

The Open Future

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Abstract: We would all like to have an open future. And I think this is an appropriate attitude. Which raises an important question: What is the best way to understand the notion of *an open future* when we say things like “We would all like to have an open future?” In this talk I will consider several different ways of answering this question. I will argue that, contrary to what many people think, the relevant sense of an open future does not require truth-value gaps. Instead, I will argue, the relevant sense of an open future involves an ability to access different possible worlds. And I will suggest that an ability to access different possible worlds is best understood in terms of the notion of agent causation.