

SHIFTING CONCEPTIONS OF DEPENDENCY

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In this paper, and accompanying presentation, I argue that the negative perception of dependency leads to the exclusion of disabled people from philosophic discourse. My analysis of the concept of dependency reveals a positive conception of dependence which requires the inclusion of disabled people in philosophic investigations. To support this conclusion, I first draw on the work of Sunaura Taylor and Eva Kittay to elucidate a standard negative conception of dependency and how this negative conception results in the exclusion of disabled people from venues for engagement, having a voice in the production of philosophic work, and being subject of such philosophic work. From there, I detail a shift in disability studies towards a more neutral conception of dependency. Then, I use feminist philosophy of science to discuss a positive conception of dependency before finally surveying implications of my analysis.

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