

## **Deductive Reasoning Without Rule Following**

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This paper provides a novel account of the psychology and epistemology of deductive reasoning, according to which the capacity to perform inferences in particular cases is prior to the capacity to follow any general rule. Inspired by the central argument of Kripke's paper, 'The Question of Logic', to the effect that logical rules cannot be adopted, we show that the widespread view that deductive reasoning requires rule-following must be abandoned. We explain what it is to reason deductively without rule following, how such reasoning is justified, and how we can come to know the general rules of logic.