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**Abstract Objects and the Ontological Core-Periphery Distinction in Language**  
In my book *Abstract Objects and the Semantics of Natural Language*, I argued for the overall view that reference to abstract objects in natural language is possible only in the periphery of language (with quasi-technical, 'reifying terms' like 'the property of being happy', 'the number eight', and 'the degree of John's happiness'), whereas apparent abstract objects such as kinds of individuals ('giraffes') and qualities (or kinds of tropes) ('happiness', 'whiteness) are just pluralities  of actual (or possible) particulars. In this paper, I discuss general challenges for the view, in particular concerning the ontological core-periphery distinction as such and the view of kinds being pluralities of particulars.