

The Metaphysics of Appearances

workshop in Ligerz, 15th to 19th of February, 2017

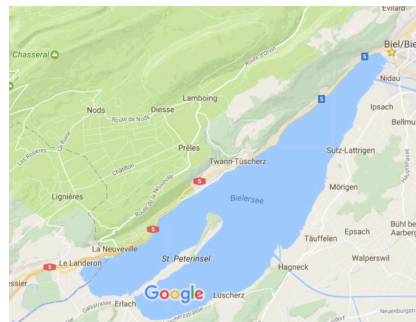
As part of its [Swiss Doctoral Programme in Philosophy](#), the Centre for the Philosophy and Theology of Being at the University of Lucerne: *οὐσία*, is organising a small and informal workshop in beautiful Ligerz.

For all questions and inquiries, please write to the workshop organiser, philipp.blum@philosophie.ch.

CfP. The distinction between appearances and reality is one of the oldest topics of philosophy. It has recently received new importance, from at least three directions: discussions of grounding, "in reality" and fundamentality; "disjunctivist" theories of perception; and new developments in (the interpretation of) the metaphysics of transcendental idealism. The aim of the workshop is to bring together historical and systematic expertise to afford a fresh look at the metaphysics of appearances.

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).

- Thurs, 9-10.30** Mike Martin, Betwixt Feeling & Thinking: Two-Level Accounts of Experience
Draft paper. Cf. dropbox (“martin-unpub”).
- Thurs, 10.45-11.45** Relationalism about Perception vs. Relationalism about Perceptuals, discussion ‘animated’ by Andrew Stephenson
Suggested reading: cf. Stephenson, Andrew, 2016. “Relationalism about Perception vs. Relationalism about Perceptuals”. *Kantian Review* 21(2): 293-.
- Thurs, 12-13** Incongruent Counterparts Again, discussion ‘animated’ by Philipp Blum
- Thurs, 14-15.30** Thomas Raleigh, Perceptual Appearances, Science and The Manifest Image’
Abstract. Cf. dropbox (abstract and paper).
- Thurs, 15.45-16.45** Elusive Objects, discussion ‘animated’ by Mike Martin
Suggested reading: cf. draft on dropbox.
- Thurs, 17-18** “Appearances” in Kant’s Transcendental Deduction, discussion ‘animated’ by Marialena Karampatsou
Suggested reading: Allais, Lucy, 2015. *Manifest Reality: Kant’s Idealism and his Realism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, ch. 12.
- Fri, 9-10.30** Philipp Blum, Kantian Appearances as Qua Objects
Suggested reading: Marshall, Colin R., 2013. “Kant’s Appearances and Things in Themselves as Qua-Objects”. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 63(252): 520-545.
- Fri, 10.45-11.45** Spatial experience and spatial appearances, discussion ‘animated’ by Thomas Raleigh
Suggested reading: Mehta, Neil, 2013. “Beyond Transparency: the Spatial Argument for Experiential Externalism”. *Philosophers’ Imprint* 13(8) and Chalmers, David J., forthcoming. “Three Puzzles about Spatial Experience”. Patz, Adam & Daniel Stoljar () *Themes from Ned Block*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press (or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKeJUBi-_ZM)
- Fri, 14-15.30** Anil Gomes, Strawson and Kant on unity and objectivity
- Sat, 9-10.30** Tobias Rosefeldt, The Identity of Appearances and Things in Themselves
- Sat, 10.45-11.45** Strawson’s Individuals, discussion animated by Mike Martin
Suggested reading: Strawson, Peter Frederick, 1959. *Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics*. London: Methuen & Co, esp. ch. 2.
 Strawson, Peter Frederick, 1966. *The Bounds of Sense – an essay on Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*. London: Methuen & Co. Reprint: [Strawson \(1989\)](#), middle part.
- Sat, 12-13** Things without the Mind, discussion animated by Mike Martin
Suggested reading: Evans, Gareth, 1980. “Things Without the Mind: A commentary on chapter two of Strawson’s *Individuals*”. van Straaten, Zak () *Philosophical Subjects: Essays Presented to P.F. Strawson*, 149-249. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Reprinted in [Evans \(1985\)](#): 249-290 (cf. “evans-1985”).
- Sat, 14-15.30** Andrew Stephenson, Logicism, Possibilism, and the Logic of Kantian Actualism
Draft paper. Cf. dropbox (“stephenson-2017”).
Suggested reading: Stang, Nicholas F., 2016. *Kant’s Modal Metaphysics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 1, secs. 5-6 (and perhaps the intro).
 van Cleve, James, 1999. *Problems from Kant*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 12, secs. B, C, F, G.
- Sat, 15.45-16.45** Relational accounts of intuition and the role of space and time, discussion ‘animated’ by Anil Gomes.
- Sat, 17-18** Lewisan, Ramseyan and Kantian humility, discussion ‘animated’ by Andrew Stephenson.
Suggested reading: Lewis, David, 2009. “Ramseyan Humility”. Braddon-Mitchell, David & Robert Nola () *Conceptual Analysis and Philosophical Naturalism*, 203-222. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press (in “braddonmitchell-nola-2009”).
 Langton, Rae, 1998. *Kantian Humility: Our Ignorance of Things in Themselves*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
 Langton, Rae, 2015. “Humility and Co-existence in Kant and Lewis: Two Modal Themes, with Variations”. Loewer, Barry C. & Jonathan Schaffer () *A Companion to David Lewis*, 491-503. Blackwell Companions to Philosophy, Oxford: Blackwell-Wiley (in “loewer-schaffer-2015”).
- Sun, 9-10** Philipp Blum, Appearances and change
- Sun, 10.15-11.45** Perceptual and Kantian appearances, discussion ‘animated’ by Tobias Rosefeldt.
Suggested reading: KrV, “Dritte allgemeine Anmerkung zur transzendentalen Aesthetik”
 Rosefeldt, Tobias, 2016. “Closing the Gap: A New Answer to an Old Objection Against Kant’s Argument for Transcendental Idealism”. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 116(2): 181-203.
- Sun, 12-13** Wrapping-up.