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Contraints for semiotic objects

1. Amongst semiotic objects (Toth 2008) a subclass of indexical semiotic objects takes a special position, which can be called identifiers (Toth 2020a, b). Identifiers thus are indexical semiotic objects which announce thematic systems. As will be shown, there are at least three major groups of constraints whose violations will end up in paradoxical or senseless ontic situations.

2.1. Constraint of the referential object

2.1.1. Syntactic constraint

Here, the referential object the semiotic object is announcing to is lacking.

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2.1.2. Semantic constraint

The referential object is present. However, its thematic assignation has been changed. Thus, this is not a violation of a syntactic referential object constraint, but of a semantic one.

Place du Château Rouge, Paris

2.2. Constraint of the ontic place

In the following picture, a direction indicator has been transformed off its original ontic place. We thus have here a violation against the fundamental law of place functionality of an object.

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2.3. Constraint of the ontic context

Differently from the constraint violation in 2.2., in the following picture, the text on the semiotic object violates the purpose ascribed to the semiotic object, i.e. indication of the daily menu. So, this is not just a violation of the ontic place (this being in fact non-transformed), but of the (semantic and pragmatic) context of the semiotic object.

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