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Metaphilosophical Issues in Conceptual Engineering

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CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING is a new exciting movement in analytic philosophy that focuses on how to assess and on how improve our conceptual devices. There are two main directions of research in current work on conceptual engineering: case study research that deals with specific conceptual deficiencies and then advocates for specific conceptual ameliorations and metaphilosophical research that mostly deals with the theoretical foundations of conceptual engineering, its practical application, and its methodological framework. The MICE Symposium is about the metaphilosophical issues in conceptual engineering. It will be divided into 3×40 min. talks (including 10 min. Q&A). The first talk will address the issue of how to best construe the subject matter of conceptual engineering. The second talk will take up the challenge of topic preservation through semantic change in instances of conceptual engineering. And the third one will deal with the issue of devising a (formal) methodological tool that suits the normative purposes of conceptual engineering. The main goal of the symposium is thereby to contribute to a better understanding of what conceptual engineering is all about, and its expected outcome is then to improve the prospect for conceptual engineering to be an actionable method.

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| 15.15-15.55 | Manuel Gustavo Isaac (University of Barcelona): “What Should Conceptual Engineering Be all About?” |
| 16.00-16.40 | Sarah Sawyer (University of Sussex): “Truth and Objectivity in Conceptual Engineering” |
| 16.45-17.25 | Manolo Martínez (University of Barcelona): “An Information-Theoretic Investigation of Conceptual Amelioration” |