

Title: When We Move

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Davidson worked out his view of actions as bodily movements with specific causes in the 1950s, in an era impressed by the advances of the natural sciences and their reductivist, analytic methodology. Davidson and his followers spelled out their rejection of the ideas of agents' powers, capacities, and abilities, and endorsed an event-causal theory of action. However, in recent years agent causation received renewed interest, and new varieties of the view have been proposed. In my talk I provide an overview of two new variants of agent causation - put forward respectively by Maria Alvarez and John Hyman, and by Michael Brent -, and the most significant issues they face.