

Title: Hare's thesis as a logical and philosophical problem

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Abstract:

The present work is aiming to analyse the problem of inferring from imperative premisses to an indicative conclusion which goes by the name Hare's Thesis. The logical analysis of the language of morals was the basis of Richard M. Hare's ethical studies. Therefore a brief presentation of his philosophy is given followed by a detailed walkthrough of his way of dealing with imperatives. Hare states that logic should be interested in dealing with prescriptive sentences. The paper also presents a selection of some of the semantics of logic of imperatives and some of their fundamental problems. Based on this we finally analyse whether the Hare's Thesis which forbids inferring from imperative premisses to indicative conclusions is acceptable. And we conclude that in most cases it is reasonable to reject it.

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