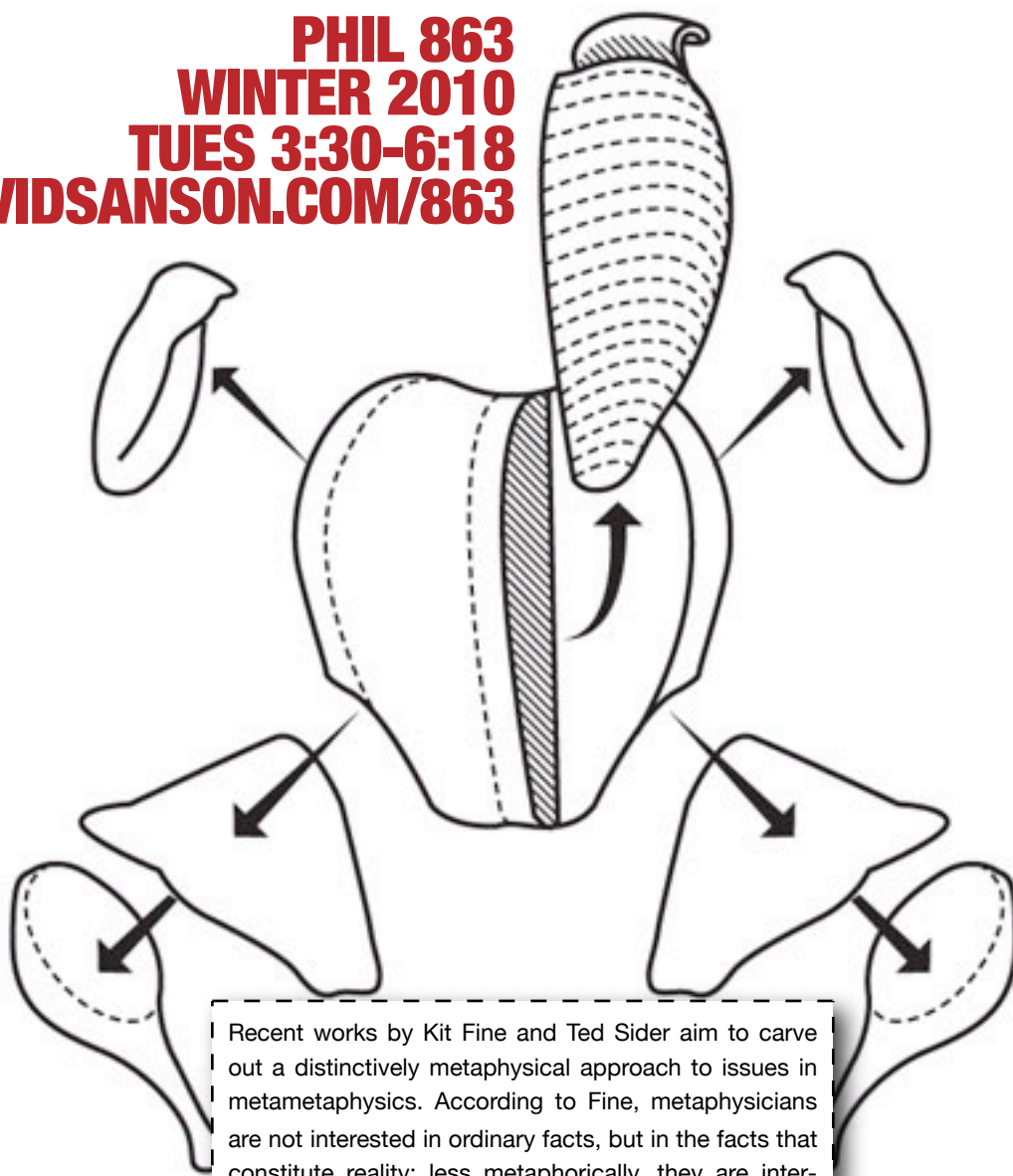


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Recent works by Kit Fine and Ted Sider aim to carve out a distinctively metaphysical approach to issues in metametaphysics. According to Fine, metaphysicians are not interested in ordinary facts, but in the facts that constitute reality; less metaphorically, they are interested what is really the case, not just what is the case. According to Sider, metaphysicians aim to uncover the structure of reality—the fundamental metaphysical joints—and, Sider argues, metaphysicians should take seriously the possibility that reality has not just predicational joints (i.e., fundamental properties), but also quantificational joints, logical joints, tense-operator joints, or modal-operator joints. Both Fine and Sider are reacting against a variety of anti-metaphysical approaches to issues in metametaphysics, approaches motivated in part by skepticism concerning any substantive distinction between what is the case and what is really the case and by skepticism concerning the idea that reality has a fundamental structure. The aim of this seminar is to assess the plausibility and commitments of metaphysical approaches to metametaphysics.

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