Special Issue of Studia Logica on Vagueness

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Studia Logica is extending its scope. In future the journal will not only cover pure logic but also applications of formal-logical methods in philosophy and cognitive science. To mark this change, the journal will have several special issues, of which this is one.

Vagueness poses a serious problem for classical logic and semantics. Borderline predications appear to be neither true nor false, the Law of Excluded Middle and other classical theorems are brought into doubt, and the sorites paradox can lead us to question various inference rules. Many alternative logics of vagueness have been proposed, including different versions of three-valued logics, fuzzy logics, supervaluationist logics and intuitionistic logic. This special issue will explore some of the formal details and philosophical justifications of these proposed logics. And it may also investigate the logic of higher-order vagueness or of the 'definitely' operator.

Contributors are invited from various disciplines, including philosophy, logic, mathematics and computer science. Papers should be of philosophical interest, while concerning aspects of formal models; they may cover any issue within the debates about vagueness.

Invited authors: Stewart Shapiro and Didier Dubois

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