

Logic and Metaphysics

CAUSATION

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The Regularity Theory

D Hume Treatise of Human Nature Book I Part III

J Mackie The Cement of the Universe Ch 1

J Mackie "Causes and Conditions" American Philosophical Quarterly 1965;

reprinted in E Sosa (ed) Causation and Counterfactuals

E Sosa "Introduction" to E Sosa (ed) Causation and Counterfactuals

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Laws and Accidents

D Armstrong What is a Law of Nature?

D Papineau "Methodology" sect 2 in A Grayling ed Philosophy

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Singular Causation and Counterfactuals

N Goodman "The Problem of Counterfactual Conditionals" Jour Phil 1947;

reprinted as Ch 1 of his Fact Fiction and Forecast

J Mackie "Counterfactuals and Causal Laws" in R Butler (ed) Analytic

Philosophy 1st series

D Lewis Counterfactuals

D Lewis "Causation" Jour Phil 1973; reprinted in E Sosa (ed) Causation

and Counterfactuals; and in D Lewis Philosophical Papers vol 2. See

also the "Postscript" Lewis appends in this last volume

P Horwich Asymmetries in Time Ch 10 on counterfactuals

The Direction of Causation

J Mackie "The Direction of Causation" Philosophical Review 1966; reprinted

in a revised version as Ch7 of his The Cement of the Universe

D Lewis "Counterfactual Dependence and Time's Arrow" Nous 1979;

reprinted in his Philosophical Papers vol 2

D Hausman Causal Asymmetries Ch 4 (NB this is harder material)

The Relata of Causation

D Davidson "Causal Relations" in his Essays on Actions and Events

D Mellor "The Singularly Affecting Facts of Causation" in P Pettit et al (eds)

Metaphysics and Morality