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Title:

*Early receptions of analytic philosophy. Russell's logical constructions in the United States and France.*

Abstract:

There are two main trends in the history of analytic philosophy today. The first involves a focus on the works of the pioneers (Frege, Russell and Wittgenstein), their logical positivist disciples (Carnap, Reichenbach), and their (mostly) American pupils (Quine, Putnam, etc.). The second, on the contrary, stresses the multiple roots of analytic philosophy: to the previous lineage should be added Brentanist, Lotzean, Bolzanian, Twardowskian and other sources. In my talk, I would like to illustrate a third way of doing history of analytic philosophy: pluralizing not the sources, but the receptions. I will compare two receptions of Russell's method of logical constructions, one by the American Norbert Wiener, the other by the French Jean Nicod. I will show how Russell's two pupils renewed the meaning of the method by interpreting it from their own philosophical contexts, James's pragmatism for the former, Bergson's doctrine for the latter.