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**Abstract** The aim of the essay is to reconstruct the concept of hypothetical realism in the version presented by German ethologist Konrad Lorenz. Hypothetical realism is the ontological presumption of evolutionary epistemology. In the essay I show the biological background of the presumption and try to evaluate its philosophical contents in the critical reference to general methodological assumptions of evolutionary epistemology.