

PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

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**"Skepticism about Explanation and the Semantics
of Explanatory Discourse"**

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Paper: 3:30 P.M.; Learning Center, Room 182
Refreshments: 5:30 P.M.; Ashe Building, Room 735

Bernhard Nickel's research centers on the philosophy of language. He is currently investigating the viability of truth-conditional semantics for natural language, working on a broadly quantificational account of generics. This project raises questions in adjacent areas, especially the philosophy of science: what is a natural kind? And, what is the connection between explanation and generality? Hopefully, these areas will illuminate each other. He is also interested in debates in the philosophy of mind, especially the nature of representation.



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