

The (dis)continuism debate: conceptual ethics and conceptual engineering

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Usually, the (dis)continuism debate in the philosophy of memory is interpreted as a dispute about the *description* of the nature of remembering. But what if the debate is about what “remembering” *should* mean? And what if there is space for engineering an improved concept of remembering?

The students will be evaluated by weekly, monthly, and final tasks, exercises, and tests.

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