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Sterken, Rachel Katharine (N-OSLO-QCH)
Leslie on generics. (English summary)
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Summary: “This paper offers three objections to Leslie’s recent and already influential theory of generics [S. Leslie, *Philos. Perspect.* 21 (2007), no. 1, 375–403, doi:10.1111/j.1520-8583.2007.00138.x; *Philos. Rev.* 117 (2008), no. 1, 1–47, doi:10.1215/00318108-2007-023]: (i) her proposed metaphysical truth-conditions are subject to systematic counterexamples, (ii) the proposed disquotational semantics fails, and (iii) there is evidence that generics do not express cognitively primitive generalisations.”

This interesting paper has an introduction and three sections: (1) Counterexamples

to Leslie’s truth conditions; (2) Gen as primitive; (3) Generics and cognitively primitive generalizations.

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