

A critical realist current exists. But a generally dichotomous character persists. Issues which should have been long settled still split the human, and, to an extent, the natural, sciences: between realism and irrealism, positivism and hermeneutics, individualism and collectivism, structuralism and historicism, between qualitative and quantitative and large-scale and micro research (this last in physics as much as in sociology); and the fact/value and theory/practice shibboleths remain for the most part entrenched.

Irrealist positions have their own repercussions. Thus positivism inevitably generates in its wake interactionist and/or reductionist regresses.

Hermeneutics splits into neo-Kantian (Weberian) or dichotomized (Habermasian) and pure (Gadamerian and/or Winchian) wings. And so on.

— Roy Bhaskar. *Dialectic: The Pulse of Freedom*. London and New York: Routledge imprint of Taylor & Francis Group, an Informa PLC business. 2008. Page 345.

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Etymology

From [Middle English](#) *curraunt*, borrowed from [Old French](#) *curant* ([French](#) *courant*), present participle of *courre* (“to run”), from [Latin](#) *currere*, present active infinitive of *currō* (“I run”) (present participle *currens*). Doublet of *courant*.

Pronunciation

- ([Received Pronunciation](#)) IPA^(key): /'kʌrənt/
- ([General American](#)) IPA^(key): /'kʌrənt/, /'kɜːrənt/
- Audio (US) ([file](#)) ([accents without the "Hurry-furry" merger](#))
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Noun

current (*countable* and *uncountable*, plural [currents](#))

1. The generally unidirectional movement of a gas or fluid.

2. the part of a fluid that moves continuously in a certain direction, especially (oceanography)
short for ocean current.

Synonyms: flow, stream

3. (electricity) the time rate of flow of electric charge.

- **Symbol:** I (inclined upper case letter "I")
- **Units:**

SI: ampere (A)

CGS: esu/second (esu/s)

Synonym: electric current

4. a tendency or a course of events

Synonyms: flow, stream, tendency

Derived terms

- electric current
- ocean current
- tidal current
- undercurrent

Related terms

- course
- currency

Translations

part of a fluid that moves continuously in a certain direction — See also translations at ocean current

- Albanian: lumë ([sq](#)) *f*
- Arabic: تَيَّارٌ *m.* (*tayyār*)
- Armenian: հնաւլը ([hy](#)) (*hosank'*)
- Assamese: সোত (*xūt*)
- Bau Bidayuh: selog, sobag
- Belarusian: патóк *m.* (*patók*), цячéнне *n.* (*cjačennje*)
- Brunei Bisaya: sinolog
- Bulgarian: стрúя ([bg](#)) *f* (*strúja*)
- Burmese: ယဏ် ([my](#)) (*yany*)
- Catalan: riu ([ca](#)) *m.*, corrent ([ca](#)) *m.*
- Cebuano: sulog
- Central Melanau: aruih

- Lao: ກະແນ່ງ ([lo](#)) (*ka sǣ*)
- Latin: flumen ([la](#)) *n.*, cursus *m.*, aestus ([la](#)) *m.* (*current of sea*)
- Latvian: straume *f*
- Lithuanian: srovė *f*, tékmė *f*
- Lotud: sinolog
- Macedonian: струја *f* (*struja*)
- Malay: arus ([ms](#))
- Manx: stroo *m.*
- Maori: au
- Mongolian: үрсгал ([mn](#)) (*ursgal*)
- Norman: couothant *m.* (*Jersey*), halant *m.*
- Norwegian:
Bokmål: strøm ([no](#)) *m.*
Nynorsk: straum *m.*

- Occitan: corrent ([oc](#)) *m.*

- Chinese:

Mandarin: 水流 (zh) (shuǐliú), 流 (zh) (liú)

- Czech: proud (cs) m.

Dutch: stroming (nl) f, stroom (nl) m.

Esperanto: fluo

Estonian: hoovus

Finnish: virta (fi), virtaus (fi)

French: courant (fr) m.

Friulian: corint f

Galician: corrente (gl) f

Georgian: დინება (dineba), ნაკადი (nakadi)

German: Strömung (de) f

Greek: ρεύμα (el) n (révma)

Ancient: ῥεῦμα n (rheûma)

Hawaiian: au

Hebrew: זרם (he) m. (zerem)

Hindi: प्रवाह (hi) m. (pravāh), धारा (hi) f (dhārā)

Hungarian: áram (hu), áramlat (hu), (in certain phrases, e.g. "drift with the current") ár (hu)

Iban: arus, arong

Indonesian: arus (id)

Interlingua: currente

Iranun: reges

Irish: sruth m.

Italian: corrente (it) f

Japanese: 流れ (ja) (ながれ, nagare)

Kazakh: ағым (ağım)

Khmer: ការណ៍ (km) (ca'rān), ស្រាហាត (km) (sraotaa)

Kimaragang: linogod

Korean: 흐름 (ko) (heureum)

time rate of flow of electric charge

- Albanian: rryme f

- Arabic: تَيَّارٌ m. (tayyār)

- Aragonese: corrient f

- Armenian: հոսանք (hy) (hosank')

- Azerbaijani: cərəyan (az)

- Basque: korronte

- Belarusian: ток m. (tok)

- Bengali: প্রোবাহ (prôbah)

- Old Irish: sruth m. or n

- Persian: جریان (fa) (jarayân), جاری (fa) (jâri)

- Polish: prąd (pl) m. inan

- Portuguese: corrente (pt) f

- Romanian: curent (ro) m., șuvoi (ro) n, flux (ro) n

- Rungus: murullun

- Russian: потóк (ru) m. (potók), течéние (ru) n (tečénije)

- Sanskrit: रेतस् (sa) n (retas)

- Scottish Gaelic: sruth m.

- Serbo-Croatian:

Cyrillic: струја f

Roman: strúja (sh) f

- Slovak: tok m., prúd m.

- Slovene: tok (sl) m.

- Spanish: corriente (es) f

- Swahili: mkondo (sw)

- Swedish: ström (sv) f, strömnинг (sv) f

- Tagal Murut: aug

- Tagalog: agos (tl)

- Telugu: ప్రవాహం (te) (pravāham)

- Thai: กระแส (th) (grà-sɛ̄ɛ)

- Turkish: akıntı (tr), akım (tr)

- Ukrainian: струм m. (strum), потíк (uk) m. (potík), течія f (tečijá)

- Urdu: دھارہ f (dhārā)

- Vietnamese: dòng (vi)

time rate of flow of electric charge

- Macedonian: струја f (struja)

- Malay: arus (ms)

- Mongolian: гүйдэл (mn) (güidel)

- Norwegian:

Bokmål: strøm (no) m., strømstyrke m.

Nynorsk: straum m., straumstyrke m.

- Occitan: corrent (oc) m.

- Persian: جریان (fa) (jarayân)

- Bulgarian: ток (bg) *m.* (tok)
- Burmese: ထယ်ပစ္စား (my) (hlyapci:)
- Catalan: current (ca) *m.*
- Central Melanau: karen
- Chinese:

Mandarin: 電流 (zh), 电流 (zh) (diànlíu)

- Czech: proud (cs) *m.*
- Danish: strømstyrke *z*, strøm (da) *z*
- Dutch: stroom (nl) *m.*
- Estonian: elektrivool (et)
- Finnish: virta (fi), sähkövirta (fi)
- French: courant (fr) *m.*
- Galician: corrente (gl) *f*
- Georgian: დენი (deni)
- German: Strom (de) *m.*
- Greek: εντάση (entásis)
- Hebrew: זרם (he) *m.* (zerem)
- Hindi: धारा (hi) *f* (dhārā), प्रवाह (hi) *m.* (pravāh)
- Hungarian: áram (hu)
- Interlingua: currente
- Italian: corrente (it) *m.*
- Japanese: 電流 (ja) (でんりゅう, denryū)
- Kazakh: ток (tok), электр тогы (élektr togı)
- Korean: 전류(電流) (ko) (jeollyu)
- Kyrgyz: ток (ky) (toq)
- Lao: ກະສະເໝັ້ນໄຟຟ້າ (lo) (ka sāē fai fā)
- Latvian: strāva *f*
- Lithuanian: srovė *f*

- Polish: prąd (pl) *m.* inan, natężenie prądu *n*
 - Portuguese: corrente (pt) *f*, amperagem (pt) *f*
 - Romanian: current (ro) *m.*
 - Russian: ток (ru) *m.* (tok)
 - Serbo-Croatian:
- Cyrillic: стрја *f*
Roman: strúja (sh) *f*
- Silesian: sztrüm *m.*
 - Slovak: prúd *m.*
 - Slovene: tok (sl) *m.*
 - Spanish: corriente (es) *f*
 - Swahili: mkondo (sw)
 - Swedish: ström (sv) *z*
 - Tagalog: kaampiran
 - Tajik: ҷараён (tg) (jarayon)
 - Tatar: агым (tt) (ağım)
 - Telugu: కరెంటు (karenṭu)
 - Thai: กระแส (th) (grà-sɛ̌ɛ), กระแสไฟฟ้า (grà-sɛ̌ɛ-fai-fáa)
 - Turkish: akım (tr)
 - Turkmen: tok
 - Ukrainian: струм *m.* (strum)
 - Uyghur: توڭ (tok)
 - Uzbek: tok (uz)
 - Vietnamese: dòng điện (vi)

tendency or a course of events

- Bulgarian: ход (bg) *m.* (hod)
- Finnish: suuntaus (fi), virtaus (fi)
- French: courant (fr) *m.*
- Galician: corrente (gl) *f*
- Greek: ρεύμα (el) *n* (révma)
- Hungarian: alakulás (hu)
- Italian: corrente (it) *m.*
- Japanese: 流れ (ja) (nagare)

- Korean: 흐름 (ko) (heureum)
- Latvian: gaita *f*
- Lithuanian: eiga *f*, tėkmė *f*
- Persian: مسیر (fa)
- Romanian: curs (ro) *n*, mers (ro) *n*, manieră (ro) *f*
- Russian: ход (ru) *m.* (xod)
- Swedish: riktning (sv) *z*, strömning (sv) *z*, tendens (sv) *z*

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Translations to be checked

■ Lithuanian: (please verify) srovė *f*

■ Slovak: (please verify) tok *m.*, (please verify) prúd

Adjective

current (*comparative* currenter or more current, *superlative* currentest or most current)

1. Existing or occurring at the moment.

Synonyms: present; see also Thesaurus:present

Antonyms: future, past

current *events*

current *leaders*

current *negotiations*

- 2013 July 19, Timothy Garton Ash, “Where Dr Pangloss meets Machiavelli”, in The Guardian Weekly^[1] (<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/jul/10/geopolitics-transatlantic-trade-deal>), volume 189, number 6, page 18:

Hidden behind thickets of acronyms and gorse bushes of detail, a new great game is under way across the globe. Some call it geoconomics, but it's geopolitics too. The **current** power play consists of an extraordinary range of countries simultaneously sitting down to negotiate big free trade and investment agreements.

2. Generally accepted, used, practiced, or prevalent at the moment.

Synonyms: fashionable, prevailing, prevalent, rife, up-to-date; see also Thesaurus:fashionable

Antonyms: out-of-date, unfashionable; see also Thesaurus:unfashionable

current *affairs*

current *bills and coins*

current *fashions*

- 1727, John Arbuthnot, *Tables of Ancient Coins, Weights and Measures. Explain'd and exemplify'd in several dissertations*:

That there was **current** money in Abraham's time is past doubt.

- 2013 June 22, “T time (<http://www.economist.com/news/finance-and-economics/21579860-g8-pledges-tackle-three-ts-t-time>)”, in The Economist, volume 407, number 8841, page 68:

The ability to shift profits to low-tax countries by locating intellectual property in them [...] is often assumed to be the preserve of high-tech companies. [...] **current** tax rules make it easy for all sorts of firms to generate [...] “stateless income”: profit subject to tax in a jurisdiction that is neither the location of the factors of production that generate the income nor where the parent firm is domiciled.

3. (*India*) Electric; of or relating to electricity.

current bill
current shock

- **2021** June 13, Raval Hymavathi, “Telangana: Even The TSSPDCL Is Facing Heavy Losses Due To Covid-19”, in *The Hans India*^[2] (<https://www.thehansindia.com/telangana/telangana-even-the-tsspdcl-is-facing-heavy-losses-due-to-covid-19-690651>):

In April and May this year, the average daily **current** consumption dropped to 55 MU [...] Compared to household electricity charges, the **current** unit charge used by commercial companies is higher. [...] Electricity consumption is generally higher in summer as compared to monsoon and winter. The use of ACs will increase not only in homes but also in commercial establishments and **current** consumption will increase.

4. (*obsolete*) Running or moving rapidly.

Synonym: speeding

- **c. 1386–1390**, John Gower, Reinhold Pauli, editor, *Confessio Amantis of John Gower: Edited and Collated with the Best Manuscripts*, volume (please specify |volume=I, II, or III), London: Bell and Daldy [...], published 1857, OCLC 827099568 (<https://worldcat.org/oclc/827099568>):

Lik to the **corrant** fyr that renneth / Upon a corde

(please add an English translation of this quote)

- **1859–1885**, Alfred Tennyson, *Merlin and Vivien*:

To chase a creature that was **current** then / In these wild woods, the hart with golden horns.

Derived terms

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ■ <u>current account</u> | ■ <u>currently</u> | ■ <u>price current</u> |
| ■ <u>current events</u> | ■ <u>currentness</u> | |

Translations

existing or occurring at the moment

- Arabic: جاري ([ar](#)) (jārin)
- Armenian: *please add this translation if you can*
- Basque: *please add this translation if you can*
- Belarusian: цяперашні (cjarjérašni), бягучы ([be](#)) (bjahúčy)
- Bulgarian: текущ ([bg](#)) (tekušt), сегашен ([bg](#)) (segašen)
- Catalan: actual ([ca](#))

- Latvian: pašreizējs, esošs
- Lithuanian: einamasis ([lt](#)), dabartinis ([lt](#))
- Luxembourgish: aktuell
- Maori: onāianei
- Mongolian: *please add this translation if you can*

- Chinese:

Mandarin: 活期 (zh) (huóqī), 通用 (zh)
 (tōngyòng), 現在的 (zh), 现在的 (zh)
 (xiànzài de)

- Czech: současný (cs) *m.*
- Danish: aktuel (da), nuværende
- Dutch: huidig (nl), huidige (nl), actueel (nl)
- Esperanto: nuntempa
- Finnish: ajankohtainen (fi), tämänhetkinen (fi), nykyinen (fi)
- French: présent (fr), actuel (fr), courant (fr)
- Friulian: corint
- Galician: actual (gl), corrente (gl)
- Georgian: მიმდინარე (mimdinare), ამჟამინდელი (amžamindeli), ახლანდელი (axlandeli)
- German: gegenwärtig (de), aktuell (de)
- Greek: παρών (el) (parón), τρέχων (el) (tréchon), τωρινός (el) (torinós)
- Hungarian: jelenlegi (hu), aktuális (hu)
- Interlingua: currente
- Italian: corrente (it), attuale (it)
- Japanese: 現行 (ja) (げんこう, genkō), 現在 (ja) (げんざい, genzai), 当座 (ja) (とうざ, tōza)
- Khmer: please add this translation if you can
- Korean: 현행(現行)의 (hyeonhaeng-ui), 현재(現在)의 (hyeonjae-ui)

generally accepted, used, practiced, or prevalent at the moment

- Bengali: আধুনিক (adhunik)
- Bulgarian: общоприет (bg) (obštoprijet)
- Catalan: actual (ca)
- Czech: aktuální (cs)
- Dutch: aktueel, aktuele
- Finnish: juokseva (fi), käypä (fi), nykyinen (fi), voimassa oleva, vallitseva (fi)
- French: actuel (fr)
- Galician: corrente (gl)
- Georgian: please add this translation if you can
- German: zeitnah (de) (*dated*)
- Italian: attuale (it), corrente (it)

electric — see electric

- Norwegian:

Bokmål: aktuell (no), nåværende, dagsaktuell
 Nynorsk: aktuell, noverande, dagsaktuell

- Occitan: actual (oc)
- Persian: کنونی (fa) (konuni)
- Polish: bieżący (pl), aktualny (pl), obecny (pl), każdoczesny (pl) (law)
- Portuguese: corrente (pt), em curso, atual (pt) *n.*
- Romanian: actual (ro), curenț (ro), (please verify) în curs, (please verify) care se întâmplă
- Russian: нынешний (ru) (nýnešnij), текущий (ru) (tekúščij), теперешний (ru) (teperešnij) (colloquial)
- Slovak: súčasný (sk) *m.*
- Spanish: actual (es)
- Swahili: kisasa (sw)
- Swedish: nuvarande (sv)
- Telugu: ఇట్టివలి (te) (iṭṭivali)
- Thai: please add this translation if you can
- Turkish: güncel (tr)
- Ukrainian: теперішній (uk) (tepérišnij), нинішній (nýnišnij), поточний (potóčnyj)
- Vietnamese: hiện nay (vi), nay (vi)
- Volapük: nuik (vo)

- Latvian: esošs

- Norwegian: aktuell (no), nåværende, gjeldende (no)
- Polish: aktualny (pl)
- Portuguese: actual (pt), atual (pt) (br)
- Russian: современный (ru) *m.* (sovreménnyj), текущий (ru) *m.* (tekúščij)
- Spanish: actual (es)
- Swahili: kisasa (sw)
- Swedish: aktuell (sv), gällande (sv), gångbar (sv), innevarande (sv)
- Turkish: geçerli (tr)

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- Lithuanian: (please verify) einamas ([lt](#)) *m.*, (please verify) esamas ([lt](#)) *m.*

Anagrams

- Curtner

Latin

Verb

current

1. third-person plural future active indicative of currō

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current

('kʌrənt)

adj

1. of the immediate present; in progress: current events.
2. most recent; up-to-date
3. commonly known, practised, or accepted; widespread: a current rumour.
4. circulating and valid at present: current coins.

n

5. (esp of water or air) a steady usually natural flow
6. (Physical Geography) a mass of air, body of water, etc, that has a steady flow in a particular direction
7. (Physical Geography) the rate of flow of such a mass
8. (General Physics) *physics*
 - a. a flow of electric charge through a conductor
 - b. the rate of flow of this charge. It is measured in amperes. Symbol: **I**
9. a general trend or drift: currents of opinion.
[C13: from Old French *corant*, literally: running, from *corre* to run, from Latin *currere*]
'currently *adv*

'currentness *n*

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<https://www.thefreedictionary.com/current>