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Towards an Event-based Theory of Emotion Classification

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Emotion is the felt awareness of bodily reactions to something perceived or thought. As such, an emotion is a state event with a cause event as its pre-event. In addition, humans are known to 'act on' their emotions. This can be interpreted as that post-events are instigated by emotion events. However, previous studies of emotion as a state more typically treat it as a post-event, the result of external triggers. In this talk, we propose to treat emotion as a pivot: cognitively salient mental states linking natural pre- and post events. The implications of this proposal on the classification and ontology of events will also be discussed.