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Introductionsection is first. This section has no header. Give a clear definition or introduction to the concept, subfield, term, or question being described in the article. The definition should function like an abstract, summarizing content in an accessible way to let the reader know what will be covered. In the case of technical topics, it is acceptable here to sacrifice some precision in your definition in order to explain intuitively what the concept is. This section is typically one paragraph long (no more than 200 words). Keep in mind that because OECS is a web resource, many readers will never read beyond this paragraph.

# History

Provide a brief overview of the development of this topic. This is the only section where discussing people (as opposed to ideas) is acceptable; however, you should try to make it primarily idea-focused. Whether you start with older philosophical literature or focus primarily on the modern development of the topic is up to you, but a little bit of older historical context can often be helpful. This and subsequent sections will have around 1-3 paragraphs for a short (1000 word) article and perhaps more like 5-7 paragraphs for a long (3000-5000 word) article.

# Core concepts

Give a small set of ideas, concepts, or subtopics that orient the reader to your approach to this topic. Because completeness here is impossible, the idea is to convey a framework for how this topic has been discussed or studied. In this and subsequent sections, you may use subheaders to delineate particular concepts or ideas.

# Questions, controversies, and new developments

Identify a small number of open questions, future directions, or controversial ideas in this field and try to give a balanced summary.

# Broader connections

Identify places where the topic interfaces with broader areas in cognitive science and beyond. This is a great place to give a number of cross-references to subfields and ideas that haven’t come up yet.

# Key references

Provide2–4 references that you expect would be useful for someone whose only background in the topic is your article. Whenever possible, privilege open-access resources here. Please avoid giving more than one reference (maximum) that you have authored.

# Other bibliography

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