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Gnoseological aspect of the category of approximation

The category of approximation expresses some inexact fixation of a certain quality, degree or characteristic which are the results of a mental operation. This mental operation categorizes some characteristics of an object, a phenomenon, a state or an action. The mechanism of approximation is based on an associative perception of the environment, this mechanism “works” to find a certain norm which might completely coincide with the key features of an analysed object. Approximation is a means to express the subjective attitude of the speaker to some facts of the objective reality. The description of a gnoseological aspect of the category of approximation is not possible without analysing the nature of approximate nomination. The latter is based on the inexact, approximate way of human consciousness to reflect the extralinguistic reality.

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