal mathematics has properties that cannot be reduced to these elementary cognitive capacities. The question then cognitively deal with more advanced mathematical ideas. This paper draws on the extended mind thesis to suggest that mathematical c mathematical operations to the external environment. In this view, mathematical symbols are not only used to express mathematical c mathematical concepts themselves. Mathematical symbols are epistemic actions, because they enable us to represent concepts that ar brains. Using case-studies from the history of mathematics and from educational psychology, we argue for an intimate relationship bet mathematical cognition.

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