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About

Kit Fine is University Professor and Silver Professor of Philosophy and Mathematics at New York University. His main research interests are in Metaphysics, Logic, and Philosophy of Language. He has been made both a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

Qualifications

- Ph.D., University of Warwick, 1969.
- B.A., Balliol College, Oxford, 1967.

Biography

After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Warwick, Professor Fine has held positions at Warwick, Oxford, Edinburgh, University of California, Irvine, University of Michigan, and UCLA. He was appointed a Professor of Philosophy at NYU in 1997 and he has held the Silver Chair since 2003. He has also held visiting positions at Stanford, University of Toronto, University of Arizona, ANU, University of Melbourne, and Oxford. Besides being a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the British Academy, he has also received numerous awards and fellowships from institutions such as the Guggenheim Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, and the Institute of Advanced Studies and the Centre for Cognitive Science at the University of Edinburgh. Professor Fine has also served as an editor or a member of the editorial board for journals such as the *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, *Synthese*, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, the *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics*, *Reports on Logic*, and *Philosophers' Imprint*.

Postgraduate supervision

Professor Fine will co-supervise PhD students at Birmingham with the department's other members of staff in his areas of specialization which include Metaphysics, Logic, and Philosophy of Language.

Research

Professor Fine has made important contributions to many core areas of philosophy including Metaphysics, Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, and Philosophy of Language. He has made ground-breaking contributions to debates about time, modality and other essential ontological notions such as essence, fundamentality, grounding, parthood, and being real. He has also published a number of articles on Ancient Philosophy (especially on Aristotle's accounts of Logic and Modality), Linguistics, Computer Science, and Economic Theory.

Publications

Books:

- *Semantic Relationalism* (Blackwell, 2007).
- *Modality and Tense*: Philosophical Papers (OUP, 2005).
- *The Limits of Abstraction* (OUP, 2002).
- *Reasoning with Arbitrary Objects* (Blackwell, 1985).
- *Worlds, Times, and Selves*, with A. N. Prior (Duckworth, 1977).

Selected Recent Articles:

- "A Difficulty for the Possible Worlds Analysis of Counterfactuals". *Synthese* 189, 2012: 29-57.
- "Aristotle's Megarian Manoevres". *Mind* 120, 2012: 993-1034.
- "Counterfactuals without Possible Worlds". *Journal of Philosophy* 109, 2012: 221-246.
- "Guide to Ground". In Correia and Schnieder (eds.): *Metaphysical Grounding: Understanding the Structure of Reality* (CUP, 2012).
- "An Abstract Characterization of the Determinate/Determinable Distinction". *Philosophical Perspectives* 25, 2011: 161-187.
- "Towards a Theory of Part". *Journal of Philosophy* 107 (2010): 559-589.
- "Coincidence and Form". *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Supplementary Volume 82, 2008: 101-118.
- "The Impossibility of Vagueness". *Philosophical Perspectives* 22, 2008: 111-136.
- "In Defence of Three-Dimensionalism". *Journal of Philosophy* 103, 2006: 699-714.
- "Class and Membership". *Journal of Philosophy* 102, 2005: 547-572.
- "The Non-Identity of a Material Thing and Its Matter". *Mind* 112, 2003: 195-234.

- "The Role of Variables". *Journal of Philosophy* 100, 2003: 605-631.
- "The Question of Realism". *Philosophers' Imprint* 1, 2001: 1-30.
- "Neutral Relations". *Philosophical Review* 109, 2000: 1-33.

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