

Predicable and Non-Predicable Universals

Among those who assume that there are universals are at least some who distinguish, either explicitly or implicitly, two kinds of universals, namely predicable universals (properties, relations) on the one hand and non-predicable universals (types, kinds) on the other. I shall defend a kind of reductionist realism, i. e., I shall argue that there are non-predicable universals only. I shall make this plausible by showing that the most convincing arguments for the assumption of universals are arguments for the assumption of non-predicable universals and that the assumption of predicable universals in addition to non-predicable universals is dispensable. Furthermore, I give a rough sketch of a type-ontology, including definitions of the type-token-relation, the concept of a logical part and the concept of incompleteness.