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**FEYERABEND'S VIEWS ON SCIENTIFIC CONSTRUCTIONS AND THE
CRITERIA FOR THEORY- CHOICE**

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Abstract

Philosophers are always wondering how reality is shaped by our epistemic activities. In this regard we construct theories, to make sense of the complexity of the world. In a sense, theories are ways of looking at the world. In this paper, I will explore the relevant factors or conditions involved in the theory construction process. Following Feyerabend's resistance thesis, I will show that he does not adopt the idealistic approach that many philosophers claim. He is not claiming that all constructions enjoy the same privileged status. I also discuss how scientists choose between competing theories from Feyerabend's point of view and how subjectivity comes into theory appraisal.

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