

Review of: "How to cure the Wittgensteinian anxiety? A two-dimensional approach to speakers' intuitions in linguistics"

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This is a thoughtful, informed, and illuminating exploration of a thorny methodological problem. The conclusion defended by the author has broader and deeper importance than might seem evident upon a casual reading or even simply a first encounter by a casual reader. The appeal to intuitions, as linguists actually rely on such appeals, does not necessarily ensnare them in the problems of mentalism, crudely defined or understood. The question of how seeming "inner" or mental events are tied to the conduct of embodied, social actors, so that the meaning(s) implied in by mental episodes and states (including habits), might have been more squarely addressed. Even without doing so, the author illuminates, on the surface, a seemingly circumscribed methodological issue, but, by implication, a more fundamental question regarding the nature of the mental.

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