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#### Latest news

**Happy birthday PhilPapers!**  
posted 2019-01-28 by David Bourget

Today (January 28, 2019) is PhilPapers' tenth birthday. PhilPapers has grown enormously since its modest beginnings at the ANU. In the first months, we had only a few thousand users. Now we have hundreds of thousands. We started by indexing a relatively small number of articles that were readily available online. Now we have by far the most complete index of... (read more)

**PhilPeople is here**  
posted 2018-05-30 by David Bourget

We have just launched a beta testing version of PhilPeople: a directory and social network for philosophers developed by the PhilPapers Foundation with support from the American Philosophical Association. Visit the site to find out more!

**Moving toward PhilPeople**  
posted 2018-01-09 by David Bourget

In the coming months, we will launch

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**Value Theory** (579,370)

- Aesthetics (60,887)
- Applied Ethics (168,464)
- Meta-Ethics (13,536)
- Normative Ethics (35,831)
- Philosophy of Gender, Race, and Sexuality (29,445)
- Philosophy of Law (19,842)
- Social and Political Philosophy (145,417)
- Value Theory, Miscellaneous (69,206)

**Science, Logic, and Mathematics** (441,304)

- Logic and Philosophy of Logic (83,278)
- Philosophy of Biology (35,855)
- Philosophy of Cognitive Science (105,291)
- Philosophy of Computing and Information (6,630)
- Philosophy of Mathematics (20,258)
- Philosophy of Physical Science (31,671)
- Philosophy of Social Science (61,093)
- Philosophy of Probability (8,012)
- General Philosophy of Science (51,341)
- Philosophy of Science, Misc (9,239)

**History of Western Philosophy** (365,998)

- Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy (121,837)
- Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (36,662)
- 17th/18th Century Philosophy (92,082)

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

### Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

Edited by **Margaret Cameron** (University of Melbourne)

Assistant editors: Donald Collins, Andrew Park

**About this topic**

*Summary* This category covers the diverse period between the 5th and 16th centuries, which is typically divided into medieval (roughly 5th-14th century) and renaissance (15th-16th century). No brief summary could do justice to the breadth and complexity of these more than 1000 years of philosophy. The medieval period includes Western European, Arabic/Islamic, and Jewish philosophers who were primarily focused on Aristotle's philosophy, although much of the period is influenced by (neo-)Platonic and Augustinian views. The renaissance period includes both the continuation of scholasticism as well as new, humanist trends, which were marked by a return to ancient Greek and Roman literature, as well as a broadening of philosophical interest to include politics, literature, and rhetoric.

*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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**Pre-1000 Medieval Philosophy** (6,738 | 1,620)

Al-Farabi (69)

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- Most recent discussion threads:**

And then narrow down by browsing the “Subcategories”.

For example, you can select “John Duns Scotus”.

**Subcategories**

**Pre-1000 Medieval Philosophy** (6,738 | 1,620)

- Al-Farabi (69)
- Al-Kindi (12)
- Augustine (4,298)
- Boethius (472)
- Byzantine Philosophy\* (60)
- Pre-1000 Medieval Philosophy, Misc (267)

**11th/12th Century Philosophy** (3,525 | 213)

- Peter Abelard (312)
- Anselm (689)
- Al-Ghazali (30)
- Averroes (363)
- Avicenna (420)
- Ibn Tufayl (4)
- Maimonides (631)
- 11/12th Century Philosophy, Misc (863)

**13th/14th Century Philosophy** (13,472 | 3,387)

- Thomas Aquinas (6,137) Jason Eberl
- Roger Bacon (142)
- Bonaventure (216)
- Jean Buridan (339)
- Henry of Ghent (63)
- William of Ockham (760)
- John Duns Scotus (887)

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For example, you can search for works on “causality” related to John Duns Scotus.

**John Duns Scotus**

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causality






To read more information click on a title.

For example, “Duns Scotus on Autonomous Freedom and Divine Co-causality”.

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William A. Frank - 1992 - *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 2:142-164.

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For example, “modularity of mind”.



### Results for 'modularity of mind' (try it on Scholar)

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#### ***The Architecture of the Mind: Massive Modularity and the Flexibility of Thought.***

[Peter Carruthers](#) - 2006 - Oxford University Press UK.

This book is a comprehensive development and defense of one of the guiding assumptions of evolutionary psychology: the **mind** is composed of a large number of semi-independent modules. The Architecture of the **Mind** has a massive mental **modularity**. Another is to answer a 'How possibly?' challenge to any such approach. The positive case supporting massive **modularity**. It also outlines how (...)

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#### **Modularity, Development and "Theory of Mind".**

[Alan M. Leslie & Brian J. Scholl](#) - 1999 - *Mind and Language* 14 (1):131-153.

Psychologists and philosophers have recently been exploring whether the mechanisms which underlie (ToM) are best characterized as cognitive modules or as developing theories. In this paper, we attempt to show that the former entails, and why it is an attractive type of explanation. Intuitions and arguments in this debate are examined. Traditional research on ToM focuses on various developmental sequences, whereas cognitive modules are characterized as developing theories.

[Development of Theory of Mind](#) in [Philosophy of Cognitive Science](#) [Modularity in Cognitive Science](#) in [Philosophy of Cognitive Science](#) [Cognitive Science](#) [Theory of Mind and Folk Psychology, Misc](#) in [Philosophy of Cognitive Science](#)

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#### **Remarks on the Modularity of Mind.**

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

the concept of **modularity** of cognitive processes is introduced and a picture of **mind** is proposed according to which the mind is a collection of modules.

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Rasmus Rosenberg Larsen, Helen De Cruz, Jonathan Kaplan, Agustín Fuentes, Massimo David Smith & Lauren Schroeder - manuscript

We are addressing this letter to the editors of Philosophical Psychology after reading an article in issue 1. The article is by Nathan Cofnas and is entitled "Research on group differences in intelligence". The purpose of our letter is not to invite Cofnas's contribution into a broader dialogue, but to request that the journal not publish the manuscript, which, in our opinion, fails to (...)

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**Believing to Belong: Addressing the Novice-Expert Problem in Polarized Scientific Communication**  
Helen De Cruz - 2020 - *Social Epistemology* 34 (5):440-452.

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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 ur skills. However, formal mathematics has properties that cannot be reduced to these elementary cognitive capacities. The question ther cognitively deal with more advanced mathematical ideas. This paper draws on the extended mind thesis to suggest that mathematical : 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.

#### Keywords

Mathematical symbols · Extended mind · Symbolic cognition

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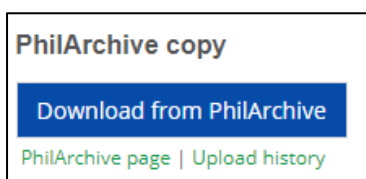
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