

Special Issue

The Nature of Structure and the Structure of Nature

Message from the Guest Editor

Can we explain human reasoning in terms that are consistent with our theories of space, time, and matter? Assuming we are physical beings, it would seem that this is a necessity, but it is unclear whether the two worldviews can be reconciled given the differences in their underlying logic. If they cannot, does this entail that we are not part of the natural world? Is it, therefore, possible to construct a picture of reality that includes ourselves and our perspective on that reality? The aim of this issue is to explore the questions that arise from the attempt to construct a scientific picture of reality, humans included. The goal is to look at these issues from a variety of contemporary perspectives, including natural science, social science, linguistics, cognitive science, and philosophy. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome.

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