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The bulletin is issued thrice per year by the end of February, June, and November. If you wish to let us know about activities you or your department are planning (conferences, seminars, workshops, and the like) or about important philosophical events that have recently taken place, please contact either your national correspondent or the newsletter editor, Jiri Benovsky (Jiri.Benovsky@unifr.ch). Please note ESAP's new website: <http://www.dif.unige.it/esap>

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CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

SIXTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

Call for papers

Analytic Philosophy and European Culture

Genoa, September 23-25, 2004.

The National Congress of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy will take place on September 23-25, 2004. The main theme of the meeting is the relationship between analytic philosophy and European culture, in which we will also attempt to evaluate the past and prospects for the future. This theme is inspired by the fact that the Congress will be held in Genoa, the European Capital of Culture in 2004. Obviously, the cultural influence of analytic philosophy is only indirect and interwoven with the fabric of research and its results in diverse fields of philosophy. Accordingly, in addition to this general theme, there will be a variety of parallel sessions (as at every national convention) in which we feel the pulse of the current situation in analytic philosophy's various fields of research. We offer the following suggestions as primary topics:

1. Analytic philosophy and culture
2. Epistemology
3. Aesthetics
4. Ethics
5. Philosophy of language
6. Philosophy of Logic and Philosophy of Sciences
7. Philosophy of mind
8. Political philosophy
9. Ontology and metaphysics

Each speaker will be allowed 40 minutes, generally to be divided into a 30-minute talk and a 10-minute discussion. The official languages of the Convention will be *Italian* and *English*. It would be desirable that at least some papers be presented in Italian.

Abstracts of proposed papers should:

- * not exceed 5000 characters in length;
- * indicate the speaker's full name, home institution, and e-mail address;
- * indicate the topic of the session for which the paper is intended
- * present the main outline and key thesis of the proposed argument;
- * be submitted (with a simple cut-and-paste operation) to the website <http://sifa.unige.it/genoa04/abs/form.html>

For further information (or in case of difficulty in sending the abstract), write to
sifa04@nous.unige.it

Invited Speakers: Evandro Agazzi (Università di Genova), Andrea Bonomi (Università di Milano), Joao Branquinho, (Universidade de Lisboa), Carlo Cellucci, (Università di Roma), Roberta de Monticelli (Università S. Raffaele), Sir Michael Dummett (Oxford), Umberto Eco (Università di Bologna), Pascal Engel (Università Paris IV - Sorbonne), Hans-Johann Glock, (University of Reading), Sebastiano Maffettone, (Università di Roma), Tito Magri, (Università di Roma), Diego Marconi (Univeristà del Piemonte Orientale), David Papineau (King's College, London), Marco Santambrogio (Università di Parma), Marina Sbisà (Università di Trieste), Stefano Velotti Università di Roma), Sandro Zucchi (Università di Milano).

Further information available at <http://www.sifa.unige.it/genoa04/intro.htm>

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SURVIVING THROUGH CHANGE

A Philosophical Workshop

Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia
Università degli Studi di Bergamo
Piazza S. Agostino, 1
Bergamo
Sala Conferenze

JULY 6, 2004

Speakers :

Dean Zimmermann (Rutgers University)
Elisa Paganini (University of Milan)
Achille Varzi (Columbia University)
Fabrice Correia (University of Barcelona)
Christopher Hughes (King's College, University of London)
Massimiliano Carrara (University of Padua)
Massimo Mugnai (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)
Luca Morena (University of Bologna)

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ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE XI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

To mean and to comprehend: the semantics of verbal language

Milan, Italy, 16-18 September 2004

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Contributions will cover topics from the following relevant domains:

1. Relationship between syntax, semantics and pragmatics: historiographic and epistemological perspectives.
2. Pathologies of meaning and comprehending.
3. Referential and inferential semantics.
4. The unity of discourse and its parts.

For further information: <http://scienzecognitive.unime.it/filling/>

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHY SYMPOSIUM OF THE LAUENER FOUNDATION

In Honour of **Patrick Suppes** (Stanford University), winner of the Lauener Award in Analytical Philosophy 2004.

10 September 2004, Berne (Switzerland), Haus der Universität, Schösslistr. 5.

Speakers include:

Patrick Suppes (Stanford University)

Dagfinn Føllesdal (University of Oslo/Stanford University)

Wilhelm K. Essler (University of Frankfurt a. M.)

Nancy Cartwright (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Steven French (University of Leeds)

Stephan Hartmann (University of Konstanz/London School of Economics and Political Science)

Conference Language: English

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IV CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH SOCIETY FOR ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY (SEFA)

Murcia (Spain), 16-18 December 2004

www.um.es/~logica/sefa04.htm

The Fourth Congress of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA) will be hosted by the University of Murcia, on 16-18 December 2004. Philosophers from all countries and specialities are invited to submit papers on any philosophical topic. Official languages will be Spanish and English.

1. INVITED SPEAKERS

The program of the SEFA Congress includes three invited lectures by distinguished philosophers. In this edition, there will be a special symposium on “Philosophy and Terrorism”. Invited speakers are:

Eduardo Rabossi (Universidad de Buenos Aires). He is the author of an extended and important work on different philosophical topics, including Human Rights. He was appointed member of the “Truth Committee” to investigate the violations of Human Rights in Argentina under the military dictatorship.

Fernando Savater (Universidad Complutense de Madrid). He is an expert in Ethics and an active member of the anti-terrorist civil movement in the Basque Country.

David George (University of Newcastle). He is a specialist in political Islam, nationalism and terrorism, in particular the nature of insurgent and state terrorism, the critique of moral justifications of terrorism, and the Real IRA. He also collaborates as an expert adviser with the administration, the media and Palestinian political exiles.

2. CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Call for papers: Philosophers from all countries are invited to submit papers on any philosophical topic. Submissions (papers or 1000-word abstracts) must be written in Spanish or English and e-mailed to mhi@um.es (please note: only doc and rtf files will be acceptable). All submissions must be ready for blind review. In particular, title, name of author, affiliation and e-mail must appear only in detachable cover page with the title and the author's name, affiliation and e-mail address, and all explicit references to works of the author must be avoided.

In order to leave enough time for discussion, papers should not exceed a 20-25 minute reading time.

Special section "DONALD DAVIDSON, *IN MEMORIAM*": Donald Davidson died on August 27, 2003. The SEFA will honour his memory with a monograph section devoted to his work. Philosophers interested in, or familiar with Davidson's work are encouraged to submit presentations on any aspect of Davidson's philosophy.

Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2004.

Selection: All papers will be blind-refereed by two members of the Scientific Committee. Efforts will be made to include in the program quality original papers on the different philosophical disciplines, as well as papers by junior researchers. Notification of acceptance will be made by e-mail in October 2004. Authors of the selected abstracts will be asked to send their final versions before November 30, 2004.

Publication: The SEFA will arrange, with permission by the authors, the eventual publication of all the papers or a selection of them.

3. ASSEMBLY OF THE SEFA

The Congress will host the General Assembly of the SEFA, which will be called in due time by its Secretary.

4. VENUE

Hemiciclo de la Facultad de Letras

Universidad de Murcia

Campus de la Merced

Santo Cristo, 1

Murcia (Spain)

The Merced Campus is located in the City centre.

5. REGISTRATION

Registration:

Please send the registration form below to the following address: SEFA-04, Secretaría del Dpto. de Filosofía, Universidad de Murcia, Campus de Espinardo, 30071-Murcia (España); tfno. 34 968 363451; fax 34 968 364266; pga@um.es, mhi@um.es.

Those who choose to pay the fees by bank transfer should enclose a copy of the transfer.

Fees:

Ordinary fee: 80 € (65 € before November 10)

SEFA members and students: 50 € (35 € before November 10)

Students member of the SEFA: 35 € (20 € before November 10)

Fees can be paid directly upon arrival to the Congress or in the Banco Santander Central Hispano, account number 6660 201 6026851 (international code for transfers from outside Spain: BSCHESMM). El code of the Congreso es el 2077F (it is necessary to specify the code for the registration to be effective).

6. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

Future announcements will provide information on accommodation in Murcia and other practical matters. Useful local information and maps can be found at www.murciaturistica.es.

7. ORGANISATION

Organising institutions:

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8. FURTHER INFORMATION

Updated information can be found in the Congress web page:

www.um.es/~logica/sefa04.htm.

For further information please contact mhi@um.es.

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LOGIC, GAMES AND PHILOSOPHY: FOUNDATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Prague International Colloquium

organised by

Department of Logic,

Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki

28 September – 1 October 2004, Prague, Czech Republic

Games, like logics, are tools for investigating the world, language, and their relationship. Semantic, dialogic, evolutionary, interrogative, argumentative, and pragmatic methods have been included into the toolkit. Following the recent increase in investment on games and game-theoretic methods in logic, language, computation and communication, we still need a better understanding of the possibilities of forming converging methodologies underlying these diverse contemporary currents. The purpose of the Prague Conference on *Logic, Games and Philosophy: Foundational Perspectives* is to explore the interfaces between logic and games with the eye on philosophical, methodological and foundational issues.

Preference is given to papers that make a definite contribution to philosophical, methodological and foundational issues underlying game-theoretic approaches to logical, computational or linguistic research, including relevant historical and philosophical issues on the Theory of Games itself.

Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

Wittgenstein, C. S. Peirce

Language Games

Game-Theoretic Semantics

Dialogue Games

Interrogative Games/Philosophy of Science

Evolutionary Games

Diachronicity/Semantic-Pragmatic Change

Game-Theoretic Methods in Logic, Language, Computation, Communication

Among the invited speakers of the colloquium are Mathieu Marion (Québec à Montréal), Shahid Rahman (Lille 3), Gabriel Sandu (Helsinki), Wim Veldman (Nijmegen).

Potential contributors are asked to submit a two page (including references) abstract; the deadline is 15 June , 2004. Abstracts are to be submitted by e-mail (preferably as PDF, PS or MS Word files) prepared for anonymous reviewing. (To prevent problems caused by e-mail failures, the receipt of every abstract will be confirmed within one week.)

Notification of acceptance will be distributed by 15 July, 2004. Contributed papers are scheduled for approx. 40 minutes (including discussion). Please direct your abstracts to: lanna@site.cas.cz

The proceedings of the Prague International Colloquium will be offered to Kluwer Academic Publishers for inclusion in their series *Logic, Epistemology and the Unity of Science*.

If you need more information, please contact us at: lanna@site.cas.cz

The conference website is <http://www.flu.cas.cz/Logica/Aconf/col2004.html>

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE STANFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY - A FUNDING PLAN TO KEEP IT FREE

Library and Academic Community Action

* The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <<http://plato.stanford.edu/>> has been freely accessible since September 1995 because of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation. However, this money will end in September 2005. So the SEP is embarking upon a fund-raising plan on which we partner with library consortia to raise money both from libraries and from private donors.

We hope to raise enough money in 3 years to operate off the interest.

See our Open Letter to Professional Philosophers:

<http://plato.stanford.edu/fundraising/colleagues.html>

* The largest group of library consortia, the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC), has released, and circulated among its members, a "Global Call to Action" in support of the SEP fund-raising plan. Please print out the following document

<http://plato.stanford.edu/fundraising/ICOLC-Call.pdf>

read it, forward it to your colleagues, and send it with your, and your department's, endorsement to the librarian who purchases philosophy books for your institution. Note that the funding plan asks for only 3 one-year contributions (positioned as either "subscriptions" or a "contributions to the SEP endowment") which thereby earn a lifetime of free access. The plan also suggests that the libraries and philosophy departments might need to combine resources during that time. Suggested contributions have been set to account for the fact that some libraries may not participate (see p. 16 of the ICOLC document).

* We shall endeavor to keep the SEP completely free and open access during our fund-raising drive, but if the free-rider problem undermines our fund-raising plan, we may have to reconsider.

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LAUENER AWARD 2004

09 September 2004, Berne (Switzerland), Haus der Universität, Schösslistr. 5.

First presentation of the Lauener Award in Analytical Philosophy.

Prizewinner: **Patrick Suppes** (Stanford University)

Laudatio: **Dagfinn Føllesdal** (University of Oslo/Stanford University)

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PAST EVENTS

14TH INTER-UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP ON PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Between 15-17 March, the University of Murcia (Spain) hosted the 14th Inter-University Workshop on Philosophy and Cognitive Science, organized on behalf of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA) by a local team including Paco Calvo, Ángel García and Manuel Hernández.

The guest speaker at the workshop was John McDowell, who read papers on 'Transcendental arguments and the disjunctive conception of experience,' 'Putnam on natural realism,' and 'Dummett on meaning and truth conditions.' The full programme also included papers by Bill Child (Oxford), Jennifer Church (Vassar), Stella González Arnal (Hull), Rob Hopkins (Sheffield), Dan López de Sa (Barcelona), Costas Pagondiotis (Patras), José Luis Prades (Girona), Sarah Sawyer (Kansas), Jesús Vega (Autónoma, Madrid), and Stelios Virvidakis (Athens).

The papers covered different aspects of John McDowell's work, such as nonconceptual content, Wittgenstein on intentionality, the metaphysics of values, the nature of value judgements, transcendental arguments, or the role of *de re* senses in psychological explanations. The discussion was lively and illuminating, with participants from many different European institutions making valuable contributions.

Steps are being taken to publish the papers from the conference, including John McDowell's replies to his critics, in a special issue of the Spanish journal *Teorema*.

The workshop was jointly sponsored by Fundación Cajamurcia, and the Spanish government (Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología, BFF2002-11610-E).

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University of Murcia

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CONCEPTS, SELF AND CONSCIOUSNESS

Workshop

Macerata (Italy)

Dipartimento di Filosofia e Scienze Umane

24 May 2004

Speakers:

Francesco Orilia (Macerata), *Introduction*

Akeel Bilgrami (Columbia University), *Concepts and context*

Discussant: Nevia Dolcini (Macerata)

Paolo Leonardi (Bologna), *Reference without concepts*

Discussant: Gianluca Silvestri (Macerata)

Stephen White (Tufts University), *Phenomenology and the self*

Mario De Caro (Roma 3), *Skepticism, naturalism and the agential perspective*

Discussant: Francesco Armezzani (Macerata)

Gregory Landini (Iowa University), *Consciousness and non-wellfoundedness*

Organizer: Francesco Orilia

For more information see:

http://www.unimc.it/web_9900/prov_dip/Filosofia/attivit/workshop.htm

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SEMINAR ON RUSSELL AND WITTGENSTEIN

Macerata (Italy)

Dipartimento di Filosofia e Scienze Umane

25 May 2004

Invited speakers:

Gregory Landini (Iowa University) “*Russell's and Wittgenstein's logical atomism*”

Pasquale Frascolla (Potenza) “*A Phenomenalistic View of the Tractatus Ontology*”

Discussant: Guido Bonino (Torino)

Organizers: Francesco Orilia; Nevia Dolcini

For more information see:

http://www.unimc.it/web_9900/prov_dip/Filosofia/attivit/sem_orilia.htm

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WORKSHOP ON VAGUENESS

Dipartimento di Filosofia
Università degli Studi di Milano
Via Festa del Perdono, 3
20122 Milano
Room 109

27 MAY 2004

Achille Varzi (Columbia University)
The Straight Path from Vagueness to Four-Dimensionalism

Rosanna Keefe (University of Sheffield)
Phenomenal Sorites Paradoxes

Andrea Iacona (University of Western Piedmont)
Vagueness as underspecification

Katherine Hawley (University of St Andrews)
Borderline Simple or Extremely Simple

28 MAY 2004

Andrea Bottani (University of Bergamo)
An Indeterminate but not Vague World

Peter Simons (University of Leeds)
Why quantum indeterminacy is neither fuzziness nor vagueness

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THE 2004 MILAN MEETING “COVERT VARIABLES AT LF”

Palazzo Feltrinelli at Gargnano
Dipartimento di Filosofia
Università degli Studi di Milano
June 10-12, 2004

Program

June 10

Opening remarks

Jason Stanley (University of Michigan) “Alternatives to Unpronounced Structure?”
(invited speaker)

Daniel Blair (University of Connecticut/University of Western Ontario) “Coordination,
Context Dependency and Locality”

Luisa Marti (Universität at Leipzig) “Variables Optionally in the Syntax”

June 11

Angelika Kratzer (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) “Articulating Quantifier
Domains in Natural Languages” (invited speaker)

Sigrid Beck (University of Connecticut and Universität at Tuebingen) “Contextual
Variables in Presuppositions”

Yukio Furukawa (McGill University) “Invisible Variables within Definite/Specific
Determiners: Evidence from the Specificity Condition”

Richard Breheny (University of Cambridge) “On Bindability”

Arnim von Stechow, Sveta Krasikova (Universität at Tübingen) “Back to Anankastic
Conditionals: On Certain Uses of um (‘in order to’) and wenn (‘if’) in German”

Mats Rooth (Cornell University) “Covert Focus Variables” (invited speaker)

June 12

Cornelia Endriss (Universität at Potsdam), Stefan Hinterwimmer (Humboldt-Universität,
Berlin) “Tense and Context Variables in Quantification”

François Recanati (Institut Jean-Nicod) “Semantic Flexibility, Saturation, and
Modulation” (invited speaker)

Round Table on Covert Variables at LF (Coordinator of the discussion: Gennaro
Chierchia)

Additional information about the conference (accommodations, travel, etc.) can be
found on the conference website at: <http://.filoso.a.dipa.lo.unimi.it/zucchi/MM2004.html>

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THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW PHILOSOPHY JOURNAL EPISTEME

On behalf of the EPISTEME Trust and Edinburgh University Press you are cordially invited to the launch of the new philosophy journal EPISTEME - www.episteme.us.com. This journal is the fruition of one of the largest and most controversial philosophy projects undertaken in recent years - for the first time opposing sides of the so-called "science wars" are brought together. As you will know, this debate, international in scope, has generated the most disputatious of debates across the academia.

The launch will take place at 6:00pm at the British Academy on Friday *4th June 2004*. The panel will be comprised as follows:

Anthony Quinton (Oxford) Chairman
Alvin Goldman (Rutgers) "What Is Social Epistemology? A Smorgasbord of Projects"
Steve Fuller (Warwick) "Descriptive vs Revisionary Social Epistemology: The Former Viewed by the Latter"
Susan Haack (Miami) "Fallibilism, Objectivity, and the New Cynicism"
James Robert Brown (Toronto) "Money, Method and Medical Research"
Gloria Origgi (CNRS, Paris) "Is Trust an Epistemological Notion?"
John Dupre (Exeter) "What's the Fuss about Social Constructivism?"

Cheese and wine and a complimentary copy of the first issue will be made available.

Time: 18:00-22:00

Address:
The British Academy
10 Carlton House Terrace
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