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Abstract: The article discusses the possibility on the integration of the sciences with humanities by considering the theory of indexicality developed by Charles S. Peirce. The author explores Peirce's theory of indices which focuses on indexical signs and the significant role it plays in understanding theoretical concepts. It provides a comparison on Carlo Ginzburg's view concerning indices and traces with that of Peirce's theory of indexical signs. In addition, a discussion on the functions of different indices and traces as well as their semiotical connectivity are also discussed. Furthermore, the empirical generality of Peirce's indexical signs and its applications in the field of sciences is mentioned.
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