Felice Masi Il contesto dell'epistemologia provabilistica di Alfred Schutz

Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici Università di Napoli Italia e-mail: felice.masi@unina.it

The essay aims to examine some contributions of A. Schutz to general epistemological questions, starting from his view of the scientific theories and concepts formation, of type and model, of relevance, of proof and degree of belief. Great attention is paid to the resumption of Carneades' mechanism, in which each operation of confirmation is linked to a level of credibility. The focus on these issues allows not only to understand Schutz's context (North American phenomenology, logical neo-empiricism, pragmatism and his peculiar relationship with F. Kaufmann), but also to establish a comparison with Chisholm's reading of Carneades.