

## Knowledge and Reality

### *Persistence Through Time*

How is it possible for something to persist through time but yet to change? Do objects endure or perdure? Do things have temporal parts as well as spatial parts?

#### READING

*Crane and Farkas give a general overview of the main issues, which provides a useful start, though if you find the articles below manageable straight away, there is no need to consult it:*

Tim Crane and Katalin Farkas, Introduction to section on 'Identity' in *Metaphysics: A Guide and Anthology* (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 527-36.

*Loux's chapter goes into things in a lot more detail, but again, you should not treat this as a substitute for tacking the articles below:*

Michael Loux, *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge, second edition 2002), chapter 6, pp. 215-49.

*The next four articles give a representative sample of the arguments put on each side – if you can get through all four, that will give a good grasp of the main issues:*

Theodore Sider, 'Four-Dimensionalism', *Philosophical Review* 106 (1997), pp. 197–231, and available online.

Judith Jarvis Thompson, 'Parthood and Identity Across Time', *Journal of Philosophy* 80 (1983), pp. 201–20, 1983, and available online.

Peter van Inwagen, 'Four-Dimensional Objects', *Noûs* 24 (1990), pp. 245–55, and available online.

David Lewis, postscript B of 'Survival and Identity', in *Philosophical Papers* (Oxford University Press, New York, 1983), vol. 1, pp. 55–77.

*The next two pieces are in the Crane and Farkas collection, and worth reading if you have the time. Zimmerman's piece is a criticism of Lewis's:*

Roderick M. Chisholm, 'Identity through Time', in Tim Crane and Katalin Farkas (eds.), *Metaphysics: A Guide and Anthology* (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 537-51.

David Lewis, selection from *On the Plurality of Worlds*, in Tim Crane and Katalin Farkas (eds.), *Metaphysics: A Guide and Anthology* (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 552-59.

Dean Zimmerman, 'Temporary Intrinsic and Presentism', in Peter van Inwagen and Dean W. Zimmerman (eds.), *Metaphysics: The Big Questions* (Blackwell, Oxford, 1998), pp. 206–219.