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Abstract

According to Hirsch's linguistic deflationism, some standard debates in contemporary ontology are merely verbal, and thus, there is no substantive claim at issue in these debates. Hirsch's argument heavily relies on the principle of charity, which requires us to only consider how words are used in the language community. To challenge Hirsch's deflationism, Sider appeals to Lewis' idea of eligibility of referent as another source in interpretation. The considerations of these two may conflict, however. My aim in this talk is to show how Hirsch's argument relies on his negative view of theorizing in ontology. I argue that there will be no conflict between consideration of charity and eligibility if we believe in the quantificational structure of the world and its normative component.

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