

A defence of wide-scope structuralism about rationality

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My aim in this talk is to defend that being rational in the evaluative sense requires meeting structural requirements of rationality (what it is sometimes called “structuralism about rationality”). Recently Kolodny and Kiesewetter have defended that this position is incompatible with the intuitive idea that rationality is normative. I will consider their two main arguments: the bootstrapping problem and the guidance problem. I will show that both problems only affect a narrow-scope structuralism, not the wide-scope version of structuralism I favor. By this I will try to prove that we can explain what I call cases of “structural analogy” in our evaluations of rationality appealing to structuralism without giving up the normativity of rationality.