
Value Theories in Classical Pragmatism: Insights and Difficulties

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Abstract

The issue of *value* is found at every juncture in the intellectual history of classical pragmatism. Peirce's restraint in addressing the issue of value, and Dewey's obsessive concern with *valuation* and *evaluation*, conspicuously reveal the tenacity of *value* as a hallmark of classical pragmatism. Notwithstanding, a number of contemporary scholars exhort the need for a better understanding of the complexities that underlie these theories in classical pragmatism. The aim of this panel is to respond to their appeal by examining and comparing the theories of value in the work of Charles Sanders Peirce, William James, Clarence Irving Lewis and John Dewey. Each participant on the panel will present a careful analysis of each of these theorists by discussing some aspects of their respective theory of value and the use of the latter in contemporary philosophy.

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