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**Special Issue - Foundational Issues
In Conceptual Engineering**

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Special Issue Description

This special issue (S.I.) is dedicated to one of contemporary's hottest topics in metaphilosophy — conceptual engineering. Conceptual engineering is a method which aims at improving, rather than just describing, the representational tools we use in theoretical or practical contexts. More specifically, the S.I. aims to foster discussions about the theoretical foundations of conceptual engineering. What kind of objects does conceptual engineering operate on? What does it mean to 'engineer' them? And is the popular metaphor of 'engineering' concepts even appropriate? Naturally, how one answers these questions depends on one's prior theoretical commitments. The S.I. thus provides a platform for explicating crucial foundational issues in conceptual engineering.

Appropriate Topics for Submission

The topic of the special issue is how the method of conceptual engineering should generally be construed; in particular, we are less interested in specific suggestions for how to ameliorate this or that concept. Viable topics thus include, among others: What is the relevance of metasemantic theorizing to conceptual engineering? How does conceptual engineering look like from an internalist/externalist perspective? Does conceptual engineering operate on an individual or a communal level? How are the two connected? Does conceptual engineering operate on mental or linguistic objects? Again, how are the two connected? How should we construe the goals of conceptual engineers? What is a good method to achieve these goals? How does conceptual engineering relate to other philosophical methods? Is conceptual engineering even feasible?

Papers should be prepared for anonymous review, no longer than 8,000 words, and submitted via <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/inquiry>.

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2020.

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