

"Knowing wh-to"

In the theory of action, the philosophy of mind, and meta-ethics, philosophers have held that states like knowing how to swim, and knowing what to do, are not knowledge of facts, but instead some other kind of mental state. It is fair to assume that these states are expressed by sentences such as "John knows how to swim", or "Bill knows what to do". In this talk, I will look at the relation between linguistic theories of the meaning of such sentences, and philosophical views about the nature of the relevant states.