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On Mar 28, 3:41 pm, "Brian M. Scott" <[b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Fri, 28 Mar 2008 15:24:53 -0700 (PDT), mb  
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in sci.lang:

On Mar 27, 2:36 pm, "Brian M. Scott" <[b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

[...]

The author of the 'French' section of the Handbook of the IPA describes it as a central vowel with some rounding and places it squarely at the schwa point of the quadrilateral. It's been a while since I last heard much French, but that or something just a little further forward sounds about right to me, and unstressed [ø] definitely sounds wrong. It's possible that barred-o (X-SAMPA [8]) would be slightly more accurate, but in the absence of any other vowel in that range the more familiar [ə] doesn't seem unreasonable.

Attempts at detailed description of effective pronunciations (by a foreign ear, who hears what it was trained to...) are irrelevant. What counts is the phoneme range and how it is defined (eme range) in the source language.

Dismissals made in ignorance of the facts are irrelevant. At least one of the two authors of that section is French.

Right. And my mother tongue is Chinese, and I am just babbling without any idea of any facts while Mr Ross has perfect command of all or them.

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What a jerk.