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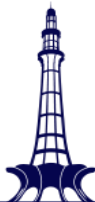


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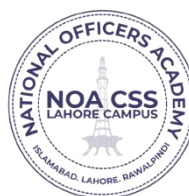




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## Ontology



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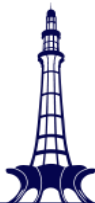


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## Definition

- Ontology is the branch of philosophy that studies concepts such as **existence, being, becoming, and reality**. It includes the questions of how entities are grouped into basic categories and which of these entities exist on the most fundamental level.
- **Ontology is sometimes referred to as the science of being and belongs to the major branch of philosophy known as metaphysics.**



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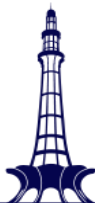
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## Idealism [Plato]



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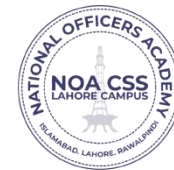


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# Platonic idealism

- Platonic idealism usually refers to Plato's theory of forms or doctrine of ideas. **It holds that only ideas capture the true and essential nature of things, in a way that the physical form cannot.**
- Plato believed that because knowledge is innate and not discovered through experience, we must somehow arrive at the truth through **meditation** and logical analysis, stripping away false ideas to reveal the truth.



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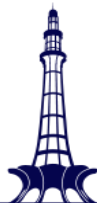
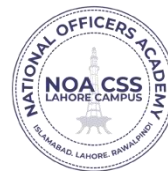


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## George Berkeley-1

- "To be is to be perceived" or **esse est percipi**, is a phrase attributed to a British empiricist named George Berkeley. With this phrase, Berkeley wanted to communicate the idea that the **things around us are all ideas. In other words, their existence depends on perception or being perceived.**
- He held that there are **no material substances**. There are only **finite mental substances** and an **infinite mental substance**, namely, God.



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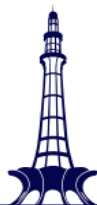
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## George Berkeley-2

- George Berkeley's ontology is based on the idea that the **only things that exist are spirits or minds and ideas.**
- He believed that ordinary objects are collections of ideas that are dependent on the mind, and that
- Berkeley's ontology is a dualism within the mind-dependent realm, **replacing the dualism of mind and matter with a dualism of mind and idea.**



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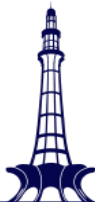
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# Representative Realism



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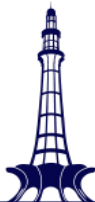
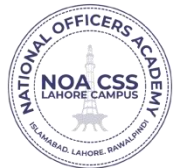


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# Representative Realism-Locke-1

- Representative realism is the belief that **physical objects are independent of the mind and that they carry certain characteristics that have nothing to do with the individual perceiving them.**
- It is the belief that objects exist whether or not they are being perceived or not. John Locke was a realist, who held a strong belief in the idea that **physical objects are real and that they carry specific characteristics no matter whom the perceiver is.**

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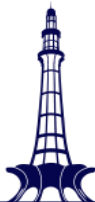


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# Representative Realism-Locke-2

- He held that our **perception is not always accurate** as it does not always tell us how something really looks or feels or smells, etc. and that objects will always be there, that we, as human beings, **perceive ideas first and than the physical object itself.**
- We perceive primary qualities, i.e. physical properties. Locke believes that **primary qualities**, such as **motion or shape, are in the objects themselves** and do not rely on being perceived. **Secondary qualities, such as colour or temperature, depend on the mind of the perceiver.** They produce specific sensations in us, which affect how we view them.



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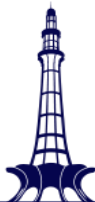
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# Historical and Dialectical Materialism



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# Historical Materialism-1

- This was first articulated by Karl Marx (1818–1883) as the "materialist conception of history". It is principally a theory of history which asserts that the **material conditions of a society's mode of production, or in Marxist terms the union of a society's productive forces and relations of production, fundamentally determine society's organization and development.**



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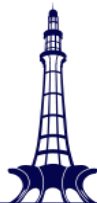


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# Historical Materialism-2

- Historical materialism is materialist as it does not believe that history has been driven by individuals' consciousness or ideals, but rather subscribes to the philosophical monism that **[matter] is the fundamental substance of nature and therefore the driving force in all of world history.**
- In contrast, **idealists** believe that **human consciousness creates reality** rather than the materialist conception that **material reality creates human consciousness**. This put Marx in direct conflict with groups like the liberals who believed that reality was governed by some set of ideals.

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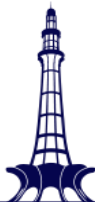
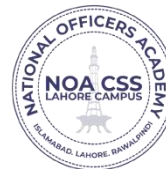


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# Dialectical Materialism-1

- Dialectical materialism is a philosophy of science, history, and nature developed in Europe and based on the writings of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. **Marxist dialectics emphasizes the importance of real-world conditions, in terms of class, labor, and socio-economic interactions.**



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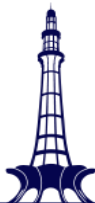


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## Dialectical Materialism-2

- Dialectical materialism is an aspect of the broader subject of materialism, which asserts the primacy of the material world: in short, **matter precedes thought. Materialism is a realist philosophy of science, which holds that the world is material.**
- All phenomena in the universe consist of "matter in motion," wherein all things are interdependent and interconnected and develop according to natural law; that the world exists outside us and independently of our perception of it; that **thought is a reflection of the material world in the brain, and that the world is in principle knowable.**



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