

Predicates of personal taste and the de se - similarities and differences

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A number of authors on both the relativist and contextualist side of the debate have pursued the view that there is an intimate connection between predicates of personal taste and de se construal (see for example Stephenson 2007, Moltmann 2009, Pearson 2013). This is generally implemented by means of a variable occupying the internal argument slot of the predicate, which in attitude reports is bound by the attitude verb. I discuss novel data that present a challenge for this family of views. The observations I discuss seem to present a fundamental challenge for the relativist stance that whether or not something is tasty (say) depends on who is speaking.