

Innateness and Language: The Codex Before Reception

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Today's feed offers a single structural connection: the Stanford Encyclopedia's treatment of linguistic innateness as a question about the *ouverture* — the pre-structured aperture through which minds receive and transform language. Whether the codex is innate or learned, the framework illuminates how reception is never passive, and how the same linguistic input diffracts differently depending on the receiver's formal constraints.

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Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

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The debate over linguistic innateness is fundamentally a question about the *OUVERTURE* — what constraints, structures, and pre-existing systems shape how the mind receives and transforms linguistic input. If language is innate (Chomsky's universal grammar), the *ouverture* is hardwired: every mind diffracts speech through the same formal codex. If language is learned (empiricist positions), the *ouverture* is plastic, shaped by exposure and embodied practice. Either way, the entry illuminates how *RECEPTION* is not passive intake but active diffraction through a pre-structured aperture. The new entry's treatment of this debate is ideamorphically resonant because it asks: what determines whether 1 remains 1 (perfect transmission of linguistic

rules) or becomes something else (creative, contextual, emergent speech)? The codex – whether innate or acquired – is the mechanism that answers this.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/innateness-language/>

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