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Philosophical Problems and Arguments

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widely used by instructors who emphasize the logical structure of philosophical theories and the dialectical play of argument this popular work provides clear reliable and up to date discussions of central philosophical debates the fourth edition incorporates major revisions the first since 1982 and features an extensive change in content every chapter has been reworked to improve its organization to make it more accessible and engaging to the student and to reflect recent discussions

For the Sake of Argument

2016-11-15

academic philosophy can be puzzling to newcomers the conventions terms and expectations entrenched among philosophers aren't always clear from the outside why are philosophers so preoccupied with finding the truth doesn't everyone have their own philosophy is philosophy so deep and difficult that its literature has to be incomprehensible what kinds of arguments can there be for a philosophical position where does the evidence come from why is there so

much jargon wouldn't it be better to do away with it altogether best selling author and retired philosophy professor robert martin answers these questions and many more offering a practical guide to arguing and writing philosophically anecdotes jokes asides digressions oddments and entertainments are included throughout resulting in an informal introduction that doesn't shy away from the nuts and bolts of philosophical argument

Just the Arguments

2011-10-03

does the existence of evil call into doubt the existence of god show me the argument philosophy starts with questions but attempts at answers are just as important and these answers require reasoned argument cutting through dense philosophical prose 100 famous and influential arguments are presented in their essence with premises conclusions and logical form plainly identified key quotations provide a sense of style and approach just the arguments is an invaluable one stop argument shop a concise formally structured summation of 100 of the most important arguments in western philosophy the first book of its kind to present the most important and influential philosophical arguments in a clear premise conclusion format the language that philosophers use and students are expected to know offers succinct expositions of key philosophical arguments without bogging them down in

commentary translates difficult texts to core arguments designed to provides a quick and compact reference to everything from aquinas five ways to prove the existence of god to the metaphysical possibilities of a zombie world

Arguing about Political Philosophy

2009

arguing about political philosophy is an engaging survey of political philosophy perfect for beginning and advanced undergraduates selections cover classic philosophical sources such as rousseau and locke as well as contemporary writers such as nozick and dworkin in addition this text includes a number of readings drawn from economics literature and sociology which serve to introduce philosophical questions about politics in a novel and intriguing way as well as standard topics such as political authority and distributive justice special attention is given to global issues which have become especially pressing in recent years such as the right of individuals or groups to secede the nature of global distributive justice the morality of immigration and the moral status of war and terrorism the volume is divided into 3 parts foundational concepts government the economy and morality and global justice helping the student get to grips with classic and core arguments and emerging debates in political authority rights justice political economy property rights distributive justice freedom equality

immigration war humanitarianism torture matt zwolinski provides lucid and engaging introductions to each section giving an overview of the debate and outlining the arguments of each section s readings arguing about political philosophy is an exciting introduction for students new to political philosophy

What Is the Argument?

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exploring philosophy through detailed argument analyses of texts by philosophers from plato to strawson using a novel and transparent method of analysis the best way to introduce students to philosophy and philosophical discourse is to have them read and wrestle with original sources this textbook explores philosophy through detailed argument analyses of texts by philosophers from plato to strawson it presents a novel and transparent method of analysis that will teach students not only how to understand and evaluate philosophers arguments but also how to construct such arguments themselves students will learn to read a text and discover what the philosopher thinks why the philosopher thinks it and whether the supporting argument is good students learn argument analysis through argument diagrams with color coding of the argument s various elements conclusion claims and indicator phrases an online mini course in argument diagramming and argument

diagramming software are both freely available online each chapter ends with exercises and reading questions after a general introduction to philosophy and logic and an explanation of argument analysis the book presents selections from primary sources arranged by topics that correspond to contemporary debates with detailed analysis and evaluation these topics include philosophy of religion epistemology theory of mind free will and determinism and ethics authors include aristotle aquinas descartes hume kant ryle fodor dennett searle and others what is the argument not only introduces students to great philosophical thinkers it also teaches them the essential skill of critical thinking

Arguing Well

2002-01-04

arguing well is a lucid introduction to the nature of good reasoning how to test and construct successful arguments it assumes no prior knowledge of logic or philosophy the book includes an introduction to basic symbolic logic arguing well introduces and explains the nature and importance of arguments what to look for in deciding whether arguments succeed or fail how to construct good arguments how to make it more certain that we reason when we should the book is ideal for any student embarking on academic study where presenting arguments are what matters most in fact for all people who want to understand the nature and

importance of good reasoning and awaken their ability to argue well

Analyzing Philosophical Arguments

1967

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Arguing about Language

2010

within this edition five new sections have been added on interpretation objectivity gardening horror and morality and many of the introductions have been updated the book should appeal to students of art history literature and cultural studies as well as philosophy

Arguing about Art

2002

what is knowledge what are the sources of knowledge what is the value of knowledge what can we know this selection of classic and contemporary readings covers the fundamentals of the theory of knowledge

Arguing about Knowledge

2009

the purpose of this text is to introduce students to great philosophy and great philosophers through an intense focus on argument like other topically organized introductory philosophy readers this book is organized around the existence of god knowledge and skepticism mind and body free will and determinism ethics and contemporary ethical debates including abortion euthanasia and global hunger and poverty 78 selections are grouped into six topical chapters and the selections within those chapters are organized by argument vaughn s approach focuses students attention on argumentation where much of the philosophical work gets done

The Concept of Argument

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The Philosophy of Argument

1999

charles taylor is one of the most important english language philosophers at work today he is also unique in the philosophical community in applying his ideas on language and epistemology to social theory and political problems in this book taylor brings together some of his best essays including overcoming epistemology the validity of transcendental argument irreducibly social goods and the politics of recognition as usual his arguments are trenchant straddling the length and breadth of contemporary philosophy and public discourse the strongest theme running through the book is taylor s critique of disengagement instrumental reason and atomism that individual instances of knowledge judgment discourse or action cannot be intelligible in abstraction from the outside world by developing his arguments about the importance of engaged agency taylor simultaneously addresses themes

in philosophical debate and in a broader discourse of political theory and cultural studies the thirteen essays in this collection reflect most of the concerns with which he has been involved throughout his career language ideas of the self political participation the nature of modernity his intellectual range is extraordinary as is his ability to clarify what is at stake in difficult philosophical disputes Taylor's analyses of liberal democracy welfare economics and multiculturalism have real political significance and his voice is distinctive and wise

Great Philosophical Arguments

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a timely and accessible guide to 100 of the most infamous logical fallacies in western philosophy helping readers avoid and detect false assumptions and faulty reasoning you'll love this book or you'll hate it so you're either with us or against us and if you're against us then you hate books no true intellectual would hate this book ever decide to avoid a restaurant because of one bad meal choose a product because a celebrity endorsed it or ignore what a politician says because she's not a member of your party for as long as people have been discussing conversing persuading advocating proselytizing pontificating or otherwise stating their case their arguments have been vulnerable to false assumptions and faulty reasoning drawing upon a long history of logical falsehoods and philosophical flubs bad

arguments demonstrates how misguided arguments come to be and what we can do to detect them in the rhetoric of others and avoid using them ourselves fallacies or conclusions that don't follow from their premise are at the root of most bad arguments but it can be easy to stumble into a fallacy without realizing it in this clear and concise guide to good arguments gone bad robert arp steven barbone and michael bruce take readers through 100 of the most infamous fallacies in western philosophy identifying the most common missteps pitfalls and dead ends of arguments gone awry whether an instance of sunk costs is ought affirming the consequent moving the goal post begging the question or the ever popular slippery slope each fallacy engages with examples drawn from contemporary politics economics media and popular culture further diagrams and tables supplement entries and contextualize common errors in logical reasoning at a time in our world when it is crucial to be able to identify and challenge rhetorical half truths this book helps readers to better understand flawed argumentation and develop logical literacy unrivaled in its breadth of coverage and a worthy companion to its sister volume just the arguments 2011 bad arguments is an essential tool for undergraduate students and general readers looking to hone their critical thinking and rhetorical skills

Arguing for Atheism

1996

in this book graham oppy examines arguments for and against the existence of god he shows that none of these arguments is powerful enough to change the minds of reasonable participants in debates on the question of the existence of god his conclusion is supported by detailed analyses of the arguments as well as by the development of a theory about the purpose of arguments and the criteria that should be used in judging whether or not arguments are successful oppy discusses the work of a wide array of philosophers including anselm aquinas descartes locke leibniz kant hume and more recently plantinga dembski white dawkins bergman gale and pruss

Philosophical Arguments

1995-02-24

the capacity for reasonable argument about practical and political matters is important to our daily lives yet what does arguing really involve often our very concept of what it is to argue seems systematically distorted practical political arguing is too often stylized as hyper

cognitive ending by treating people as objects rather than other selves in ways that are fundamentally unreasonable this book examines what follows from seeing people as deliberating and acting in ways that intertwine a variety of emotional and evaluative processes and effects of virtue or character from this point of view practical arguing involves not just cognition emotion and virtue but also practices including imaginative practices politics of practical reasoning integrating action discourse and argument uses these ideas to interrogate ways in which reasoning is bound up with the interrelated lives that human beings lead in their everyday public and political worlds we build here on efforts to concretize practical reasoning in modern traditions linked to phenomenology and wittgensteinian thought also referring back to aristotle and the stoics in classical times medieval theologians and philosophers such as aquinas confront the same issue as do enlightenment thinkers such as smith and kant using the history of philosophical thought as one of our major sources the contributors sympathize with the link underscored between interpretation tradition and reasoning by gadamer the stress placed on communicative and emancipatory action by habermas and macintyre s notion of praxis as highlighting deliberation within communities all these approaches respond to practical reasoning as practical building on these points of view the volume both explores what practical reasoning itself means and applies it to particular questions what it means to respond to arguments about meaningful work or disability or how to debate institutional ethics or art none of these debates is susceptible to exclusively cognitive or technical solutions this does not mean

abandoning them to unreason practical and political reasoning is examined here from an appropriately broad spectrum of approaches founded in a concern for what human reasoning can justifiably be expected to involve and what justifying it can reasonably be expected to achieve

Bad Arguments

2018-10-29

this clear critical examination makes hegels arguments fully accessible hegel s system is considered as a whole and examines the wide range of problems that it was designed to solve

Arguing about Gods

2006-09-04

arguing about science is an outstanding engaging introduction to the essential topics in philosophy of science edited by two leading experts in the field this exciting and innovative anthology contains a selection of classic and contemporary readings that examine a broad

range of issues from classic problems such as scientific reasoning causation and scientific realism to more recent topics such as science and race forensic science and the scientific status of medicine the editors bring together some of the most influential contributions of famous philosophers in the field including john stuart mill and karl popper as well as more recent extracts from philosophers and scientists such as ian hacking stephen jay Gould bas van Fraassen nancy Cartwright and John Worrall the anthology is organised into nine clear sections science non science and pseudo science race gender and science scientific reasoning scientific explanation laws and causation science and medicine probability and forensic science risk uncertainty and science policy scientific realism and anti realism the articles chosen are clear interesting and free from unnecessary jargon the editors provide lucid introductions to each section in which they provide an overview of the debate as well as suggestions for further reading

Politics of Practical Reasoning

2012-09-20

this volume presents a double argumentative analysis of the debate between bertrand russell and frederick copleston on the existence of god it includes an introduction justifying the choice of text and describing the historical and philosophical background of the debate it also

provides a transcript of the debate based in part on the original recording the argumentative analyses occupy parts i and ii of the book in part i the argumentative process is analysed by means of the ideal model of critical discussion the workhorse of pragma dialectics part i shows how the two parties go through the four stages of a critical discussion it highlights the questions raised over and beyond the presiding question of whether god exists and examines almost a hundred questions that are raised many are left in the air whereas a few others give rise to sundry sub discussions or meta dialogues in part ii the theoretical framework of argument dialectic is put to work argument structures are identified by means of punctuation marks argumentative connectors and operators allowing to see the argumentative exchange as the collaborative construction of a macro argument such a macro argument is both a joint product of the arguers and a complex structure representing the dialectical relationships between the individual arguments combined in it finally the complementarity of the two approaches is addressed thus the book can be described as an exercise in adversarial collaboration

Hegel: Arguments Philosophers

2013-02-01

what kind of knowledge could be obtainable just by thinking debating the a priori presents a

series of exchanges between two leading philosophers on how to answer this question in this extended debate boghossian and williamson contribute alternating chapters which develop radically contrasting views and present detailed replies to each other s arguments a central case is the nature of basic logical knowledge and the justification for basic deductive inferences but the arguments range widely across epistemology the philosophy of language and metaphilosophy the debate takes in the status of the distinctions between analytic and synthetic and between a priori and a posteriori as well as problems concerning the conditions for linguistic understanding and competence and the question of what it might be to grasp a concept or to have an intuition both authors explore implications for how philosophy itself works or should work the result vividly exposes some of the main fault lines in contemporary philosophy concerning the relation between reason and experience the status of basic beliefs the nature of concepts and intuitions the role of language in our understanding of the world how to study knowledge and what it is to do philosophy both authors provide conclusions which sum up their positions and place the arguments in context their lively and engaging exchanges allow the reader to follow up close how a philosophical debate evolves

Arguing About Science

2012-11-12

philosophy and argument presents systematic analysis of the role of argumentation in philosophy

How Philosophers Argue

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a central theme throughout the impressive series of philosophical books and articles stephen toulmin has published since 1948 is the way in which assertions and opinions concerning all sorts of topics brought up in everyday life or in academic research can be rationally justified is there one universal system of norms by which all sorts of arguments in all sorts of fields must be judged or must each sort of argument be judged according to its own norms in the uses of argument 1958 toulmin sets out his views on these questions for the first time in spite of initial criticisms from logicians and fellow philosophers the uses of argument has been an enduring source of inspiration and discussion to students of argumentation from all kinds of disciplinary background for more than forty years

Argument and Analysis

1992

in this book paul franceschi provides us with an introduction to analytic philosophy in a concrete way he chooses to describe forty paradoxes arguments or philosophical issues that represent so many challenges for contemporary philosophy and human intelligence for some paradoxes of millennial origin such as the liar or the sorites paradox are still unresolved in the present day some other philosophical puzzles however such as the doomsday argument appeared only recently in the literature the author strives to introduce us clearly to each of these problems as well as to major attempts that have been formulated to solve them i m really impressed by this very neat and stimulating book i highly recommend it both to students for pedagogy and general culture prisoner s dilemma twin earth etc and to professionals as well for the reference tool and even more generally to those who like to think julien dutant philotropes philosophical blog

Debating the A Priori

2020-10-14

does philosophy have a timeless essence are the writings that have come down to us over the centuries from philosophers of genius mere souvenirs from a bygone era or are their thoughts still eminently worth examining with care modern challenges to past philosophy argues pondering past philosophy with modern problems in mind is worth the effort even though earlier works are uninformed by modern science and lack some of tools of modern analysis the great texts defamiliarize our world and offer solutions to crucial questions often forgotten as we fixate on current philosophical trends modern challenges is no appeal to a return to a golden past but a study designed to show how and why understanding earlier works of some of the most penetrating minds ever to ponder eternally valid questions can contribute to a renewal of our own culture

Philosophy and Argument

1959

topics covered include dualism versus the various forms of materialism personal identity and survival and the problem of other minds show more show less

The Uses of Argument [braille]

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a deeply enlightening book on how to be persuasive from an inspiring philosopher who teaches one of the most popular open online courses our personal and political worlds are rife with arguments and disagreements some of them petty and vitriolic the inability to compromise and understand the other side is widespread today what can we do to change this in think again philosopher walter sinnott armstrong draws on a long tradition of logic to show why we should stop focusing on winning arguments and instead argue in a more constructive way

The Uses of Argument

2003-07-07

how do you know the world around you isn t just an elaborate dream or the creation of an evil neuroscientist if all you have to go on are various lights sounds smells tastes and tickles how can you know what the world is really like or even whether there is a world beyond your own mind questions like these familiar from science fiction and dorm room debates lie at the

core of venerable philosophical arguments for radical skepticism the stark contention that we in fact know nothing at all about the world that we have no more reason to believe any claim that there are trees that we have hands than we have to disbelieve it like non philosophers in their sober moments philosophers too find this skeptical conclusion preposterous but they re faced with those famous arguments the dream argument the argument from illusion the infinite regress of justification the more recent closure argument if these can t be met they raise a serious challenge not just to philosophers but to anyone responsible enough to expect her beliefs to square with her evidence what do philosophers do takes up the skeptical arguments from this everyday point of view and ultimately concludes that they don t undermine our ordinary beliefs or our ordinary ways of finding out about the world in the process maddy examines and evaluates a range of philosophical methods common sense scientific naturalism ordinary language conceptual analysis therapeutic approaches as employed by such philosophers as thomas reid g e moore ludwig wittgenstein and j l austin the result is a revealing portrait of what philosophers do and perhaps a quiet suggestion for what they should do for what they do best

An Introduction to Analytic Philosophy

2013-03-19

plato was the first philosopher in the western tradition to reflect systematically and often critically on rhetoric in this book tushar irani presents a comprehensive and innovative reading of the gorgias and the phaedrus the only two platonic dialogues to focus on what an art of argument should look like treating each of the texts individually yet ultimately demonstrating how each can best be understood in light of the other for plato the way in which we approach argument typically reveals something about our deeper desires and motivations particularly with respect to other people and so the key to understanding his views on the proper practice of argument lies in his understanding of human psychology according to this reading rhetoric done well is simply the practice of philosophy the pursuit of which has far reaching implications for how we should relate to others and how we ought to live

Validity and Rhetoric in Philosophical Argument

1978

studie over het werk van de duitse filosoof arthur schopenhauer 1788 1860

Modern Challenges to Past Philosophy

2014-02-27

this book brings together in one place david hitchcock s most significant published articles on reasoning and argument in seven new chapters he updates his thinking in the light of subsequent scholarship collectively the papers articulate a distinctive position in the philosophy of argumentation among other things the author develops an account of material consequence that permits evaluation of inferences without problematic postulation of unstated premises updates his recursive definition of argument that accommodates chaining and embedding of arguments and allows any type of illocutionary act to be a conclusion advances a general theory of relevance provides comprehensive frameworks for evaluating inferences in reasoning by analogy means end reasoning and appeals to considerations or criteria argues that none of the forms of arguing ad hominem is a fallacy describes proven methods of teaching critical thinking effectively

Introducing Persons

1986-01-01

in the early 18th century george berkeley made the astonishing claim that physical objects such as tables and chairs are nothing but collections of ideas samuel rickless presents a new account of berkeley s controversial argument and suggests it is the philosopher s greatest legacy not only is it valid but it may well be sound

Think Again

2018-06-14

this volume comprises a selection of contributions to the theorizing about argumentation that have been presented at the 9th conference of the international society for the study of argumentation issa held in amsterdam in july 2018 the chapters included provide a general theoretical perspective on central topics in argumentation theory such as argument schemes and the fallacies some contributions concentrate on the treatment of the concept of conductive argument other contributions are dedicated to specific issues such as the justification of questions the occurrence of mining relations the role of exclamatives argumentative abduction eudaimonistic argumentation and a typology of logical ways to counter an argument in a number of cases the theoretical problems addressed are related to a specific type of context such as the burden of proof in philosophical argumentation the charge of committing a genetic fallacy in strategic manoeuvring in philosophy the necessity

of community argument and connection adequacy for arguments with institutional warrants the volume offers a great deal of diversity in its breadth of coverage of argumentation theory and wide geographic representation from north and south america to europe and china

What Do Philosophers Do?

2017

this book explores plato s views on what an art of argument should look like investigating the relationship between psychology and rhetoric

Plato on the Value of Philosophy

2017

this text introduces university students to the philosophical ethos of critical thinking as well as to the essential skills required to practice it the authors believe that critical thinking should engage students with issues of broader philosophical interest while they develop their skills in reasoning and argumentation the text is informed throughout by philosophical theory concerning argument and communication from aristotle s recognition of the importance of

evaluating argument in terms of its purpose to habermas s developing of the concept of communicative rationality the authors treatment of the topic is also sensitive to the importance of language and of situation in shaping arguments and to the necessity in argument of some interplay between reason and emotion unlike many other texts in this area then good reasons for better arguments helps to explain both why argument is important and how the social role of argument plays an important part in determining what counts as a good argument if this text is distinctive in the extent to which it deals with the theory and the values of critical thinking it is also noteworthy for the thorough grounding it provides in the skills of deductive and inductive reasoning the authors present the reader with useful tools for the interpretation evaluation and construction of arguments a particular feature is the inclusion of a wide range of exercises rich with examples that illuminate the practice of argument for the student many of the exercises are self testing with answers provided at the back of the text others are appropriate for in class discussion and assignments challenging yet accessible good reasons for better arguments brings a fresh perspective to an essential subject

Schopenhauer, the Arguments of the Philosophers

1980

On Reasoning and Argument

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Berkeley's Argument for Idealism

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