

Abstract

The topic of this thesis is the Gettier problem, its significance to epistemology and its impact on the redefinition of knowledge understood as the key concept of this branch of philosophy. It conducts a survey of the history of the Gettier problem, whose roots go back to Plato's philosophy, analyses the Gettier's paper itself, published in 1963, in terms of its content and conditions that the author presumes in order to reach his ground-breaking conclusion; and finally, it presents the epistemological debate that arose after the publication of the Gettier's paper, its main trends, theories and authors, as well as the epistemological representative situations, the so called "Gettier cases".