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"Epistemic Boundedness"

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A psychological theory represents the mind as epistemically bounded if it is a consequence of the theory that our cognitive organization imposes epistemically significant constraints on the beliefs that we can entertain.

Three arguments for epistemic boundedness are evaluated. Two of them-Colin McGinn's argument and the argument from mediocrity-are found to be defective. The third-Jerry Fodor's-underwrite no more than the relatively weak conclusion that we are dialectically justified in presuming that the mind is epistemically bounded when conversing with our cognitive-scientific colleagues.

**Refreshments will be available
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

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