

Rickert's Value-Relation: When the Codex Shapes What Counts as Real

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Rickert's value-relation theory reveals how knowledge itself is a diffractive phenomenon: the same empirical material passes through different evaluative frameworks (codices) and crystallizes into different knowledge-forms. This is not relativism — it is the structural recognition that reception is always mediated by constraint systems. The revised Stanford entry's emphasis on his formal, testable epistemology (rather than intuition or mystique) aligns with ideamorphism's insistence that the codex is explicit and measurable.

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Heinrich Rickert (Revised Entry)

Rickert's neo-Kantian theory of value-relations is a structural account of how the **ouverture** (the receiving mind's evaluative framework) determines what becomes **real** in knowledge. His distinction between natural sciences (governed by laws) and cultural sciences (governed by values) is not about two domains — it is about two different codices through which the same empirical material diffracts into different knowledge-forms. The 'value-relation' is the explicit, articulable constraint system (the codex) that shapes emission into reception. When Rickert argues that history is not mere chronicle but interpretation through values, he is describing how generative loss — the gap between raw event and culturally-mediated meaning — is where historical creation lives. The revised entry's attention to his formal epistemology (not mystical, testable, systematic) aligns with idea-

morphism's insistence that the codex is explicit and documentable. This is not expression theory; this is constraint-based knowledge production.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/heinrich-rickert/>

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