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One of the things you learn if you stay in this business long enough, and especially if you stay in it too long, is that it is not your enemies but your friends that you should fear. John Searle may not be right in saying that Thomas Kuhn was a Scientific Realist from the start and has been, from the start, misinterpreted by theorists who regard themselves as Kuhn's allies. But it does seem true that Kuhn has found himself pressed in a Realist direction by some unwanted readings, and even more unwanted uses, of his work in recent years—even uses by members of the original Linguistic Turn circle. Kuhn, in fact many of us, have divided loyalties. But we share a desire not to underwrite the further extremes of “deep irrationalism,” nor of the “strong program” which reduces science to nothing but a social and cultural phenomenon. I would like to see members of the original Linguistic Turn circle reinterpret their own work in the light of how their work has been used. I would also like to see papers detailing the history of Kuhn's influence—good, bad, and indifferent—and papers that explore how *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* became itself the basis for a paradigm shift.

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