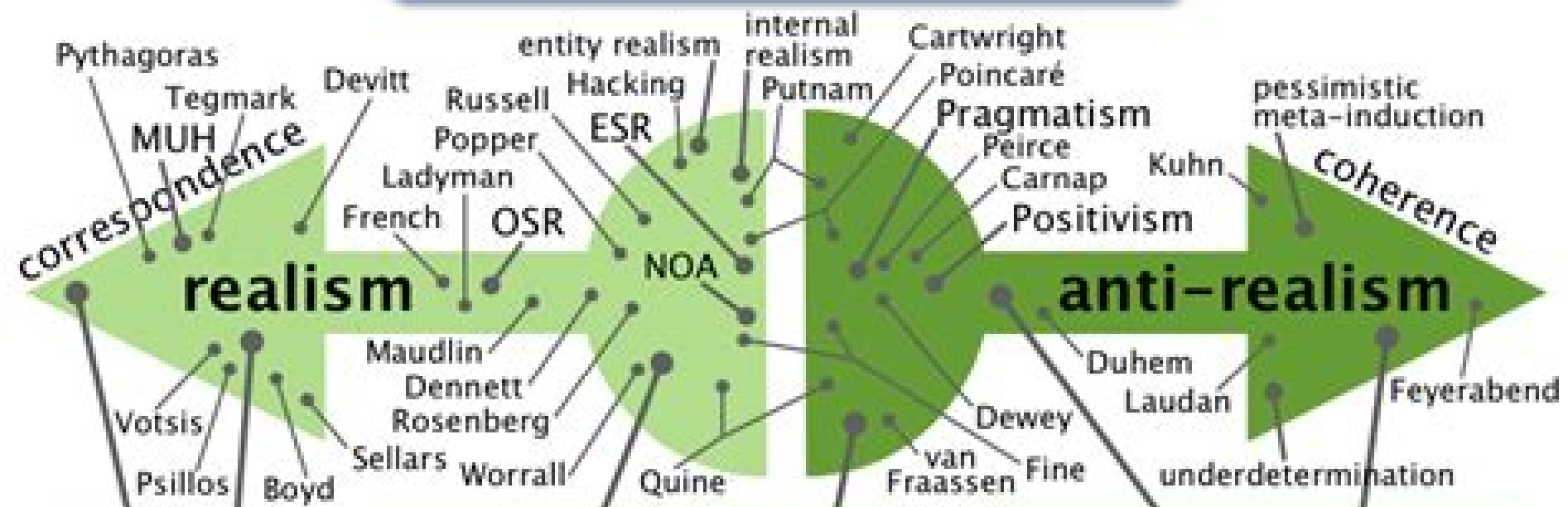


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## Naive Realism

The world I see is real. What are you all arguing about?

## Structural Realism

Science has identified real patterns, relationships, and structures (at least within a regime) in nature.

## Instrumentalism

Theoretical concepts may have use in predicting observations, but we have no ontological commitments to them.

## Scientific Realism

Science makes real progress in describing real features of the world.

## Constructive Empiricism

Science aims to give us theories which are empirically adequate, but does not justify metaphysical claims about reality.

## Relativism

Social constructivism. Epistemological anarchism.



# Realism And Antirealism

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## **Realism And Antirealism:**

**The Realism-Antirealism Debate in the Age of Alternative Logics** Shahid Rahman, Giuseppe Primiero, Mathieu Marion, 2011-09-22 The relation between logic and knowledge has been at the heart of a lively debate since the 1960s On the one hand the epistemic approaches based their formal arguments in the mathematics of Brouwer and intuitionistic logic Following Michael Dummett they started to call themselves antirealists Others persisted with the formal background of the Frege Tarski tradition where Cantorian set theory is linked via model theory to classical logic Jaakko Hintikka tried to unify both traditions by means of what is now known as explicit epistemic logic Under this view epistemic contents are introduced into the object language as operators yielding propositions from propositions rather than as metalogical constraints on the notion of inference The Realism Antirealism debate has thus had three players classical logicians intuitionists and explicit epistemic logicians The editors of the present volume believe that in the age of Alternative Logics where manifold developments in logic happen at a breathtaking pace this debate should be revisited Contributors to this volume happily took on this challenge and responded with new approaches to the debate from both the explicit and the implicit epistemic point of view *Realism and Anti-Realism in the Philosophy of Science* Robert S. Cohen, R. Hilpinen, Ren-Zong Qiu, 2013-03-09 Beijing International Conference 1992 **Metaphysical Realism and Anti-Realism** J. T. M. Miller, 2022-07-07 Minimally metaphysical realists hold that there exist some mind independent entities Metaphysical realists also tend to hold that we can speak meaningfully or truthfully about mind independent entities Those who reject metaphysical realism deny one or more of these commitments This Element aims to introduce the reader to the core commitments of metaphysical realism and to illustrate how these commitments have changed over time by surveying some of the main families of views that realism has been contrasted with such as radical scepticism idealism and anti realism **Realism and Anti-Realism** Stuart Brock, Edwin Mares, 2007-01-01 Stuart Brock and Edwin Mares offer a clear introduction to different realist and anti realist positions and arguments in five key domains science ethics mathematics modality and fictional objects Realism and Anti Realism focuses on the core concept of realism taking the perspective that for each domain considered there are facts or entities distinctive to that domain whose existence and nature is in some important sense objective and mind independent For each of the five areas the authors examine the various styles of argument in support of and against realism and anti realism showing how different positions and arguments arise evaluating their success and drawing some general conclusions about the assorted strategies They provide in depth explorations of error theory fictionalism non cognitivism relativism and response dependence which they consider to be the most important positions in opposition to realism *Realism and Antirealism* Peter A. French, Theodore Edward Uehling, Howard K. Wettstein, 1988 **Reality Lost and Found** Søren Harnow Klausen, 2004 Is there a world out there independent of the way we experience it think of it or talk about it If so can we know how it is These questions have been a central concern of philosophy throughout most of its history and they

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