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Bullshit without Indifference

Harry Frankfurt famously contended that the essence of an activity we call bullshitting is an agent’s indifference towards the truth of what they say. According to Frankfurt, an agent engages in bullshitting if and only if the agent utters a proposition without being concerned about its truth value, intends to deceive about what they are up to, but does not lie in doing so. All of these three claims have been challenged by counterexamples. In this talk, I will present those challenges as well as a recent attempt to modify Frankfurt’s original ideas against these. In the end, I will present an alternative account of bullshitting that does not take an agent’s indifference as a necessary condition.