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OM KURSET:

Empiricism and realism are two commitments central to the scientific worldview. Empiricism is the view that knowledge derives from sensory experience; realism is view that there is a mind-independent external world. In this course, we will look at tensions that arise between these two commitments. We will see how empiricism can pull towards idealism or anti-realism, while realism can pull towards skepticism (about whether we can have empirical knowledge of the real). We will then consider a type of view that, according to some philosophers, is capable of dissolving the tension: structural realism. This is the view that sensory experience enables knowledge of only the *structural* features of the world.

Emnet holdes i utgangspunktet på norsk, men kan holdes på engelsk ved forespørsel.