TITLE: Thought experiments and Imagination

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SHORT DESCRIPTION: Thought experiments are short, fictional narratives that invite to a game of imagination – with the goal, however, to enlarge our worldly knowledge. In the last decades, the use of thought experiments in the natural sciences has been extensively discussed. Moreover, in recent years several philosophers and literary critics have pointed at the analogies concerning the use of imagination between the natural sciences and artistic and literary practice. The present encounter aims at confronting different perspectives on the question of whether, how, and in which sense literary works of art can or should be considered thought experiments.

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