

Humean Accounts of Laws

Package deal

Is there an objective, mind-independent matter of fact about which regularity counts as a law?

Yes

Objective objective Humean

Humean laws are objective

Really?

Scientific practice?

Epistemic gap?

No

Relativist/Pragmatic Humean

Do Humean criteria for the best system track actual scientific practice?

Criteria like simplicity and strength are just placeholders

Not Humean yet

Loewer's PDA

Humean laws are NOT objective

The core argument

The fundamental ontology is not objective

NO package deal

Lewis's BSA

Fail to conform to scientific practice

At odds with scientific realism