



# DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## ONLINE JOINT SEMINAR

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### *Externalism Without Deference*

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#### Abstract:

The received view is that the externalist tradition from Kripke, Putnam, and Burge at its core appeals to **deference**. For Putnam and Burge, it's deference to experts. For Kripke, it's deference to your linguistic community. We show that externalists should reject these appeals to deference: they are remnants of internalism and fail for broadly the same kinds of reasons that traditional descriptivism fails. This is one part of a broader project of developing what we call **Pure Externalism**, according to which the externalist tradition has not been sufficiently externalist and its core tenets misidentified.

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