

THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS.....



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Title: NATURALIZING TRANSCENDENTAL LAWS

Abstract: Husserl conceives of transcendental laws as rules which constrain the order in which representational experiences (as opposed to “chaotic” sensory fields) unfold. I argue that these constraints are based on dynamical laws which govern the activity of a brain in an environment. Failures of transcendental law—which involve various forms of subjective fragmentation—are linked with violations of these dynamical laws. Along the way a surprising subsidiary result emerges: Husserl’s conditions on the coherent ordering of representational experience are independent of the actual order in which those experiences occur.

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