



Philosopher's Holiday Lecture Series,
The Jamie Greenberg Memorial Lecture

Coded Speech

A lecture by Associate Professor of Philosophy,
at Massachusetts Institute of Technology:




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Coded speech (involving expressions like “inner city,” or “nationalist,” or “globalist”) conveys disavow-able information to an audience, and thereby creates cover for norm-violating behavior. I discuss a framework that explains these effects of coded speech, and argue that the phenomenon is not the result of implicit communication and thus should not be explained by semantic/pragmatic mechanisms.

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