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Fifth Conference of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA-5)

University of Barcelona, 7-9 September 2007

Second Call for Papers (New deadline for submissions, April 29, 2007)

Main speakers:

Cristina Lafont, Northwestern University

Wolfgang Künne, University of Hamburg

Kendall Walton, University of Michigan

The fifth meeting of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA-5) will be held on 7-9 September 2007 at the Faculties of Philosophy and Geography and History of the University of Barcelona. The society welcomes submissions on any philosophical topic, for 30 minutes talks followed by a 10 minutes discussion in either of the official languages of the conference, Spanish and English.

Submissions should consist of a detailed summary of the intended talk (about 1000 words). Summaries are expected to indicate the topic, present the main thrust of the talk, and provide a sketch of the main arguments. Please specify at the beginning of the summary the exact title of the talk, your name and your address and e-mail. Decisions on acceptance will be based on this summary.

Please make sure that the document is in WORD- or rtf-format (either PC or MAC) formatted as follows: page settings DIN A4, all margins 3 cm, font TIMES NEW ROMAN 12 pt, single line spacing, title of the talk in bold, justified and centered. Please print name and address in standard (non-bold). Main text also justified.

Deadline for submissions: April 29, 2007.

Selection: All abstracts will be blind-refereed. Efforts will be made to include in the program quality original papers from different philosophical disciplines. Notification of acceptance will be sent by May 14th, 2007.

Information about registration, accommodation, etc., is available at:

http://www.ub.es/grc_logos/sefa_5

Sponsors: Dirección General de Investigación; Direcció General de Recerca; SEFA; Universitat de Barcelona.

Venue:

Facultats de Geografia e Historia i Filosofia

Universitat de Barcelona

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Italian Society for Analytical Philosophy (SIFA)

1st National Graduate Conference: Language, Knowledge and Metaphysics
Padua, 10th-12th September 2007

Background and Rationale

The Society's Steering Committee proposes to further interaction among younger scholars and researchers in philosophy, both from Italy and elsewhere, by promoting the first in series of graduate conferences, in this instance to discuss topics in metaphysics, the philosophy of language and the theory of knowledge, all construed as broadly as possible. The keynote speakers in these three general areas are:

Knowledge: Timothy Williamson (Oxford University)

Metaphysics: Kevin Mulligan (University of Geneva)

Language Paolo Leonardi (University of Bologna)

With the aim of including as many contributions as possible, the conference will be structured around plenary sessions with the keynote speakers and pairs of parallel sessions dedicated to contributed papers. The intention is that contributed papers should last around 30 minutes and allow around 15 minutes for discussion. The language of the conference is English.

Organisation of the conference

In addition to the SIFA, the conference is supported by - Department of Philosophy of the University of Padua, - the Doctoral School in Theoretical Philosophy of the University of Padua, - the Department of Letters, Arts and Multimedia Studies of the University of Bergamo, - the Doctoral School in Philosophy of the University of Verona.

Scientific committee

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Elisabetta Sacchi (University of Padova)

Marzia Soavi (University of Padova)

Webpage of the conference

<http://www.filosofia.lettere.unipd.it/analitica/grad-conf/>

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THE METAPHYSICS OF TIME

Bergamo 6th-8th September 2007

The conference is organised by the University of Bergamo and by the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy - SIFA

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (CONFIRMED)

Craig Bourne (Cambridge University)
Joseph Diekemper (University of St. Andrews)
Mark Heller (Syracuse University)
Jonathan Lowe (Durham University)
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SIFA MIDTERM CONFERENCE

**EQUAL RESPECT FOR PERSONS: ITS FOUNDATIONS AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS**

Genova, 13-14 December 2007

The Workshop is sponsored by the University of Genova and by the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy - SIFA

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Jens Timmermann (University of St Andrews)
Zofia Stemplowska (University of Manchester)
Gerald Gaus (University of Arizona)
Ian Carter (Università di Pavia)
Elisabetta Galeotti (Università del Piemonte Orientale)

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English, of about 500 words, by the 31st of August 2007.

All abstracts should be sent as e-mail attachments to Valeria Ottonelli (vottonel@nous.unige.it). Authors should indicate in a separate document their name, the title of their paper, their institutional affiliation and their e-mail address.

All submissions will be acknowledged.

We expect to notify authors about acceptance by September 30, 2007.

The final versions of the accepted papers should be sent by December 1, 2007. The papers can be of any length, but speakers will be limited to 30 minutes for presenting them at the workshop.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

In contemporary political philosophy the idea of equal respect is widely cited as a fundamental normative criterion for the justification of political and legal institutions. But whereas in moral philosophy the notion of respect for persons has already been widely discussed and analysed, there is still much work to be done in clarifying its nature and its role when invoked in justifications of specific political and legal institutions.

The workshop here announced is part of a larger research project devoted to bridging this gap in the philosophical literature. On one hand, we need to ask which, if any, of the various possible interpretations of equal respect should serve as normative ideals to be implemented by the institutions of our society. On the other hand, we need to ask which specific social arrangements and which institutional processes and practices best embody and instantiate the principle of equal respect for people.

Thus, we expect that this workshop will contain both papers on the definition and foundations of equal respect for people, bearing in mind the role that equal respect may play in the justification of political and social arrangements, and papers connecting equal respect to specific principles of distributive and retributive justice, social arrangements, political and social institutions, or governmental practices and procedures.

The language of the workshop is English.

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Enrico Biale (ebiale@hotmail.com)

Chiara Testino (kiuu@libero.it)

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for those who wish to attend the workshop. Though, they are kindly asked to announce their intention to participate, by filling the registration form that will be soon available at

<http://www.studiovialevondergoltz.it/>

and by sending it to

Studio Viale Von Der Goltz

Tel: 39 010 8398462

Fax: 39 010 8318246

Email: studiovialevondergoltz.it

WEBPAGE

<http://www.dif.unige.it/politica/equalrespect>

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Genoa, September 20-22

Latin Meeting for Analytic Philosophy

WEBPAGE: <http://www.dif.unige.it/epi/con/latinmeeting07/>

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Firenze

CORSO DI PERFEZIONAMENTO 2008

Dipartimento di Filosofia - Università di Firenze

EPISTEMOLOGIA GENERALE E APPLICATA

Gennaio-Dicembre 2008

Moduli principali:

1. MODELLI EPISTEMICI (12 lezioni)
2. FILOSOFIA DELLA MENTE E MODELLI DI SPIEGAZIONE (8 lezioni)
3. RELATIVISMO, OGGETTIVISMO E CONFRONTO INTERCULTURALE (8 lezioni)

Direzione scientifica: proff. Paolo Parrini e Roberta Lanfredini

Tra i relatori: Raffaella Campaner, Walter Cavini, Enrico Comba, Dimitri D'Andrea, Mario De Caro, Carlo Ginzburg, Simone Gozzano, Roberta Lanfredini, Diego Marconi, Ausonio Marras, Alessandro Pagnini, Paolo Parrini, Marino Rosso, Salvatore Veca.

Nel contesto del Corso di Perfezionamento si svolgeranno anche due Giornate di Studio, una su "Neuroni specchio e psicologia del senso comune", l'altra su "Certezza, fondazionalismo e fondamentalismo"

Le lezioni si terranno tutti i venerdì pomeriggio non festivi, tra le 15 e le 18 presso il Dipartimento di Filosofia dell'Università di Firenze, via Bolognese 52

Per informazioni: Segreteria del Dipartimento di Filosofia, tel.: 055-4622427; oppure a Carlo Gabbani: c.gabbani@tiscali.it

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Call for Papers

**XVIII INTER-UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP ON
PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE**

Madrid, April 22nd – 24th 2008

Invited Speaker:

John Perry

(Stanford University)

The XVIIIth edition of the Inter-University Workshop on Philosophy and Cognitive Science will be held in Madrid, organized by the Faculty of Philosophy of the Complutense University of Madrid. The invited speaker will be John Perry, Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University. John Perry is Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University. He has made significant contributions to different areas of philosophy, including philosophy of language, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and epistemology, with a remarkable impact on other disciplines, such as logic

and artificial intelligence. He is the author of over 100 articles and books, including *A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality* (1978), *Situations and Attitudes* (with Jon Barwise) (1983, reprinted with a new introduction, 1999), *The Problem of the essential Indexical and Other Essays* (1993, enlarged edition 2000), *Dialogue on Good, Evil and the Existence of God* (1999), *Knowledge, Possibility and Consciousness* (2001), *Reference and Reflexivity* (2001), *Identity, Personal Identity and the Self* (2002). A book devoted to his work, *Situating Semantics. Essays on the Philosophy of John Perry*, has been published in 2007. John Perry was co-founder of the Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) at Stanford, and has received numerous distinctions: he is Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of the Basque Country, and Member of the Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been awarded, among others, the Humboldt Prize and the Jean Nicod Prize.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Antonio Blanco (Complutense University of Madrid), Luis Fernández Moreno (Complutense University of Madrid), Kepa Korta (University of the Basque Country), Genoveva Martí (ICREA and University of Barcelona), and Javier Vilanova (Complutense University of Madrid).

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Organizing Committee invites contributions based on topics related to Prof. John Perry's work. Extended drafts (not less than 2000 words) should be sent to the coordinator of the workshop, Luis Fernández Moreno (luis.fernandez@filos.ucm.es), before November 10, 2007.

Authors of accepted papers will have their accommodation expenses covered.

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READING WITTGENSTEIN. CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF HIDE ISHIGURO

London 14-15 September 2007

Speakers:

Hidé Ishiguro, University of Tokyo
Brian McGuinness, University of Siena
Jacques Bouveresse, Collège de France
Marie McGinn, University of York
Warren Goldfarb, Harvard University
Michael Kremer, University of Chicago

Wolfgang Kienzler, University of Jena
José Zalabardo, University College London

Conference webpage: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/~uctyjlz/IshiguroConference.htm>

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Conference-Announcement: MODELS AND SIMULATIONS 2

Tilburg Center for Logic and Philosophy of Science

11-13 October 2007

<http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/faculties/fww/tilps/MS2/>

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Ronald Giere (University of Minnesota), Margaret Morrison (University of Toronto), Stathis Psillos (University of Athens) and Paul Teller (UC Davis)

ORGANISERS: Roman Frigg (LSE), Stephan Hartmann (LSE/Tilburg [from May 2007]), and Cyrille Imbert (IHPST/Paris I)

PUBLICATION: Revised versions of selected papers will be published in a special issue of *Synthese*. The deadline for submission of the final version of the paper is 1 March 2008.

The conference is generously supported by the Tilburg Center for Logic and Philosophy of Science and the IHPST, Paris.

The conference language is English.

Computer simulations play an important role in many scientific contexts, and they are often based on a particular model of the phenomenon under investigation. This raises questions both about the nature and methodology of simulations themselves, as well as their relations to models. These issues have recently attracted some attention, and were also discussed at the 'Models and Simulations' conference in Paris in June 2006. The aim of the present conference is both to provide a forum to continue ongoing debates and to try to slightly shift the focus of attention. So far case studies played an important role in the debates over models and simulations and a lot has been learned from them. We are now also interested in theoretical approaches that attempt to rationalize these cases and help furthering our philosophical understanding of how models and simulations explain, how they are confirmed, how they relate to theories and other models, and how they represent.

Stephan Hartmann, Professor of Philosophy, London School of Economics,
<http://www.stephanhartmann.org>

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Summer University: CULTURE AND COGNITION

Anthropology, Evolutionary and Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Science,
Linguistics, Philosophy of Mind
July 4-12, 2007

Course directors:

György Gergely, Professor of Psychology, Head of Department of Developmental Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Dan Sperber, Directeur de Recherche au CNRS, Paris, Institut Jean Nicod

Faculty:

Rita Astuti, Reader in Social Anthropology, London School of Economy, Department of Anthropology Maurice Bloch, Professor in Anthropology, London School of Economy, Department of Anthropology Pascal Boyer, Henry Luce Professor of Individual and Collective Memory, Sociocultural Anthropology and Psychology, Washington University Susan Carey, Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, Harvard University Gergely Csibra, Professor of Psychology, Birkbeck, University of London Daniel M. T. Fessler, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles Lawrence Hirschfeld, Professor of anthropology and psychology, New School for Social Research, New York Pierre Jacob, Directeur de Recherche, Institut Jean Nicod, CNRS/EHESS/ENS, Paris, Deborah Kelemen, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Boston University

Course discussants:

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The summer course is aimed at providing a state-of-the-art cutting-edge scientific and research-oriented training for post-doctoral young researchers and highly promising pre-doctoral students from European and overseas universities and research institutes on the nature of the relationship between culture and cognition. The course will concentrate on recent theoretical and empirical advances in the scientific study of the role that evolved domain-specific cognitive adaptations such as peripheral and central modular and core knowledge systems of the mind play in explaining the emergence, transmission, and stabilization as well as the variability and universal aspects of cultural phenomena across different societies and cultural environments.

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Summerschool: ETHICS AND THE DESIGN OF THE (UN-)PREDICTABLE FUTURE

Netherlands Research School for Practical Philosophy

August 26-30, Soesterberg, the Netherlands

The kingdom of action is the future: When we intend to do something, we reflect upon future outcomes, and when we act, we give shape to tomorrow's world. Thus ethics, if understood as the reflection upon what is the right thing to do or to aim at, will have to pay specific attention to the future.

The future, however, seems to be a terra incognita. To be sure, we can make assumptions and predictions, legions of scientists calculate probabilities and estimate chances or risks – but in the end, we never know the future with any certainty that is comparable with the knowledge we can have over past or present things. We always operate with a mere anticipation, not a representation of things to come. But many decisions cannot wait; our world is in permanent change and permanently modified through new developments.

At the same time the future is not something we wait for passively. We are not just observers, but we are participants and designers as well. We intentionally make and design the future, both in a material and a social sense. In doing so, we literally make our predictions true when we design laws, artefacts, and social institutions.

The Summerschool 2007 of the Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy explores the ways in which ethics can deal with the (un-) predictability of the future. We need to get an impression of what this future might look like, but also what form of future-directed knowledge we can have. We need to analyze how to decide about the best course of actions, and how to design the future (if that is possible) in an ethical way. In order to discuss these problems during the Summer school, we look at different phenomena separately. How should we deal with the future of mankind as whole, i.e. future generations? How should we deal with the future on an individual level, i.e. with the increasing capability to modify human nature and transcend hitherto fixed limits? How should our future institutions look like, being essential for the political and social reality humans live in? And finally - given that our future will be thoroughly technological - how to cope with the risks of future technologies, and how to use our moral imagination to design a future with the help of these technologies?

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Sunday evening August 26

Introduction: a view from tomorrow

Dr. Marjolein van Asselt (invited, University of Maastricht)

The first evening will make us travel into the future; we will learn about what might happen, especially due to technological developments. What will the world of tomorrow look like and how to cope with uncertainties with respect to our knowledge of the future?

Monday August 27

The future of mankind

Prof Dr. Lukas Meyer (University of Bern, Switzerland): "Intergenerational justice - past and future"

Is it only a pragmatic demand to care for the future or do we owe something to the next generation? Meyer will investigate whether there are good reasons for duties that we might owe towards the future or the past, and what that means for the practice. One of Meyer's points is that any such duty will include not only future, but also past generations: We need to care for what has happened as much as what will happen.

evening program

Dr. Barbara Reiter (Bern, Switzerland), a film-maker, philosopher and human rights activist, will talk about "Thinking Movies".

What can movies teach us about the past, the present and the future? Is it possible to philosophize through making movies? Can abstract thoughts, statements, or insights be translated into images without losing content? Or is something gained for philosophy through the medium film? Reiter will reflect upon these questions by using films (like her own work on the human rights).

Tuesday August 28 The design and future of human beings

Prof. Dr. phil Wolfgang Welsch (invited, Jena).

Thinking about the future means thinking about a technically modified mankind: Who are we then? Developments in biotechnology and nanotechnology, amongst others, promise a new and better form of existence, an advanced human being. We might live for ever, overcome our natural shortcomings and extend our capacities in hitherto unimaginable ways. And why should we not? Are there good, that is philosophical reasons against or for the great task of improving mankind?

Wednesday August 29 The design and future of social institutions

Prof. Thomas Pogge (invited, Columbia University, USA)

Whatever the future of human beings will be like, we can be quite certain that they will live in institutions that determine their life. Unlike the natural world, the social world is a world of our own making. However, the idea of a grand design of the social world has become obsolete. Nevertheless the institutions we design, create and maintain are interventions which aim at realizing what we consider to be our central public values. The design of these institutions thus clearly matter from a moral point of view.

Thursday August 30: The technological future

Dr. Ibo van de Poel (TU Delft): "Values, risks and the technological future"

Technological design may be conceived as the creation of artefacts or systems under the guidance of certain values, including moral values such as safety, sustainability, autonomy, privacy and justice. Design is thus value sensitive. The introduction of new technologies (for example, nuclear energy), however, often involves known and unknown risks that may conflict with these values. How can these risks be addressed from a moral point of view? When are they (morally) acceptable? How could technological risks best be regulated?

Dr. Andreas Spahn (TU Eindhoven): "Moral scenarios and the technological future"

When we try to find out what will happen we need imagination. And when we aim at an ethical evaluation of future things or events, then we need an advanced imagination that works, amongst others, with moral scenarios. But what does this involve exactly? And what can we learn or conclude from imaginations – if anything? The hermeneutics of things-to-come is a yet to be developed area of great practical importance.

More information:

About the program: Prof.dr. Christian Illies: C.F.R.Illies@tm.tue.nl; Prof.dr. Anthonie Meijers: A.W.M.Meijers@tue.nl

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For more information see also www.ozse.nl

For more information about the conference center: see www.kontaktderkontinenten.nl

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Conference Announcement: EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY, 15th ANNUAL MEETING

University of Geneva, Switzerland

9-12 July 2007

Invited Speakers:

* Michael Waldmann (Göttingen)

* Zoltan Szabo (Yale)

* Keith Stenning (Edinburg)

* Paul Harris (Harvard) (participation to be confirmed)

* James Blair (NIMH, Bethesda, USA)

Invited Symposia:

* MUTUAL EXCLUSIVITY opened by Josef Perner, Salzburg

* CHILDREN'S CONCEPTION OF DESIRE opened by Johannes Roessler, Warwick

* ATTENTION IN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY opened by Martin Davies, Oxford

* MORAL EMOTIONS opened by Kevin Mulligan, Geneva

TOPICS:

Previous topics covered at the ESPP include spatial concepts, emotion, perception, simulation theory, attention, reference, problems of consciousness, early numerical cognition, infants' understanding of intentionality, memory and time, motor imagery, causal understanding, counterfactuals, the semantics/pragmatics distinction, reasoning, vagueness, mental causation, action and agency, thought without language, externalism, connectionism, hypnosis, and the interpretation of neuropsychological results.

Program Chairs:

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Updates will be made available here: [espp website] <http://www.eurosp.org/2007/>
[conference website] <http://www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/espp07.html>

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Conference Announcement: CONCEPT TYPES AND FRAMES IN LANGUAGE, COGNITION, AND SCIENCE IN DUSSELDORF

Düsseldorf (GER), August 20-22, 2007

Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf

Research Unit: Functional Concepts and Frames

<http://phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/fff/ctf/>

Invited speakers:

Lawrence Barsalou

Vladimir Borshev

Xiang Chen

Charles Fillmore

Peter Gaerdenfors

Nicola Guarino

William McGregor

Barbara Partee

Norbert Paul

Jeff Pelletier

Friedemann Pulvermüller

Peter Simons

The topic of the conference is the investigation of concept types (sortal, relational, individual and functional concepts) and their respective relationships to frames (recursive attribute-value structures). The interdisciplinary conference combines

approaches from linguistics, computational linguistics, neuroscience, philosophy, philosophy of science and the history of science.

General chair: Sebastian Löbner

Organization: Thomas Gamerschlag, Christian Horn, Albert Ortmann, Markus Werning, Stefanie Zaun

Scientific board: Heiner Fangerau, Hans Geisler, Christoph Kann, Jim Kilbury, Gerhard Schurz, Ede Zimmermann

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Conference Announcement: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUOTATION AND MEANING

Date: 19-Oct-2007 - 21-Oct-2007

Location: Johannes Gutenberg - University Mainz, Germany

Local Organisation: Elke Brendel, Jörg Meibauer, Markus Steinbach (Johannes Gutenberg - University Mainz)

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Quotation is a sort of metarepresentation that is found in all natural languages. Linguistic research has made clear that in quotation, there are complex syntactic, morphological and graphematic mechanisms at work. In philosophy of language, there are long-standing debates on quotation and paradoxes, on the use-mention distinction, and the meaning of quotation marks and quotation expressions. More recently, quotation has become a topic within the debate on the semantics/pragmatics distinction. Since the aim of the conference is to bring together philosophers and linguists, we call for high-quality papers on all aspects of the conference topic, which will be anonymously reviewed by a reading committee.

Invited Speakers:

Bart Geurts (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Christopher Potts (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Paul Saka (University of Houston, Texas)

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ARCHE VAGUENESS CONFERENCE

8-9 June 2007, St. Andrews (UK)

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~arche/vagueness/index.html>

This international conference brings together leading figures in philosophy to discuss the nature and the logic of vagueness.

The conference will conclude the series of workshops hosted by the Arché Vagueness Project since January 2004.

Speakers and Titles

- * Graeme Forbes: Identity and the Facts of the Matter
- * Leon Horsten: Is Perceptual Indiscriminability Intransitive?
- * John MacFarlane: In Defence of Degrees
- * Nathan Salmon: The Vagaries of Vagueness
- * Nicholas Smith: Degrees of Truth, Degrees of Belief, and Pragmatics
- * Scott Soames: The Possibility of Partial Definition
- * Roy Sorensen: Examples of the Vagueness of 'Vague'
- * Crispin Wright: The Illusion of Higher-Order Vagueness

Each speaker will have a commentator (the list of confirmed commentators includes Dorothy Edgington, Paul Egré, Rosanna Keefe, Jonathan Lowe, Peter Milne, Peter Pagin, Diana Raffman and Mark Sainsbury).

ONLINE-REGISTRATION

To register, please go

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~arche/vagueness/register.php>

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Call for Abstracts

Italian Society for Analytical Philosophy (SIFA) Call for Abstracts

1st National Graduate Conference: Language, Knowledge and Metaphysics

Padua, 10th-12th September 2007

Background and Rationale

The Society's Steering Committee proposes to further interaction among younger scholars and researchers in philosophy, both from Italy and elsewhere, by promoting the first in series of graduate conferences, in this instance to discuss topics in metaphysics, the philosophy of language and the theory of knowledge, all construed as broadly as possible. The keynote speakers in these three general areas are:

- * Knowledge: Timothy Williamson (Oxford University)
- * Metaphysics: Kevin Mulligan (University of Geneva)
- * Language Paolo Leonardi (University of Bologna)

With the aim of including as many contributions as possible, the conference will be structured around plenary sessions with the keynote speakers and pairs of parallel sessions dedicated to contributed papers. The intention is that contributed papers should last around 30 minutes and allow around 15 minutes for discussion. The language of the conference is English.

Indicative range of topics

- * Language: meaning; truth; truth-conditions and assertibility; sense and reference; semantics and syntax; form and content; the language of thought; metaphor...
- * Knowledge: scepticism; foundationalism and coherentism; internalism and externalism; holism and indeterminacy; justification; the a priori; perception; memory; induction; other minds...
- * Metaphysics: particular and universal; things, facts and events; mind and body; time, identity and cause; possible worlds; God...

Submission of abstracts

Long abstracts of around 6,000 characters (roughly 1000 words) are invited on any topic in the broad areas indicated. Significantly

longer or shorter abstracts may be disadvantaged. Please send abstracts as e-mail attachments (in .doc, .rtf, .pdf, .ps, .dvi) for blind refereeing to:

sifa.gradconf@gmail.com <mailto:sifa.gradconf@gmail.com>

before *June 15th 2007*, indicating in a separate document:

1. your name;
2. the title of your paper
3. your e-mail address;
4. any institutional affiliation;
5. the area to which your intended paper is a contribution; and
6. any special needs (such as overhead projector, Powerpoint or video)

All submissions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive acknowledgement by the day after the deadline, please bring this to our attention as swiftly as possible. Acceptances will be notified by July 15th 2007. Accepted abstracts will be available at the conference in booklet form. Participants who wish to circulate preliminary versions of their contributions are encouraged to do so by mailing them to: sifa.gradconf@gmail.com <mailto:sifa.gradconf@gmail.com>

Organisation of the conference

In addition to the SIFA, the conference is supported by - Department of Philosophy of the University of Padua, - the Doctoral School in Theoretical Philosophy of the University of Padua, - the Department of Letters, Arts and Multimedia Studies of the University of Bergamo, - the Doctoral School in Philosophy of the University of Verona.

The organizers will offer board and lodging in Padua - for the duration of the conference - for those whose paper is accepted

Scientific committee

- * Andrea Bottani (University of Bergamo, President of SIFA)
- * Massimiliano Carrara (University of Padua)
- * Richard Davies (University of Bergamo)
- * Pierdaniele Giaretta (University of Verona)
- * Vittorio Morato (University of Padova)

- * Elisabetta Sacchi (University of Padova)
- * Marzia Soavi (University of Padova)

Webpage of the conference

<http://www.filosofia.lettere.unipd.it/analitica/grad-conf/>

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LogKCA-07

**ILCLI International Workshop on Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge,
Communication and Action**

Web site: <http://www.sc.ehu.es/ilcli>

Donostia, 28-30 November 2007

This Workshop seeks to examine and explore issues concerning the logical and philosophical aspects of knowledge, communication and action in an integrated view.. Perspectives are sought from those engaged in the fields of logic, history and philosophy of logic, logic applied to artificial intelligence and cognitive systems, general epistemology, social epistemology, belief theory, communication theory, discourse theory, formal semantics, pragmatics, philosophy of action, and history of philosophy connected with those topics. These disciplines are indicative only as papers are welcomed from any area, in which logic and philosophy of KCA play a part.

Contributed papers may be presented on any of the following themes;

- * applied logics of knowledge, knowledge acquisition and transmission, knowledge in a social setting.
- * logics of belief, belief formation and justification, belief update and revision, rationality problems.
- * philosophical grounds of communication theory.
- * philosophy of information, incomplete information, imperfect information.
- * logics of communication.
- * formal dimensions of interpersonal communication.
- * background aspects of effective communication.
- * learning logical systems.
- * general logics of action, dynamic logic, logic of intentions and goals, game-theoretical frames.
- * logics for social action, collective action, and cooperative action.
- * dynamic epistemic logics linked to security constraints.
- * probability logics, non-monotonic logics, and hybrid logics connected to KCA.
- * the history of logics of KCA.

6-page abstracts should be submitted by September 6, 2007. Notification of acceptance/rejection: September 20, 2007. If selected for presentation, 15-20 pages papers should be submitted by September 27, 2007.

Papers will be blind peer reviewed, by the Programme Committee
The Proceedings with the contributed papers will be published by The University of the Basque Country Press, before the beginning of the Workshop.

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