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| | Lecture 7A: Overview of main themes Titles of the video lectures: | Readings after video lecture (= preparation for tutorial) |
| 7.1 | Overview: A schema on the line of argument in this course – Theme 1: Science produces <u>true</u> knowledge & why should we <u>accept</u> knowledge? | Ladyman: Ch. 4 (Ch 5 –voluntary) Slides + notes of class 6/7 Peter Dear Crosby Smith Assignment 3 |
| 7.2 | Overview: A schema on the line of argument in this course – Theme 2: <u>Objectivity</u> and <u>rationality</u> of Science | |
| | Lecture 7B: Kuhn versus Traditional View Titles of the video lectures: | |
| 7.3 | Introduction: The question that Kuhn asked in “The Structure of Scientific Revolution”, and the societal context which made that Kuhn’s ideas have had an enormous impact. | |
| 7.4 | The Copernican revolution as a metaphor for a paradigm shift (a new world view), and as an example of a scientific revolution http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/~pogge/Ast161/Movies/ptolcoper.mov | |
| 7.5 | Kuhn’s critique on Logical Positivist’s and Popper’s traditional picture of science. Part 1: Cumulative growth; Unified Science; Science is value free. | |
| 7.6 | Kuhn’s critique on Logical Positivist’s and Popper’s traditional picture of science. Part 2: Distinction between discovery and justification | |
| 7.7 | After a scientific revolution the abandoned theory seems irrational as it involves a paradigm-shift. What is a paradigm shift? | |
| 7.8 | Kuhn’s critique on Logical Positivist’s and Popper’s traditional picture of science. Part 3: Distinction between observation and theory | |
| 7.9 | Kuhn’s critique on Logical Positivist’s and Popper’s traditional picture of science. Part 4: Kuhn rejects that theories can be confirmed(or verified), and argues that the meaning of scientific concepts change in a paradigm-shift. | |