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NIETZSCHE'S POSITIVISM: DISCUSSION BETWEEN MAUDEMARIE CLARK AND NADEEM HUSSAIN

The paper explores a fragment of methodological debate about Nietzsche's relationship to positivism. On the one hand, Nietzsche's critique of metaphysics is grounded in empirical arguments and appeals to positivist epistemology of his contemporaries, which allows a number of authors to consider Nietzsche as a «naturalist» and a precursor of post-positivist analytical theories of truth. On the other hand, an older reading of Nietzsche is quite the opposite: Nietzsche has been called a perspectivist for whom any truth is just an interpretation. The discussion between Clark and Hussain lays out the basic arguments of the contemporary reading of Nietzsche's epistemology in its relation to positivism and, despite the disagreement between the authors, my analysis points to a conclusion that in contemporary American philosophy the positivist reading of Nietzsche's epistemology prevails.

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