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Naturalistic Turn: Putting Metaphysics First

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Abstract

The paper aims to illustrate one of the main features of the naturalistic turn – overcoming of the sceptic's challenge by «putting metaphysics first» (M. Devitt). The sceptic's argument is viewed as a consequence of the wrong direction of thought from a priori epistemology and/or semantics to a priori metaphysics. The naturalistic turn gives us a chance to give up the sceptic's argumentation by allowing to argue from empirical metaphysics to empirical epistemology and/or semantics. Various examples of the advantage of the naturalized view are given. In particular, it is shown how to avoid scepticism, which is a follow-up of the indetermination and underdetermination problems and constructivist ideology.

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¹ We agree here with V.E. Petrov's opinion [Petrov, 2002. P. 111].

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