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THE PHILOSOPHY OF KIT FINE  
Friday June 3 to Sunday 5, 2005  
Geneva

Speakers :  
Kit Fine (New York)  
Fabrice Correia (Barcelona)  
Manuel Garcia Carpintero, (Barcelona)  
Philip Percival (Glasgow )  
Bob Hale (Glasgow)  
Paul Horwich (New York)  
Ralph Wedgwood (Oxford)  
Alan Weir (Belfast)

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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL  
PHILOSOPHY, PROBABILITY AND PHYSICS  
University of Konstanz  
August 7-13, 2005

Probability is not only a key concept in many branches of physics, but has also been attracting the attention from philosophers. For example, probabilities play a crucial role in quantum mechanics and its interpretations. Also, the concept of probability has continually been at the center of philosophical debate in the foundations of statistical mechanics and thermodynamics. Recent developments in quantum information theory have reinvigorated philosophical interest in probabilities.

This summer school is geared to doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers in philosophy of physics, philosophy of science, and philosophy of probability, as well as philosophically minded physicists. We aim to bring this group together with leading experts on probability in physical theories. Our method will be to use probabilities as a leitmotif through different subjects in the philosophy of physics and to analyze the concept of probability from different theoretical viewpoints: probability in thermodynamics, statistical physics, quantum mechanics and quantum information theory, as well as space time theories. Experts will give lectures on each of

these topics. Our main lecturers are C. Callender, D. Dieks, D. Duerr, R. Frigg, C. Fuchs, T. Maudlin and I. Pitowsky.

The summer school is being organized by Claus Beisbart (University of Konstanz) and Stephan Hartmann (University of Konstanz and LSE).

For further details check our webpage:

<http://www.uni-konstanz.de/ppm/summerschool2005/>

Applications must be received by April 15 2005

Contact: [summerschool2005@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:summerschool2005@uni-konstanz.de)

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III LATIN MEETING FOR ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY  
Valencia, 9-11 June 2005

Supported by European Society for Analytic Philosophy ESAP  
Organized by Analytic Philosophy Group PHRÓNESIS

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Cristina Amoretti (University of Genova)  
Fabrice Correia (University Rovira i Virgili)  
António Lopes (University of Lisbon)  
Pascal Ludwig (University of Paris)  
Carlotta Pavese (University Amedeo Avogadro)  
Faviola Rivera (University of Mexico)  
Raffaele Rodogno (University of Geneva)  
Jordi Valor (University of Valencia)  
Henrik Zinkernagel (University of Granada)

DISCUSSANTS:

Carla Bagnoli (University of Siena)  
Filipe Drapeau (University of Rennes)  
Pedro Galvão (University of Lisbon)  
Ghislain Guigon (University of Geneva)  
Pedro Madeira (King's College)  
Genoveva Martí (ICREA)

Concepción Martínez (University of Santiago de Compostela)  
Marco Santambrogio (University of Parma)  
Fay Zika (Deree College)

#### Presentation

Paolo Leonardi "invented" the formula of bi-lateral meetings (Italo-Spanish, Italo-French...): not many people, all invited by a scientific committee (no call for papers), sometimes a discussant or two, sometimes no discussants at all, but always much time for discussion obviously open to other participants (from any country) who would like to attend. A simple formula which has been successful.

For some time the possibility has been discussed in ESAP circles of extending the formula to a small group of countries, let us say "south west European countries": Portugal, Spain, France, part of Switzerland, Italy. These are "Latin" countries and we thought it would be a good idea to invite also some philosophers from South America. The Latin connection is important. There is a strong series of affinities, intellectual, affective and geographic, between southern European countries. The main argument in favour of this link is not due to these contingencies, but to the fact that France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, even Greece encounter similar institutional problems, which countries like Sweden have not encountered because their university system is more Anglo-Saxon by training and structure. We believe we should reinforce the southern line. If it becomes strong, it will equilibrate the traditional cultural connexions between the English speaking countries (US-Ireland-UK) and the Northern countries (Sweden-Denmark, Finland mainly).

The first Latin Meeting took place in Lisboa (July 2001), the second in Aix-Provence (November 2003), and now we are happy to announce the Third Latin Meeting organized under the auspices of ESAP. It will take place in Valencia on 9-11 June 2005, organized by the Phronesis Group. The members of the organizing committee are João Branquinho (Lisboa), Josep Corbí (Valencia), Marta Moreno (Valencia), Carlo Penco (Genova), and Jose Luis Pérez (Valencia).

Speakers should send their papers by April 1st, 2005 to [marta.moreno@uv.es](mailto:marta.moreno@uv.es).

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## NORMS, REASONING AND KNOWLEDGE IN TECHNOLOGY

June 3-4

Boxmeer, the Netherlands

Norms in Knowledge NWO Project Section of Philosophy and Ethics of Technology  
Technical University of Eindhoven

As part of our continuing investigation in the epistemological features of normative claims and their role in technological setting, we present a conference on Norms, Reasoning and Knowledge in Technology. Invited speakers will discuss the relationship between various facets of technological knowledge and reasoning and related norms, with special emphasis on the relationship between practical reasoning and functional ascriptions.

The conference features a diverse and distinguished panel of speakers interested in the normative aspects of technological knowledge and the relationship between practical reasoning and artifactual knowledge.

Space is limited so we ask that you apply for attendance early. Email [NiK-conf@tm.tue.nl](mailto:NiK-conf@tm.tue.nl) and please state your affiliations and interests in philosophy of technology. Please also indicate if you are willing to be a designated respondent during the conference.

### Confirmed speakers

Brown, Mark A., Syracuse University

Hanson, Sven Ove, Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm

Horty, John F., University of Maryland

Hughes, Jesse, Technical University of Eindhoven

Koen, Billy V., University of Texas

Pollock, John, University of Arizona

Vaesen, Krist, Technical University of Eindhoven

Vermaas, Pieter, Technical University of Delft

Walton, Douglas, University of Winnipeg

For more information:

<http://www.tm.tue.nl/capaciteitsgroep/aw/philosophy/NiK-conf.html>

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ALGEBRAIC AND TOPOLOGICAL METHODS IN NON-CLASSICAL LOGICS II  
Barcelona, 15-18 June 2005

This meeting shares the goals of the Tbilisi conference with the same title, held in July 2003, as well as those of the Patras conference on many-valued logics and residuated structures, held in June 2004.

In recent years the interest in non-classical logics has been growing. Motivations from computer science, natural language reasoning and linguistics have played a significant role in this development. The semantic study of non-classical logics is a field where no single overarching paradigm has been established, and where a variety of techniques are currently being explored. An important goal of this meeting is to promote the cross-fertilization of the fundamental ideas connected with these approaches. Thus, we aim to bring together researchers from various fields of non-classical logics and applications, as well as from lattice theory, universal algebra, category theory and general topology, in order to foster collaboration and further research.

The scientific programme of the congress will include a few invited lectures and will provide ample time for contributed papers and interaction between participants. Researchers whose interests fit the general aims of the conference are encouraged to participate. The featured areas include, but are not limited to, the following (in alphabetical order):

- Algebraic logic
- Coalgebraic semantics
- Categorical semantics in general
- Dynamic logic and dynamic algebras
- Fuzzy and many-valued logics
- Lattices with operators
- Modal logics
- Ordered topological spaces
- Ordered algebraic structures
- Residuated structures
- Substructural logics
- Topological semantics of modal logic

INVITED SPEAKERS

Guram Bezhanishvili, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (USA) Robert

Goldblatt, Victoria University, Wellington (New Zealand) Ian Hodkinson, King's College London (UK) Peter Jipsen, Chapman University, Orange (USA) Franco Montagna, Università di Siena (Italy) Hilary Priestley, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford (UK) James Raftery, University of Natal, Durban (South Africa)

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#### CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Participants who wish to present a talk should submit an abstract through the Atlas service (<http://atlas-conferences.com/>) before 31 March 2005. The abstract should be written in TeX (or in plain, non-formatted text without formulas) and be at most 2 pages long. Authors will be notified before 30 April 2005 whether their submission has been accepted for presentation. Participants needing early acceptance are advised to submit as soon as possible and inform the organizers of their situation.

#### TRAVEL GRANTS

We hope to provide some funding to partially cover travel expenses of students and recent Ph.D.'s without grant support, as well as of active researchers from countries with developing economies. The number and amount of these grants will depend on the available funding, and will be paid in cash during the meeting.

Applications should be sent to <[mathlog@ub.edu](mailto:mathlog@ub.edu)> before 31 March 2005. To apply send a message with your personal data, a short CV, a description of your research area and its relation with the topics of the meeting. Students and recent Ph.D.'s should also ask their supervisor to send a letter of support to the same address.

#### CONGRESS' VENUE

The meeting will take place at the Facultat de Matemàtiques of the Universitat de Barcelona, a 19th century building located in the city centre. The lecture rooms will be located in the building's ground floor. Participants will have access to a nearby computer room with Internet access. No Wi-Fi coverage or free Ethernet plugs are planned.

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is necessary to attend the meeting. There is a registration fee of Euro 30 (approx. \$ 38 as of February 1st), to be paid upon arrival. Registration includes conference materials, coffee breaks and snacks, and a special price for Saturday's dinner. Abstracts of accepted contributed papers by registered participants will be included in the congress' booklet.

#### MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.mat.ub.edu/~logica/meeting2005/>>

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REPRESENTATION AND INFERENCE: Meeting in Analytic Philosophy, Genoa, October 19-21, 2005

This meeting is devoted to confrontations on different aspects on the contrast between representation and inference in different areas of philosophy. There will be no call for paper, but only invited speakers (among them: Pascal Engel, Wolfgang Künne, Diego Marconi). For information [penco@unige.it](mailto:penco@unige.it)

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## LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS AT PARIS IV SORBONNE

March 28 to April 7

Francesco Orilia ( Macerata) will give a series of lecture on Singular Reference

April 11, Workshop on Reasons ( speakers Olav Gjlesvik ( Oslo), Alan Millar (Stirling), Mark Nelson ( Leeds) , John Skorupski ( St Andrews).

<http://www.rationalites-contemporaines.paris4.sorbonne.fr/>