
**CÀTEDRA "FERRATER MORA"
DE PENSAMENT CONTEMPORANI**

THE SOCIAL BASIS OF THOUGHT

DEL 6 AL 17 DE JUNY DE 1994

Professor convidat: **DONALD DAVIDSON (Berkeley)**

PROGRAMA

- 1. The Problem of Objectivity**
The nature of judgement. Varieties of holism and the reasons for them. Relation to skepticism.
- 2. The Measure of the Mental**
How the content of thought is assigned. The logical form of attributions of attitude. The nature of serious theory illustrated and its virtues extolled.
- 3. The Problem of Truth**
The folly of trying to define truth. The failure of coherence, correspondence, pragmatic, deflationary theories.
- 4. A Theory of Truth**
Providing a content for a theory of truth. Truth vrs. reference.
- 5. Varieties of Externalism**
Social and perceptual externalism, their sorts, and the arguments for and against them. Dummett, Burge, Kripke, Putnam.
- 6. The Second Person**
The concept of triangulation. The myth of the subjective and the source of objectivity in intersubjectivity. The essential role of language.
- 7. First-Person Authority**
First-person authority explained. Why externalism and indeterminacy do not threaten first-person authority.
- 8. Thought Socialized**
Confused ideas about truth and objectivity: internal realism, conceptual relativism, etc. The irreducibility of the three varieties of empirical knowledge.
- 9. A Unified Theory**
The reasons for wanting a unified theory of belief, evaluative attitudes and language. What makes this possible. A description of the theory.
- 10. The Rejection of Skepticism**
The correct view of error. Why massive error is impossible.

Han confirmat també la seva assistència els professors: Willard V. Quine i Burton Dreben (Harvard), Bruce Vermazen i Barry Stroud (Berkeley), Akeel Bilgrami (Columbia) i Ernie Lepore (Florència).

Les sessions es faran en anglès, de dilluns a divendres de 11 a 13 del matí. Els assistents han de ser universitaris llicenciats i el nombre de places serà limitat. El preu de la matrícula és de 20.000 PTA (10.000 PTA pels becaris que ho acreditin).

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