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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES OF EMPIRICISM AND ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY IN ROMANIA *

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Romanian specialists have pointed out that the chief topics considered by analytical philosophers can be put into different groups: a) existence sentences, identity sentences, natural kind terms, truth and number: the philosophy of

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