



講題：Who Needs the Plural Account of Worlds?

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Isaac Wilhelm has recently posed a new challenge to linguistic ersatzism. According to the standard versions of linguistic ersatzism, a possible world is a set of sentences. Wilhelm notes that this entails that there is an upper bound on the cardinality of modal space, and argues that this poses a problem for the view. In this talk, I will begin by raising some general worries about Wilhelm's reasons for thinking the upper bound is a problem. Then, granting the cogency of Wilhelm's reasons for the sake of argument, I will ask *for whom* the upper bound is a problem, paying particular attention to the methodology and goals of the linguistic ersatzer. Contrasting deflationary theories of modality with non-deflationary theories, I will argue that the deflationist linguistic ersatzer is committed to the existence of an upper bound, but that this is not a serious problem for them. I will argue that the non-deflationist has independent resources to avoid the existence of an upper bound on modal space.



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