

Phil/LPS 31 Introduction to Inductive Logic

Lecture 5

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Topics

- ▶ Inference in Quantified Relational Logic
- ▶ Models and Counterexamples

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- ▶ This will require a tool which we will call a **model** or **intended interpretation** of some sentences in quantified relational logic.

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