



Historic Ontology and Epistemology

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Message from the Guest Editor

We are inviting scholars to submit essays for a Special Issue devoted to historical ontology and epistemology or, perhaps more accurately, methodology. Though ontologies designed to do justice to time and history have been belated (the dominant tradition being one in which becoming has been slighted), philosophers and other theorists have dramatically shifted the focus of attention, especially since the 19th century. Even so, much remains to be explored. For the sake of encouraging this exploration, we are focusing on the ontological status of historical processes. While we adopt an inclusive approach, specifically one open to considering submissions in which their authors explore the possibility of our knowledge of historical phenomena and thus transient affairs, our hope is to receive essays concerned with how our knowledge of such phenomena and affairs, in specific domains. Insofar as epistemology is a discipline preoccupied with the question of skepticism, our interest is more methodological than epistemological (though we are, to repeat, open to epistemologically oriented work).





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