Term: Second Intention

Quote: Second intentions are those which are formed by observing and comparing first intentions. Thus the concept “class” is formed by observing and comparing class-concepts and other objects. The special class-concept, ens, or what is, in the sense of including figments as well as realities, can only have originated in that way. Of relative second intentions, four are prominent—identity, otherness, co-existence, and incompossibility.


References: DPP 2:561; CP 2.548

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