

Propositions

1. Scientific models are not only used by scientists or academics.
2. The attempt to uncover the mystery of how models are capable of revealing true facts has blinded philosophical theories of models from descriptively accurate accounts of the modelling practice.
3. Individual models are an inadequate unit of analysis for a comprehensive understanding of the epistemic import of models.
4. Philosophical accounts of models could say more about model failure.
5. If philosophical accounts of models were more attentive to the modelling practice, they would probably become relevant for practitioners—and economists, known for ignoring philosophers, would probably pay attention too.
6. Not all philosophy has to be practically relevant but, the one that claims to be so, cannot just pretend to be.
7. Languages must reveal something about character: While in Dutch farts are passively 'let' out ("een scheet laten") in Spanish you 'shoot' a fart ("tirarse un pedo").
8. Buitenlanders worden in Nederland uitgenodigd om orgaandonor te worden, maar niet om in Nederland te blijven; in delen zijn zij in ieder geval welkom.
9. Lo más trágico de Colombia no es su violencia, es la complacencia permanente de las gentes pudientes y educadas ante las injusticias constantes a las que los colombianos son sometidos.
10. Seasons are an effective natural remedy against hopelessness that is scarce in the tropics.
11. It's often the most ridiculous rituals, the ones full of pompousness and paraphernalia, to which we attach the most significance and, in hindsight, end up reminding us of our achievements.