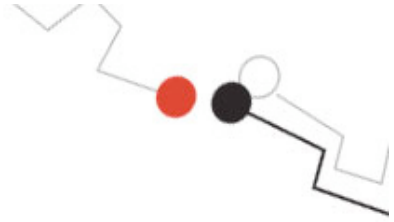


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In my talk, I address several issues relating to the reference of proper names. I look at metalinguistic descriptivism in the form that has been proposed by, for example, Recanati and Katz. At the core of that proposal is the claim that a proper name ‘N’ means ‘the entity called N’. I explore the proper scope of the proposal and its relation to a claim that names are indexical expressions. I focus on the ontology of proper names, and argue for ambiguity rather than indexicality approach using Kaplan’s ideas as well as some data from aphasia. I look at the consequences of both the indexicality and the ambiguity view for sentence meaning, semantic content, and modal behaviour.