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Abstract: I have recently been developing a post-Kuhnian approach to the philosophy of science under the rubric of the Dynamics of Reason -- an approach which, in part, grows out of my revisionist reading of the history of logical empiricism. In this paper I use Hans Reichenbach's *The Rise of Scientific Philosophy* as a springboard for outlining both my revisionist reading of logical empiricism and my new account of the nature and purpose of scientific philosophy. The result is a relativized and dynamical version of the Kantian synthetic a priori and a parallel response to the threat of conceptual relativism raised by Thomas Kuhn's theory of scientific revolutions.