Langages ordinaires, formalisés et métalangages : la révélation de la pluralité

Abstract: This article discusses the plurality of languages, from first languages and their existential practices to logical languages (with their own internal rules) and meta-languages (which also require new rules, given the fact that they are built at a different level from the logical ones). This succession of languages is accompanied by three forms of judgment (adequation, coherence and belief), and also by three truth values. That is the reason why the meta-language is the embodiment of both variety and historicity. A careful analysis of this plurality reveals the presence of polysemy, performativity and expressiveness. The latter makes us draw the conclusion that the goal of developing a theory of concept is reachable only by leaving the formal universe.

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