

SEMANTICS AND THE PLURAL CONCEPTION OF REALITY

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According to the singular conception of reality, there are objects and there are singular properties, that is, properties that are instantiated by objects separately. It has been argued that semantic considerations about plurals force us to embrace a plural conception of reality. This is the view that, in addition to singular properties, there are plural properties. These are properties that are instantiated by many objects together. I propose and defend a novel semantic account of plurals which dispenses with plural properties and thus undermines the semantic argument in favor of the plural conception of reality.