

Experimental Philosophy and Śāntarakṣita: Ideamorphic Perspectives on Cognition and Ontology

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Daily Synthesis

Today's feed items explore ideamorphic perspectives on cognition and ontology, highlighting how experimental philosophy and Buddhist thought challenge Western assumptions about the nature of mind, perception, and reality. These works illuminate the ideamorphic concepts of the 'ouverture', 'diffraction', and 'codex' in illuminating ways.

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Experimental Philosophy

This entry on experimental philosophy illuminates the ideamorphic concept of the 'ouverture' - the perceptual and cognitive framing that shapes how ideas are received and transformed. Experimental philosophy examines how people's intuitions and judgments about philosophical questions can vary based on factors like cultural background, emotional state, and contextual cues. This speaks directly to the ideamorphic view that an idea is not simply 'expressed' but rather undergoes diffraction as it passes through different 'ouvertures'. The entry's discussion of how experimental methods can reveal the contingency of philosophical intuitions resonates with the ideamorphic emphasis on generative loss and the rejection of the myth of expression.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/experimental-philosophy/>

ouverture diffraction

generative-loss

Śāntarakṣita

The revised entry on the Buddhist thinker Śāntarakṣita offers an ideamorphic perspective on the nature of cognition and ontology. Śāntarakṣita's philosophical system, which synthesized Madhyamaka and Yogācāra approaches, can be seen as a sophisticated 'codex' - a systematic set of constraints and rules that shape the 'emission' of philosophical ideas. His views on the constructed, interdependent nature of reality and the mind's role in constituting phenomena resonate with the ideamorphic emphasis on diffraction and the rejection of the myth of expression. Engaging with Śāntarakṣita's thought through an ideamorphic lens reveals how his ontology and epistemology challenge Western assumptions about the nature of mind and being.

codex diffraction

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ontology

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