

Hylomorphism and Representation

workshop in Ligerz, 18th to 22nd of October, 2017

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.

CfP. Despite the surge in interest in the history of the philosophy of mind, its metaphysics has been comparatively neglected. There is, however, much to learn from tradition when it comes to such important, but rarely squarely addressed questions as: what is happening when we perceive an apple as red? what connection, if any, is there between the apple's being red and our seeing it (to be / as / as if it were) red? how are we to understand the distinction between mental states and processes? are perception, imagination, knowledge and belief relations, and if so, what are their relata? what grounds the representational powers of (at least some) mental states, in virtue of what do they possess intentionality? how does the mass/count distinction apply in the mental realm, to such things as beliefs, odours, mental images? This conference brings together both historians and contemporary exponents of the philosophy of mind, to shed new light on its metaphysics.

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 details:

Thurs, 9-10.30 Brian Embry, On Being a Goat Stag

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox ("embry.pdf")

Thurs, 10.45-11.45 Henrik Lagerlund, The Aristotelian Concept of Intentionality and Knowledge

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox ("lagerlund.pdf", chapters 1 and 2)

Thurs, 13-14 Henrik Lagerlund, The Problem of Intentionality and the Re-Introduction of Skepticism

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox ("lagerlund.pdf", chapters 3-6)

Lagerlund, Henrik, 2011a. "Mental Representation in Medieval Philosophy". in Zalta, Edward N. (editor) *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Stanford, California: The Metaphysics Research Lab, Center for the Study of Language and Information. Revision, January 28, 2011, of the version of May 28, 2004

Thurs, 14.15-15.15 Henrik Lagerlund, Making Aristotle Modern

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox ("lagerlund.pdf", chapters 7-9)

Thurs, 15.15-16.15 Brian Embry, Is God Deceiving Us?

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox

Thurs, 16.15ff. excursion to Prêles: cable car departs at 16.34.

Fri, 9-10.30 Philipp Blum, Structure and Aristotelian Forms

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox

Fri, 10.45-12.15 William Jaworski, Hylomorphism and Mind/Body Problems

Suggested reading:

- Jaworski, William, 2016. *Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind. How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, esp. ch. 13
- Jaworski, William, 2014. "Hylomorphism and the Metaphysics of Structure". *Res Philosophica* 91: 179-201
- Lagerlund, Henrik, 2011b. "The Unity of Efficient and Final Causality: The Mind/Body Problem Reconsidered". *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 19(4): 587-603

Fri, 13.30-14.30 William Jaworski, The Problem of Mental Causation

Suggested reading: Jaworski, William, 2017. "Reasons and Triggers: Causal-Explanatory Pluralism and Mental Causation". Unpublished manuscript

Fri, 14.45-16.15 William Jaworski, The Problem of Other Minds

Suggested reading: Jaworski, William, 2016. *Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind. How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, esp. ch. 13.6

Fri, 16.30-18 Christian Weibel, Aristotle's Intellect and Hylomorphism

Suggested reading: dropbox

Sat, 9-10.30 Philipp Blum, Representation and Intentionality in a Framework of Aristotelian Powers

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox

Sat, 10.45-11.45 Anna Marmodoro, Causation and Aristotelian powers

Suggested reading:

- Marmodoro, Anna, 2009. "Do powers need powers to make them powerful? From Pandispositionalism to Aristotle". *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 26(4): 337-352. Reprinted in ? : 27-40
- Marmodoro, Anna, 2014a. *Aristotle on Perceiving Objects*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (ch. 1)
- Marmodoro, Anna, 2017. "Aristotelian Powers at Work: Reciprocity without Symmetry in Causation". in Jacobs, Jonathan D. (editor) *Putting Powers to Work: Causal Powers in Contemporary Metaphysics*, pp. 57-76. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Jaworski, William, 2016. *Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind. How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, esp. ch. 9 and 10

Sat, 13.30-14.30 Anna Marmodoro, The Powers of the Aristotelian Soul

Suggested reading:

- Marmodoro, Anna, 2014a. *Aristotle on Perceiving Objects*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, ch. 2 and 3
- Marmodoro, Anna, 2014b. "Review of ?". *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 22(1): 174-178

Sat, 14.45-15.45 Anna Marmodoro: The Content of Perception in Aristotle

Suggested reading:

- Marmodoro, Anna, 2006. "It's a Colourful World". *American Philosophical Quarterly* 43(1): 71-80
- Marmodoro, Anna, 2014a. *Aristotle on Perceiving Objects*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, ch. 4-7

Sat, 16ff. excursion to St Peter's Island: departure of the boat at 15.55

Sun, 9-10.30 Philipp Blum, Extrinsic Entities

Suggested reading: cf. dropbox

Sun, 10.45-12.15 Discussion: Aristotelian colours

Suggested reading: Kalderon, Mark Eli, 2015. *Form without Matter. Empedocles and Aristotle on Color Perception*.

Oxford: Oxford University Press