



WHO IS AFRAID OF VALUES? VALUE-FACT ENTANGLEMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LESSONS FROM TWO CASE STUDIES

THAT VALUES ARE PART OF SCIENCE IS A CLAIM ONE OFTEN HEARS, A CLAIM THAT IS VERY CONTROVERSIAL TO SOME AND ALMOST TRIVIAL TO OTHERS. THE OPINIONS RANGE FROM 'SCIENCE IS NOT ABOUT VALUES BUT FACTS; IN ORDER TO BE OBJECTIVE, SCIENCE SHOULD BE VALUE-FREE' TO 'SCIENCE IS PART OF SOCIETY AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE COMPLETELY FREE FROM VALUATIONS'. THE RELATIVELY RECENT DISCUSSION IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, AND ESPECIALLY THE INSIGHTS FROM FEMINIST PHILOSOPHERS OF SCIENCE, COMPLICATE THIS POLARIZED PICTURE.

IN A SMALL WORKSHOP, WE WILL DISCUSS TWO CASE STUDIES IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NUANCED VIEW ON FACT-VALUE ENTANGLEMENTS. MARIA KRONFELDNER WILL SHOW HOW VALUES SNEAK INTO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THROUGH SO-CALLED "THICK" (I.E. VALUE-LADEN) SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTS, SUCH AS AGGRESSION. MAGDALENA MAŁECKA WILL ANALYSE RECENT APPLICATIONS OF THE BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES TO POLICY AND POINT OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-EPISTEMIC (VALUE) CONSIDERATIONS FOR DESIGNING NUDGING POLICIES BASED ON, AND JUSTIFIED BY, SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS. THEIR PRESENTATIONS WILL BE COMMENTED BY CSABA PLÉH AND SIMON RIPPON.

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