

Title: Realism and the Absence of Value

Abstract: Much recent metaphysics is built around notions such as naturalness, fundamentality, grounding, dependence, essence, and others besides. In this paper I raise a problem for this kind of metaphysics, the “problem of missing value”. I survey a number of possible solutions to the problem and find them all wanting. This suggests a return to a kind of Goodmanian view that the world is a structureless mess onto which we project our own categorizations, not something that comes with categories already built in.