

Issues In The Meaning And Definition of Logic

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So it "might" be reasonable to identify "Against the Megarians" as primarily against dialectical logic... And of course what is "Dialectical logic" as opposed to "logic in general?" At the moment I'll continue to use "formal logic" which is a tip of hat to Plato's forms, but I am not so sure that "symbolic" logic or "syllogistic" logic isn't a better way to describe the opposing position (and even then Martin is probably right that you still have to parse further. "Syllogistic" suffers from being a word that most people don't have a firm grasp of the meaning of which might not advance the ball very much.

Quote

The **Megarian school** of philosophy, which flourished in the 4th century BC, was founded by [Euclides of Megara](#), one of the pupils of [Socrates](#). Its ethical teachings were derived from Socrates, recognizing a single [good](#), which was apparently combined with the [Eleatic](#) doctrine of [Unity](#). Some of Euclides' successors developed [logic](#) to such an extent that they became a separate school, known as the **Dialectical school**. Their work on [modal logic](#), [logical conditionals](#), and [propositional logic](#) played an important role in the development of logic in antiquity.

The major advantage of calling these people "Megarians" is that in "American" that sounds like they are some evil nation from some faraway planet! 😊

And that reminds me of this: "This is the voice of the Mysterons."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs13rCqfH9k>

So who speaks for the Megarians?