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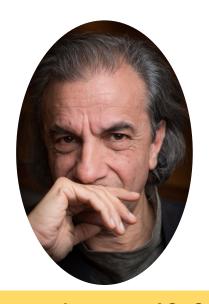
## Is the concept of truth strictly only applicable to the propositions of science?

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The predicate 'is true' when applied to a sentence or proposition is often said to be claiming of the proposition that it describes/represents/ corresponds to facts or objects and properties in the world. Akeel Bilgrami's lecture will explore the question whether such a predicate, therefore, must be restricted to the propositions of science? He will look at the grounds for thinking so and assess them, considering, as he does so, whether there are any considerations that prevent us from applying the predicate to the propositions of morals or aesthetics as well.





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