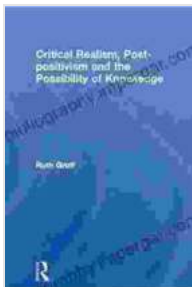


# Critical Realism, Post-Positivism, and the Possibility of Knowledge

By Roy Bhaskar

This book offers a comprehensive overview of critical realism, a distinctive and influential approach to understanding the world and our knowledge of it. The author argues that critical realism provides a more nuanced and sophisticated understanding of reality than either positivism or post-positivism, and he explores the implications of this for our understanding of knowledge, science, and social change.



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Critical realism is a philosophical approach that seeks to overcome the limitations of both positivism and post-positivism. Positivism is a philosophical approach that emphasizes the importance of observation and experience, and it holds that all knowledge is derived from these sources. Post-positivism is a philosophical approach that rejects the idea that all

knowledge is derived from observation and experience, and it holds that some knowledge can be derived from reason and logic. Critical realism seeks to overcome the limitations of both of these approaches by arguing that knowledge is derived from both observation and experience and reason and logic.

Critical realism has a number of implications for our understanding of knowledge, science, and social change. First, critical realism argues that knowledge is not simply a reflection of the world, but rather an interpretation of the world. This means that knowledge is always mediated by our own experiences, beliefs, and values. Second, critical realism argues that science is not a value-free enterprise, but rather a social and political activity. This means that science is always influenced by the values and beliefs of the scientists who conduct it. Third, critical realism argues that social change is not simply a matter of changing people's minds, but rather a matter of changing the social structures that shape their lives. This means that social change requires a combination of political and economic action.

Critical realism is a complex and challenging approach to understanding the world and our knowledge of it. However, it is also a powerful and insightful approach that offers a number of important insights into the nature of reality, knowledge, science, and social change.

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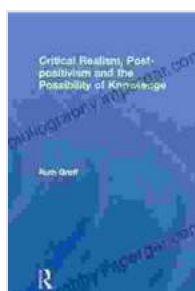
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