

Knowledge and Reality
Properties

Primary Readings

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- (!) **Campbell, K., 'The Metaphysics of Abstract Particulars'**, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* VI (1981). Reprinted in Mellor and Oliver (eds).
- **Quine, W.V.O.** , 'On What there is', *Review of Metaphysics* 2 (1948), pp. 21-48. Reprinted in Mellor and Oliver.
- **Lewis, D.**, 'New work for the theory of Universals', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 61 (1983), pp. 343-77. Reprinted in Mellor and Oliver.
- **Goodman, N. and Quine, W.V.O., 'Steps Toward a Constructive Nominalism'**, *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 12, 105-22.
- **Rodriguez-Pereyra, G., *Resemblance Nominalism***, OUP (2002).
- **Taylor, B., 'On Natural Properties in Metaphysics'**, *Mind* 102 (1993), pp. 81-100.

Useful Collections

- Mellor, D., and Oliver, A., *Properties*, OUP (1997).

Background Readings:

- Lowe, E. J., *A Survey of Metaphysics*, OUP (2002), Part VI (chapter 19 and 20).
- Swoyer, C., '**Properties**', in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Questions:

- (1) Do properties exist? If so what are they?
- (2) Does the truth of the sentence 'The table is red' commit us to the existence of the property of redness? (How about the sentence 'This table and that table have something in common: they are both red'? Or the sentence 'Being stable is a desirable property for a table to have'?).