How did the Concept of Rational Reconstruction Develop?

Abstract

Neglecting earlier anticipations, the first clear account appeared in Carnap’s, *Logischer Aufbau* and his paper on logical analysis (1930). Then Popper’s *Logik der Forschung* comes. It is interesting that Popper says almost nothing about rational reconstruction in *Die beiden Grundprobleme*, a prototype of *Logik*. Thus, we have a historical problem how, if anyhow, Popper was influenced by the discussions in the Vienna Circle about logical analysis and its task. Further, classical loci are Reichenbach’s *Experience and Prediction*, his *The Rise of Scientific Philosophy* and Carnap’s *The Logical Foundations of Probability*. 

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