The Role of Pragmatism in Contemporary Philosophy
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Two of the ninety papers for 20th international Wittgenstein Symposium in Kirchberg am Wechsel, 1997, on the role of pragmatism in contemporary philosophy, address Peirce. In “Peirce’s Rejection of the Unknowable as a common ground for Pragmatists” (598-603), Gianmatteo Mamel argues that Peirce’s definition of reality as potential intelligibility can be seen as the common ground for all pragmatists, and that the pragmatist vs. antipragmatist controversy amounts to the question whether it makes sense to think there are truths that are in principle inaccessible to intelligent minds. In “Peirce, Putnam und die Wahrheit” (876–882), Richard Schantz shows that Putnam’s internal realism can be seen as a continuation of Peirce’s epistemic conception of truth.