The Concept of Truth in the Lvov–Warsaw School

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Arguably the foremost development among theories of truth in the twentieth century was Alfred Tarski's paper 'On the Concept of Truth in the Languages of the Deductive Sciences' *Pojęcie prawdy w językach nauk dedukcyjnych*, first published in 1933. It is the single most influential piece to come out of the Lvov–Warsaw School. Tarski's work and its ramifications influenced work on truth throughout most of the rest of the century. But the paper did not arise in a vacuum: philosophers and logicians in the School from Twardowski onwards laid great stress on truth as a central concept in logic and philosophy, and their discussions have roots going far back in the history of philosophy. Not only Twardowski but also his first-generation pupils Łukasiewicz, Leśniewski, Kotarbiński and Adjukiewicz made important contributions to the topic. And while Tarski brought technical brilliance to the discussion, his own theory has its shortcomings as a general account of truth. This talk will trace the course of discussions within the School, outline how they influenced subsequent treatments, and assess how far their work brought the theory of truth towards final adequacy.

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