

Theoretical Philosophy Forum

Monday 4:00 PM Room 226 Múzeum krt. 4/i, Budapest

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The Forum is open to everyone, including students, visitors, and faculty members from all departments and institutes! The 60 minute lecture is followed by a 10 minute break and a 30-60 minute discussion. The language of presentation is English or Hungarian.

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29 September 4:00 PM Room 226

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Why Kripke's Account of Name Reference is Wrong?

I argue that Kripke's account of the reference of names is mistaken: his 'baptism' plays no semantic role in the reference of names, and the semantic role played by communication chains is far more limited than he claimed. I also develop a different account of how names name. My account is not a version of description theory, although it incorporates some elements of this theory.

The scope of the Forum includes all aspects of **theoretical philosophy**, including: logic and philosophy of formal sciences / philosophy of science / modern metaphysics / epistemology / philosophy of language / problems in history of philosophy and history of science, relevant to the above topics / particular issues in natural and social sciences, important for the discourses in the main scope of the Forum.