

What is “Doing Philosophy”?

Some people say philosophy should have a distinct subject of study; however, I find Williamson’s idea of “doing philosophy”¹ or Prichard's definition of philosophy more defensible. Prichard² says, “philosophy is a practice.” In this paper, I argue for his thesis by emphasizing the distinctions between the ways of approaching philosophy and other scientific practices. By this Idea, I would show everyone can be a philosopher by using the right method; however, only some of them are good philosophers in virtue of using the practice of philosophy for important subjects or questions.

¹ Williamson T. Doing Philosophy: From Common Curiosity to Logical Reasoning. Oxford University Press; 2018.

² Prichard D. What Is This Thing Called Philosophy? Routledge; 2015.