

P.E.Meehl: Philosophical Psychology Seminar

Lecture 1 (of 12) 01/05/1989

Aims of course: Intrinsic interest; appraise theories; defend against dumb arguments

Metatheory as the empirical theory of theories

But includes rational reconstruction

Object language and metalanguage

Historical overview:

Logical positivism, Vienna Circle.

Persons; doctrine; two aims: (1) Liquidate metaphysics, "pseudo-problems"

(2) Rational reconstruction of science

Berlin group

Verifiability criterion of meaning

Operationism (Bridgman) Psychology courses 50 years behind philosophy

Behaviorism (Watson, Tolman, Hull, Skinner)

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