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### **Extending declaratives**

Within the larger picture of a theory of the general structure of scientific discoveries that I am working on, John Searle's overall account of speech acts and social reality plays an important role, and in particular, his notion of declarative speech acts (together with other parts of the conceptual apparatus, such as we-intentionality, status functions, and standing declarations). However, within the larger picture I have in mind, I need a special type of declarative speech acts, namely those that I call "extended declaratives". Against this background, it is the main aim of my talk to argue that it is not only conceptually possible, but also useful to extend declarative speech acts (in the Searleian sense) in two ways: I want to show why it is important to assume that there are stemporally stretched and in a certain respect complex (nested) declarative speech acts.