

## **Hermeneutic and Analytic Approaches to Explanation and Understanding (additional funding for refugee scholars)**

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The overarching goal is to jointly explore possible connections and differences between analytic conceptions of explanation and understanding on the one hand, and conceptions of explanation and understanding in the hermeneutic tradition on the other, based on the discussion of two well-defined research questions: To what extent, and in what sense could one call the social sciences and the humanities "interpretative or hermeneutic"? What kind of understanding or interpretation is, possibly, present in the natural sciences, and how does it interact with paradigmatic conceptions of scientific explanation? Discussion of these questions will ensure progress in the more encompassing field of research on the relation between hermeneutic and analytic conceptions of explanation and understanding in general, a field of research that explores the possibility to bridge the gap between what appear to be and are often described as two vastly different traditions in theoretical philosophy.

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