

Nanopublication – Is rationalism a real kind or just a useful label from Descartes to Conway

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This is a Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on the historiography of early modern rationalism – an epistemological survey debating whether 'rationalism' names a natural kind, an eliminable fiction, or a useful instrumentalist lens across Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Amo, Cavendish, and Conway; it contains no artist, emitter, receiver, wave, sense-organ, codex, or diffraction event for the ideamorphism propositions to grip, and its surface rhyme with 'instrumentalism' or 'instituted unity' is verbal echo rather than a testable engagement with any P1-P31 claim.

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Title it carried : « Early Modern Rationalism and the Codex of Diffraction »

This article on the philosophical movement of early modern rationalism touches on core ideamorphic concepts. The rationalists' emphasis on systematic, rule-based reasoning can be seen as a codex – a formal system that structures and constrains the emission of ideas. At the same time, the diffraction of these rationalist ideas through the diverse 'ouvertures' of different thinkers and schools of thought produced a multiplicity of divergent philosophical systems, rather than a single, unified rationalist doctrine. This speaks to the ideamorphic principle that a single emission will generate distinct creations when passed through different receivers. The article thus illuminates how the interplay of codex and overture, and the productive loss inherent in diffraction, shapes the development of intellectual paradigms.

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