

Philosophy 2120
Topics in Analytic Philosophy

First paper

Write a 3-5 page paper critically evaluating one of the following quotations.

You should be sure (at least) to answer these questions:
What (in your own words) does the quotation mean?
Should we agree with the author? Why or why not?

The goal is that your paper be focused, clearly written and well-reasoned. This is not intended to be a research paper; you are not expected to consult other sources. Instead, the intention is that you critically evaluate a portion of one of the assigned readings for this course.

Please feel comfortable contacting me at any stage in the writing process.

Your paper is due on Friday October 10, at 5PM.
You may submit your paper in the Philosophy department, in room 312 of the Main Building.

1. "A theoretical approach may appear best justified not because it offers an adequate model of the world but because androcentric ideologies have caused more thoughts and resources to be invested in it than in alternatives." (Anderson, p 69)
2. "Since in our problem the states of the world are not probabilistically independent of actions, there is no case for the dominance principle." (Bar-Hillel and Margalit, p 297)
3. "Many such considerations support the commonsense assumption that knowledge cannot be described as a practical ability." (Chomsky, p 161)