Evidence and Singular Causes

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Requirements
TBD

For graduate students in Philosophy, this seminar can be counted toward either the Philosophy of Science distribution requirement or the Metaphysics & Epistemology distribution requirement.

Readings

Week 1 (January 9)
Some classics


Week 2 (January 16)
Generic vs. Singular Causation


Week 3 (January 23)
Generalizing from Single Case Studies

- Nancy Cartwright, ‘Case Studies: Can they be as good gold?’, ms. To be presented by Nancy.

Week 4 (January 30)
Singular Causation in Historical Explanation

Week 5 (February 6)
Causation in the Social Sciences


Week 6 (February 13)
Evidence


Week 7 (February 20)
Evidence and Induction


Evidence and Scientific Confirmation


Week 8 (February 27)
Evidence and Prediction

Week 9 (March 6)
A Case Study


Week 10 (March 13)
Aggregating Evidence

- Bert Leuridan, paper TBD.