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Propositions

- Natorp's project of a general psychology argues that livedexperience is a necessary condition for knowledge-production and knowledge acquisition.
- The neo-Kantian notion of lived-experience is a systematic reflective model, the purpose of which is to identify and describe a priori subjective conditions of recognition and evaluation of objective validity.
- Neo-Kantian psychology identifies three main epistemic moments that are necessary for the subjective acquisition and recognition of objective knowledge: sensory consciousness, representational consciousness, and conceptual consciousness.
- Natorp's general psychology lays the foundation for an actionoriented epistemology of knowledge acquisition and objective understanding.
- Natorp's general psychology differs from genetic phenomenology because it focuses on the question concerning a priori conditions of objective validity.
- General psychology does not aim at explaining the origin of knowledge but the a priori structure of concrete awareness of objective validity, that is, it explains how it feels to objectively know the world.
- General psychology is a philosophical antecedent of contemporary conceptualism of perception.
- General psychology and social pedagogy are complementary projects, oriented towards a systematic definition of a priori subjective conditions to knowledge formation and acquisition.
- Objective knowledge is the art of turning what is known into unexpected questions.
- Science and every form of what we may call knowledge of the world relies on the silent commitment to an impossible transcendence.
- 11. Creativity and reflexivity are the quintessence of scientific understanding.