

Avoiding Sectarianism in Ontologies Workshop slide

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Avoiding sectarianism: Brief thoughts

- ▶ Be humble— you probably understand less than you think you do
 - ▶ Words are slippery & have multiple meanings
- ▶ Understand the artefact
 - ▶ What's it for?
 - Focus on the consequences for its purpose
 - ▶ *Most often information systems*
 - Don't criticize a car because it doesn't float
- ▶ Identify differences & analogies – which are significant
 - Which can be easily mapped? Transformed? Relabelled?
- ▶ Get evidence
 - ▶ Write down operationalized criteria
 - ▶ Test your hypotheses
 - ▶ Try out the alternatives
 - ▶ Implement it in a way that has consequences / inferences