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BEHAVIOURAL CONSTRUCTIVIST APPROACH TO THE SEMANTICS OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN PROPOSITIONAL ANALYSES

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ABSTRACT

The paper is concerned with an approach to the semantics of the individual within propositional expression. The objective of the paper is to propose behavioural constructivism as an analytic approach to the semantics of constative sentences. The primary focus of the essay is to present the semantics of the individual referent in a proposition. The method adopted to achieve this objective is content analysis. The analysis has shown that the individual described in any given proposition is neither its subject nor its predicate but a relation, which is a construct of the cognitive agent and expressed in a proposition. So, the central issue in the semantics of a proposition is its expression of a relation constructed upon experience, not the description of the subject's state. A proposition is a report of the existence of such a construct.

KEYWORDS: Constructivism, Behavioural, Proposition, Individual, Subject, Predicate.

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