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## Indiscernibility-of-Identicals Arguments and Non-Standard Ontologies

workshop in Ligerz, Wednesday, April 25 (evening) – Sunday, April 29 2018 (noon)

As part of its [Swiss Doctoral Programme in Philosophy](#), the Centre for the Philosophy and Theology of Being at the University of Lucerne: *οὐσία*, is organising a small and informal workshop in beautiful Ligerz.

For all questions and inquiries, please write to the workshop organiser, [philipp.blum@philosophie.ch](mailto:philipp.blum@philosophie.ch).

**CfP.** So-called Leibniz Law arguments are often taken to constrain ontological theorising: whatever entities we may believe in, they have to satisfy the putatively logical principle that things that differ in some respect cannot be identical. In the history of philosophy, however, we find a strong countercurrent, from Aristotle's 'same in number, different in account' claims, through the medieval distinctions of distinctions to the round and oval penny-appearances of sense-data theories. One aim of this workshop is to uncover this heterodoxy and to make it fruitful for present concerns. In contemporary philosophy as well and starting with the discussion of impossible worlds, many metaphysicians have taken steps towards hyperintensional ontologies, but their relation to the indiscernibility-of-identicals principle has not yet been explored in much detail.

**Participants.** Participants should arrive by Wednesday evening and stay at least until Sunday noon. They should commit to have a first draft / extended abstract of their paper ready by 23th of April, read at least some of those of the others in advance and make an effort at reading some of the other material suggested by the other participants. They should commit to staying in Ligerz for the whole duration of the conference, except of course for the joint excursions to the regions' vineyards and the shores of the lake of Biel/Bienne.

**Location.** The conference takes place in the beautifully located bilingual village of Ligerz / Gléresse, on the shores of the lake of Biel/Bienne (also bilingual):



Talks and meals are at the Aarbergerhaus, where a beamer and facilities to print out handouts are available. Participants stay at the so-called "Louis Haus", where there's also a small bar for late-night drinks. When you get out of the train arriving either from Neuchâtel or from Biel/Bienne, and you face the mountain and the church (turning your back to the lake), the Aarbergerhaus is to your right (in the direction of Biel), about 150 m along the main road. You reach it after passing by the hotel "Kreuz" and by going through a garden door located at your left (facing Biel), just before there is a street for cars on your right going over a small bridge (in the direction of the lake). Please come there when you arrive. (The Louis-Haus, in contrast, is to your left, about 50m through the pedestrian street, on your right just before the fountain).

**Programme:**

- Thurs, 9-10.30** Don Baxter, Instantiation as Temporary, as Contingent, and as Vague  
Suggested reading: draft in the dropbox folder, and “Self-Differing, Aspects, and Leibniz’s Law”
- Thurs, 10.45-11.45** discussion: Exemplification as Parthood, animated by Philipp Blum  
Suggested reading: none
- Thurs, 13.30-15** Saloni de Souza, Plato’s Law  
Suggested reading: abstract and paper on dropbox
- Thurs, 15.15-16.45** Philipp Blum, Aristotelian Forms and Cookie Objects  
Suggested reading: “Aristotle-Forms” on dropbox
- Thurs, 17-18** discussion: The Problem of Relations, animated by Philipp Blum  
Suggested reading: “Aristotle-Relations” on dropbox
- Fri, 9-10.30** Nick Stang, A New(-ish) Reading of Kant’s Transcendental Idealism  
Suggested reading: “The Non-Identity of Appearances and Things in Themselves”
- Fri, 10.45-11.45** discussion: Transcendentals, Logical Constants and Totality Facts, animated by Philipp Blum  
Suggested reading: “Totality” and “Transcendentals” on dropbox
- Fri, 13.30-15** Philipp Blum, Kantian Aspects  
Suggested reading: “Kantian aspects” on dropbox
- Fri, 15.04** departure of the “vinifuni” to Prêles
- Sat, 9-10.30** Catharine Diehl: The Metaphysics of Leibniz’s Law  
Suggested reading: TBA
- Sat, 10.45-11.45** discussion: Leibniz’s whole substance account of individuation, animated by Philipp Blum  
Suggested reading: TBA
- Sat, 13.30-15** Simona Aimar, Modals and Copulae in Aristotle  
Suggested reading: TBA
- Sat, 15.15-16.45** Don Baxter, Bradley, Hume, and Identity-in-Difference  
Suggested reading: TBA
- Sun, 9-10.30** Philipp Blum, Extrinsic Entities and the Fragmentation of Being  
Suggested reading: “Essence and Existence” on dropbox
- Sun, 10.45-11.45** wrap-up discussion