

Special Issue

Mereology in Metaphysics, Science and Logic

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *Philosophies* is devoted to mereology in metaphysics, science, and logic. Mereology is the study of part/whole relations, composition, and decomposition, etc. Mereology has played a significant role in contemporary metaphysics and some work has focused on the nature of relevant relations. Under what conditions do some several things compose a further thing? Under what conditions is a thing composite (i.e., have parts)? Under what conditions is a thing simple (i.e., fail to have any parts)? Some of the work has focused on how the parts that compose a whole are related to space, time, and possibility. Hence, mereology has been connected to extension, persistence, and modality. Further, some work has focused on the kinds of parts had by ordinary objects...

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