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The Epistemic Relativism of the Strong Programme Revisited

This paper revisits, from a new angle, some of the debates over the relativism of the "Strong Programme" in the Sociology of Scientific Knowledge. The new angle is provided by recent work on relativism in epistemology, ethics and the philosophy of language. The three main theses are as follows: First, Strong Programme Relativism (=SPR) is not an instance of Paul Boghossian's well known "templates" for relativism. Second, SPR is therefore not diretly threatened by arguments targeting these template positions. And third, SPR is nevertheless in the vicinity of these templates, and it offers at least sketches of arguments for distinct and original relativist theses.

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