Vague, Outdated Ideas


For several reasons the publication of this book is bizarre. In the first place, the undated preface by Thomas P. Kiernan scarcely mentions the contents of the book and certainly makes no case for republishing it. The book itself is a translation of Windelband's 1912 article, "Die Prinzipien der Logik," which, on page 1 of the volume, is correctly translated as "The Principles of Logic." It is an unsolved mystery, as far as I am concerned, why the book's general title is Theories in Logic. Moreover, the name of the translator is not given. Above all, I can see no reason whatsoever for translating and publishing this book. It is a fairly typical piece of post-Kantian German philosophy and is of no apparent interest today. The ideas of logic it sets forth are woefully vague and outdated.

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