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## **From the coordinator**

Welcome to the first, joint Newsletter of the two research groups from UH and Oxford, the **GPI** and the **IEG**.

It seems that our groups are growing at a pace faster than the Newsletter can monitor. The last issue was the first with the new graphics, but it was issued only by the IEG in Oxford.

The Newsletter is now issued both by the old IEG and by the newly formed GPI, so we have made a few changes to mark the birth of the Group in Philosophy of Information at UH and the collaboration between the two "twins".

In this issue, I'm delighted to welcome on board twelve new members. Their full profiles can be found on the [web pages of the GPI](#):

**Alexandru Baltag**, University Lecturer in Computer Science, University of Oxford.

**Bruce Christianson**, Professor of Informatics, University of Hertfordshire

**Paul Coates**, Reader in Metaphysics, University of Hertfordshire.

**Sam Coleman**, Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Hertfordshire.

**Kerstin Dautenhahn**, Research Professor in Informatics, University of Hertfordshire.

**Shaun Gallagher**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Central Florida, and Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of

Hertfordshire.

**Dan Hutto**, Research Professor of Philosophical Psychology, University of Hertfordshire.

**Chrystopher L. Nehaniv**, Research Professor of Mathematical and Evolutionary Computer Sciences, University of Hertfordshire.

**Daniel Polani**, Principal Lecturer in Informatics, University of Hertfordshire.

**Jane Singleton**, Principal Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Hertfordshire.

**Vito Veneziano**, Senior Lecturer in Informatics, University of Hertfordshire.

**Paul Wernick**, Senior Lecturer in Informatics, University of Hertfordshire.

It is also with great pleasure that I report that the [First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic](#), which we organised in Oxford last November, was a remarkable success, for which Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson deserves all the merit. You can read more about this in his report. The good news is that we are in the process of planning the Second Workshop, which will take place at the University of Hertfordshire.

I would like to close this note by thanking Dr Valeria Giardino for editing the Newsletter.

All my best regards,

*Luciano Floridi*

## Relevant publications

### P. Allo

- ◆ “Logical Pluralism and Semantic Information”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 36(4): 659–94, 2007.
- ◆ “Informational Content and Information Structures: a Pluralist Approach”, in X. Arrazola and J. Larrazabal, J. (eds.), *Proceedings of the ILCLI International Workshop on Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge, Communication and Action*. The University of the Basque Country Press, 101–121, 2007.




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*Journal of Philosophical  
Logic*

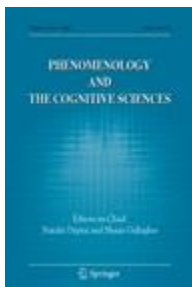
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### A. Baltag

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- ◆ with **S. Smets**, “From Conditional Probability to the Logic of Doxastic Actions”, in D. Samet (ed.), *Proceedings of TARK XI*, 52-61, UCL Presses Universitaires de Louvain, 2007, Collection in ACM DL.
- ◆ with P. Balbiani, H. van Ditmarsch, A. Herzig, T. De Lima and T. Hoshi, “What Can We Achieve by Arbitrary Announcements? A Dynamic Take on Fitch’s Knowability”, in D. Samet (ed.), *Proceedings of TARK XI*, 42-51, UCL Presses Universitaires de Louvain, 2007, Collection in ACM DL.
- ◆ with M. Sadrzadeh, “The Algebra of Multi-Agent Dynamic Belief Revision”, *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science*, 157 (4): 37-56, 2007.

### B. Christianson

- ◆ with P. Das Chowdhury, J. Malcolm, “Anonymous Context Based Role Activation Mechanism”, *Security Protocols* 13, Springer LNCS 4631, 315-328, 2005.




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*Phenomenology and the  
Cognitive Science*

Publisher: Springer  
Netherlands  
ISSN: 1568-7759 (Print)  
1572-8676 (Online)

### P. Coates

- ◆ *The Metaphysics of Perception: Wilfrid Sellars, Perceptual Consciousness and Critical Realism*, Routledge, 2007; Routledge Studies in Twentieth Century Philosophy series.
- ◆ “Experience, Action and Representations: Critical Realism and the Enactive Theory of Vision”, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, December 2007.
- ◆ “Sense-Data”, entry in the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, online 2007. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/s/sense-da.htm>
- ◆ “Perception, Imagination and Demonstrative Reference: A Sellarsian Account”, a full version of the paper read at the 2006 Sellars conference: *Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind After Fifty Years*; online 2007 at the conference page of the Institute of Philosophy web-site, London University: [http://www.philosophy.sas.ac.uk/EPM\\_Coates.doc](http://www.philosophy.sas.ac.uk/EPM_Coates.doc)

## L. Floridi

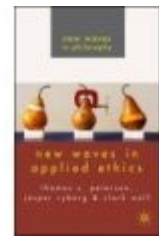
- ◆ "A Defence of Informational Structural Realism", *Synthese*, 161 (2): 219-253, 2008.
- ◆ "Understanding Information Ethics", *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers*. 7 (1), 2007 ([online](#))
- ◆ "A look into the future impact of ICT on our lives", *The Information Society*, 23 (1): 59-64, 2007. An abridged and modified version was published in TibBITS.
- ◆ "Global Information Ethics: The Importance of Being Environmentally Earnest", *International Journal of Technology and Human Interaction*, 2007, 3 (3): 1-11.
- ◆ "Computers", chapter for C. Wolf, J. Ryberg and T. Petersen (eds.), *New Waves in Applied Ethics*, 2007, Palgrave: MacMillan.

## S. Gallagher

- ◆ with D. Zahavi, *The Phenomenological Mind: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science*. London: Routledge. [Danish (Gyldendal Publishers 2009) and Italian translations forthcoming], 2008.
- ◆ with M. Tsakiris and S. Bosbach. "On agency and body-ownership: Phenomenological and neuroscientific reflections", *Consciousness and Cognition*, 16 (3): 645-60, 2007.
- ◆ "The spatiality of situation: Comment on Legrand et al.", *Consciousness and Cognition*, 16 (3): 700-702, 2007.
- ◆ "Social cognition and social robots", *Pragmatics and Cognition*, 15 (3): 435-54, 2007.
- ◆ "Sense of agency and higher-order cognition: Levels of explanation for schizophrenia", *Cognitive Semiotics* 0: 32-48, 2007.
- ◆ "Moral agency, self-consciousness, and practical wisdom", *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 14 (5-6): 199-223, 2007.
- ◆ "Simulation trouble", *Social Neuroscience*, 2 (3-4): 353-65, 2007.

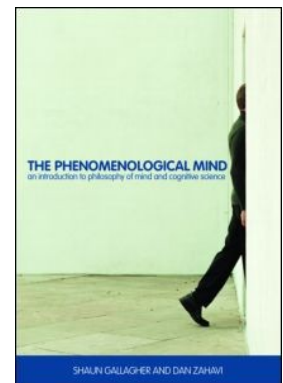
## D. Hutto

- ◆ [Folk Psychological Narratives: The Sociocultural Basis of Understanding Reasons](#). MIT Press. Bradford Books, 2008.
- ◆ "The Narrative Practice Hypothesis: Origins and Applications of Folk Psychology", in D. Hutto (ed.), *Narrative and Understanding Persons*, Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 43-68, 2007.
- ◆ "Folk Psychology without Theory or Simulation" in D. Hutto & M. Ratcliffe (eds.) *Folk Psychology Re-assessed*, Dordrecht: Springer, 2007.
- ◆ "Getting Clear about Perspicuous Representations: Wittgenstein, Baker & Fodor" in D. Moyal-Sharrock (ed.), *Perspicuous Presentations: Essays on Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Psychology*, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2007.



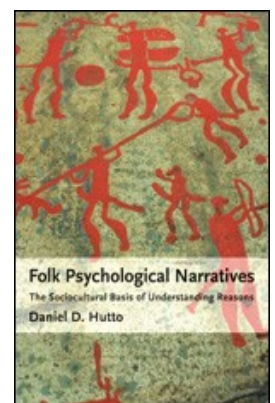
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*The Phenomenological Mind*

Publisher: Routledge  
ISBN: 978-0-415-39122-1



*Folk Psychological Narratives*

Publisher: The MIT Press  
ISBN-10: 0-262-08367-1  
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Systems (ACS)*  
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Journal for Artificial  
Intelligence, Philosophy and  
Cognitive Science

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ISSN: 1572-8641 (On line)

## D. Polani

- ◆ with N. Ay, "Information Flows in Causal Networks", *Advances in Complex Systems* (In Press)
- ◆ with P. Capdepuuy and C. L. Nehaniv, "Maximization of Potential Information Flow as a Universal Utility for Collective Behaviour", in *2007 IEEE Symposium on Artificial Life*.
- ◆ with P. Capdepuuy and C. L. Nehaniv, "Constructing the Basic Umwelt of Artificial Agents: An Information-Theoretic Approach", in *Proc. Ninth European Conference on Artificial Life (ECAL 2007)*.
- ◆ with P. Capdepuuy and C. L. Nehaniv, "Grounding Action-Selection in Event-Based Anticipation", in *Proc. Ninth European Conference on Artificial Life (ECAL 2007)*.
- ◆ with T. Jung, "Kernelizing LSPE(\_)", in *Proc. 2007 IEEE International Symposium on Approximate Dynamic Programming and Reinforcement Learning*, April 1-5, Hawaii.
- ◆ with T. Jung, "Learning RoboCup-Keepaway with Kernels", in N. Lawrence, A. Schwaighofer, and J. Q. Candela (eds.), *Gaussian Processes in Practice, vol. 1 of JMLR Workshop and Conference Proceedings*, 2007, 33–57.
- ◆ with A. Klyubin and C. Nehaniv, "Representations of Space and Time in the Maximization of Information Flow in the Perception-Action Loop", *Neural Computation*, 2007, 19(9):2387–2432.
- ◆ with M. Piraveenan and M. Prokopenko, "Emergence of Genetic Coding: an Informationtheoretic View", in *Proc. Ninth European Conference on Artificial Life (ECAL 2007)*.
- ◆ "Foundations and Formalizations of Self-Organization", in M. Prokopenko, (ed.), *Advances in Applied Self-organizing Systems, Advanced Information and Knowledge Processing*, London, UK: Springer-Verlag, 2007.
- ◆ with O. Sporns and M. Lungarella, "How Information and Embodiment Shape Intelligent Information Processing", in M. Lungarella, F. Iida, J. Bongard, and R. Pfeifer, (eds.), *Proc. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summit of Artificial Intelligence*, Springer-Verlag: Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, 2007.

## G. Primiero

- ◆ *Information & Knowledge - A constructive Type-Theoretical Approach*, vol.10 Logic, Epistemology and the Unity of Science Series, Springer 2008
- ◆ "An Epistemic Constructive Definition of Information", *Logique & Analyse*, vol. 50, n.200

## S. Sequoiah-Grayson

- ◆ "The Scandal of Deduction: Hintikka on the Information Yield of Deductive Inferences", *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, **37**: 1, pp. 67-94, 2008.
- ◆ "The Metaphilosophy of Information", *Minds and Machines*, **17**: 331-344, 2007.
- ◆ "Information Gain from Inference", *LogKCA-07*, University of the Basque Country Press, Donostia, 351-368, 2007.

## J. Singleton

- ◆ "Kant's Account of Respect: A Bridge between Rationality and Anthropology" *Kantian Review*, **12**, 2007.

## J. Søraker

- ◆ "Global Freedom of Expression within Nontextual Frameworks", *The Information Society* **24**(1):40-46.
- ◆ with P. Brey, "Ambient Intelligence and Problems with Inferring Desires from Behaviour", *International Review of Information Ethics*, **8**(1):7-12.

## M Taddeo

- ◆ M. Taddeo, L. Floridi, "A Praxical Solution of the Symbol Grounding Problem", *Minds and Machines*, 2007, 17.4, 369-389.  
<http://www.philosophyofinformation.net/pdf/apsotsgp.pdf>

## M. Turilli

- ◆ "Ethics and the Practice of Software Design", in a collection dedicated to Computing and Philosophy, editors P. Brey, A. Briggle, K. Waelbers. IOS publ.

## Forthcoming

### P. Allo

- ◆ "The 'No Information Without Data-Representation' Principle", in P. Brey, A. Briggle, & K. Waelbers, (eds.), *Current Issues in Computing and Philosophy*, Amsterdam, IOS.

### A. Baltag

- ◆ with **S. Smets**, "A dynamic-logical perspective on quantum behavior", to appear in L. Horsten and I. Douven (eds.), *Studia Logica: Special Issue on ESF Exploratory Workshop on "Applied Logic in the Methodology of Science"*, 2008.
- ◆ with **S. Smets**, "A Qualitative Theory of Dynamic Interactive Belief Revision" to appear in G. Bonanno, W. van der Hoek, M. Woolridge (eds.), *Texts in Logic and Games*, Amsterdam University Press, 2008.
- ◆ with **S. Smets**, "The Logic of Conditional Doxastic Actions", to appear in R. van Rooij and K. Apt (eds.), *Texts in Logic and Games*, Special Issue on *New Perspectives on Games and Interaction*, Amsterdam University Press, 2008.
- ◆ with H. P. van Ditmarsch and L.S. Moss. "Epistemic logic and information update", invited contribution to P. Adriaans and J. van Benthem (eds.), *Handbook of Philosophy of Information*, part of the multi-volume D. Gabbay, P. Thagard, J. Woods (gen. eds.), *Handbook of the Philosophy of Science*, Elsevier, 2008.

### L. Floridi

- ◆ "Understanding Relevant information", *Erkenntnis*.
- ◆ "Semantic Information: Philosophical Issues and Theories", *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*.
- ◆ "In Defence of the Veridical Nature of Semantic Information", *The European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*.

### S. Gallagher

- ◆ "Are minimal representations still representations?", *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, in press.
- ◆ "Direct perception in the intersubjective context", *Consciousness and Cognition*, in press.
- ◆ "Intersubjectivity and affectivity in perception", *Continental Philosophy Review*, in press.
- ◆ with D. McNeill, S. Duncan, J. Cole and B. Bertenthal, "Neither or both: Growth points from the very beginning", *Interaction Studies*.

## Field Report

### PIL-07

The First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic was held at the Philosophy Centre, at the University of Oxford, 3-4 November, 2007.

The Workshop was a huge success, and we are happy to report that it is most likely to become a regular event. The Workshop was an official event of the IEG and was generously supported by the Faculty of Philosophy.

The aim of the Workshop was strongly interdisciplinary in focus. Researchers from both philosophy and computer science departments were brought together for a weekend of intense interdisciplinary research.

With nearly forty participants, coming from New Zealand, North America and Europe, we are confident that the Workshop series will continue to gain in interest and support.

The content of the presentations was diverse within the area itself. Topics ranged from the algebra and topology of quantum information states, logics of information flow in various contexts (a recurring theme being the information flow involved in logical reasoning procedures themselves), dynamic information states in multi-agent reasoning settings, to the nature of the informational turn in logic itself.

Selected Workshop proceedings will appear in two dedicated issues of *Synthese* (special section: Knowledge, Rationality, and Action).

The Workshop presentation slides, as well as photos of the event, are available at the Workshop website:

<http://www.philosophyofinformation.net/workshop/>

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who took part in and supported the Workshop, and thus helped to make it such a successful event.

Luciano Floridi and Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson

## D. Hutto

- ◆ "The Narrative Practice Hypothesis: Clarifications and Replies", *Philosophical Explorations. Special Issue: Alternatives to Theories of Mind*.
- ◆ "Limited Engagements and Narrative Extensions", *International Journal of Philosophical Studies. Special Issue: Situated Cognition*.
- ◆ "Lessons from Wittgenstein: Elucidating Folk Psychology", *New Ideas in Psychology. Special Issue: Mind, Meaning and Language: Wittgenstein's Relevance for Psychology*.
- ◆ "ToM Rules, but it is not OK", A. Costall and I. Leudar (eds.), *Against Theory of Mind*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- ◆ with **S. Gallagher**, "Primary Interaction and Narrative Practice: From Empathic Resonance to Folk Psychology", in *The Shared Mind: Perspectives on Intersubjectivity*. Zlatev, J., Racine, T., Sinha, C. and Itkonen, E. (eds). Philadelphia/Amsterdam: John Benjamins (forthcoming)
- ◆ "First Communion: Mimetic Sharing without Theory of Mind", in J. Zlatev, T. Racine, C. Sinha, and E. Itkonen (eds.), *The Shared Mind: Perspectives on Intersubjectivity*. Philadelphia/Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- ◆ "[Folk Psychology Without Theory or Simulation](#) " in D. Hutto and M. Ratcliffe (eds), *Folk Psychology Re-assessed*. Dordrecht: Springer 2007
- ◆ "[Getting Clear about Peripicious Presentations: Wittgenstein, Baker & Fodor](#)" in Moyal-D. Sharrock (ed). *Perspicuous Presentations: Essays on Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Psychology*. Basingstoke: Palgrave 2007
- ◆ "Idealism". Oxford Companion to Consciousness. Bayne, T., Cleeremans, A., Wilken, P. (eds). Oxford University Press (forthcoming)
- ◆ "Mental Representation and Consciousness" Encyclopedia of Consciousness . Banks. W. (ed). Elsevier.(forthcoming)

## M. Jago

- ◆ "Epistemic Logic for Rule-Based Agents", *Journal of Logic, Language and Information*.
- ◆ "Modal Logic", "Relevant Logic", "Paraconsistent Logic" and "Nonmonotonic Logic", in J. Williamson and F. Russo (eds.), *Key Terms in Logic*.
- ◆ 'Bourne's Negation: No Equivocation', *The Reasoner*.

## G. Primiero

- ◆ with J. Meheus, "Majority Merging by Adaptive Counting", Special Issue of Knowledge, Rationality & Action (*Synthese*), 2008.
- ◆ "An Epistemic Logic for Becoming Informed", Special Issue of Knowledge, Rationality & Action (*Synthese*), 2008.

## M. Sicart

- ◆ *The Ethics of Computer Games*, accepted by MIT Press, expected publication Spring 2009.

## S. Sequoiah-Grayson

- ◆ "A Positive Information Logic", *Synthese* (special section: KRA), 2008.
- ◆ "Metasemantic Information and the Scandal of Deduction", *The Logica Yearbook 2007*, Filosofia, Prague, 2008.

## Edited books

### A. Baltag

- ◆ Editor of the annual volume *Phibook: The Yearbook of Philosophical Logic*. Publisher: Automatic Press/VIP.

### S. Gallager

- ◆ Editor, *Brainstorming: Views and Interviews on the Mind*, forthcoming 2008 (Exeter: Imprint Academic).
- ◆ Editor, *Oxford Handbook of the Self*, forthcoming 2009/10 (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- ◆ Editor with D. Schmicking, *Handbook of Phenomenology and Cognitive Science*, forthcoming 2008 (Berlin: Springer).
- ◆ Editor with M. Ratcliffe. Special issue on situated cognition. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 2008.

### D. Hutto

- ◆ Editor, [Narrative and Understanding Persons](#). Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2007.
- ◆ Editor with M. Ratcliffe, [Folk Psychology Reassessed](#), (Dordrecht: Springer), 2007.

### L. Floridi

- ◆ Editor, *A Philosophical Introduction to Computer Ethics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- ◆ Editor, *Philosophy of Computing and Information: 5 Questions* (Automatic Press / VIP).
- ◆ Guest editor of a special issue of *The Information Society*, "The Philosophy of Information, its Nature and Future Developments",.
- ◆ with **M. Turilli**, guest editor of "Ethics and Software Design", a special issue of *Ethics and Information Technology*.
- ◆ With **S. Sequoiah-Grayson**, editor of selected papers from the First Workshop in the Philosophy of Information and Logic, a volume in the *Knowledge, Rationality, and Action (KRA)*, Series published by *Synthese*.
- ◆ with G. P. Terravecchia, *Breve Dizionario di Filosofia* (Roma: Carocci).

## Editorial Report

### *Enactivism Explicated: Consciousness Clarified*

**D. Hutto** with Erik Myin (Antwerp) are in the very early stages of preparing a co-authored book, tentatively entitled *Enactivism Explicated: Consciousness Clarified*. Its centrepiece will be a revised enactivist proposal about the sensorimotor contingency theory of perceptual consciousness. Myin was awarded €3750 from his institution to support this collaboration.

**G. Primiero** is editing a volume with S. Rahman (Univ. Lille3); tentative title ***Knowledge and Judgment***. Confirmed contributors include: 1) Catarina Dutilh Novaes (Amsterdam); Kai Wehmeier (Irvine); Helge Rueckert (Mannheim); Mark van Atten (Paris); Maritje van der Schaar (Leiden); J. Dubucs (Paris); Denis Bonnay (Paris); Kevin Mulligan (Geneve); Jan von Plato (Helsinki); Giuseppe Primiero (Ghent); Shahid Rahman (Lille3); Sara Negri (Helsinki).

## Appointments

### P. Allo

Will start in February 2008 as a part-time guest-lecturer in epistemology at Ghent University (Belgium)

### H. Demir

New position in Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey) in the Philosophy department as an assistant professor.

### L. Floridi

Professor of Philosophy, Research Chair in Philosophy of Information, Department of Philosophy, University of Hertfordshire.

### M. Jago

From June 2008, Chief Investigator at Macquarie, Sydney, on a three year Australian Research Council funded project, 'Rationality and Resource Bounds in Logics for Intentional Attitudes'.

### S. Sequoiah-Grayson

Three year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship on the project "Formal Epistemology: Foundations and Applications" - Centre for Logic, Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Language: Institute of Philosophy, University of Leuven, Belgium. Project coordinator: Igor Douven.

## Conferences & Talks

### D. Polani

Associate Editor of *Advances in Complex Systems*  
Member of the Executive Committee of the International RoboCup Federation

### M. Sicart

Assistant Professor at the IT University of Copenhagen, from October 2007

### S. Smets

Part-time lecturer at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, (from 2008 till September 2011)  
New editor of "Synthese"; Area: physics.

### P. Allo

- ◆ "Adaptive Logics presented in 'almost Amsterdam style': an outline and an application", *Dynamics Seminar, ILLC*, Amsterdam, 2007.
- ◆ "A Two-Level Approach to Logics of Data and Information", *Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, Oxford, 2007.

### A. Baltag

- ◆ PC Member of AiML 2008 (*Advances in Modal Logic*)
- ◆ PC Member of Lall'08 (*ESLLI Workshop on "Logic and Intelligent Interaction"*)
- ◆ PC Member of LOFT 2008 (*Logic and Foundations of Decision Theory and Game Theory*)
- ◆ PC Member of LORI 2007 (*International Workshop on Logic, Rationality and Interaction*)

#### Invited Speaker at:

- ◆ *The 15th Workshop on Games in Logic, Language and Computation (GLLC-15)*. University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, February 2008.
- ◆ *International Symposium on Logic and Physics*, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, January 2008.
- ◆ *The First International Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic (PIL'07)*, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom, 3-4 November 2007.
- ◆ *International Dagstuhl Seminar on Formal Models of Belief Change in Rational Agents* (Dagstuhl Seminar no. 07351), Dagstuhl, Germany, 26-30 August 2007.
- ◆ *International Workshop on Logic, Rationality and Interaction (LORI'07)*, Beijing, China, 5-9 August 2007.
- ◆ *International conference on Dynamic Logics for Social Agents: new trends in Philosophical research*, Montreal, Canada, 19-22 June 2007.
- ◆ *International Colloquium on New Perspectives on Games and Interaction*, Netherlands' Royal Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 5-7 January 2007.

#### Contributed Talks to Other Conferences:

- ◆ *13th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 9-15 August, 2007. Presentation of contributed talk.
- ◆ *The Ninth Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge (TARK 9)*, 25-27 June, 2007, Brussels, Belgium. Presentation of two contributed talks.

## H. Demir

- ◆ "The Animal's Perspective vs. The Observer's Perspective", *Things and Thoughts Symposium*, Bogazici University, Istanbul, October 2007.

## L. Floridi

### Invited Speaker at:

- ◆ *Philosophy of Science and Technology Division*, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, Fall 2008.
- ◆ *Invited speaker, Information Ethics Roundtable*, CUNY, Hunter College, New York, April/May 2008.
- ◆ *Fifth International Workshop on Philosophy and Informatics* organized by the Department for Philosophy of the University of Kaiserslautern and the Special Interest Group on Philosophy and Informatics of the German Informatics Society (Kaiserslautern, Germany, 1-2 April, 2008).
- ◆ Invited speaker, *Research Seminar on the Internet & Society*, Oxford Internet Institute Oxford, 25 February 2008.
- ◆ Göttingen Academy of Sciences, Göttingen, November 2007.
- ◆ Organiser and speaker, *First Workshop in the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, University of Oxford, Oxford, 3-4 November, 2007.
- ◆ Invited participant to *Artificial Companions in Society: Perspectives on the Present and Future*, Oxford Internet Institute and e-Horizons Institute, James Martin School of the 21st Century, in association with the EU Integrated Project [COMPANIONS](#), Oxford, 25-26 October, 2007.
- ◆ "What is life?", *University of Kyoto*, Kyoto, 14-21 October, 2007.
- ◆ Colloquium on *Philosophy of Science in Italy*, Center for Philosophy and History of Science, Boston University (Boston, 10-11 September, 2007).
- ◆ Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, *International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Kirchberg, Austria, 5-11 August, 2007.

## S. Gallagher

- ◆ "Merleau-Ponty and Cognitive Science", Keynote lecture, *Interdisciplinary conference on Philosophy of Psychology, Neuroscience and Biology*, University of Edinburgh, 27 June 2008.
- ◆ "The brains behind anti-social behavior", *International Symposium on the Foundations of Social Behavior*, University of Zurich, 18-21 June 2008, <http://www.socialbehavior.unizh.ch/index.html>
- ◆ "Hermeneutics, narrative, and the interpretation of others", *Mind and Culture group*, Rutgers University, 30 April 2008.
- ◆ "Direct perception in social cognition", *Vision Lab Lecture*, Harvard University, 22 April 2008.
- ◆ "Self and the sense of ownership for body and action", *Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative Seminar*, Harvard University, 21 April 2008.

## Grants

### A. Baltag

Visiting Research Grant. Awarded by NWO (Netherlands' Organization for Scientific Research). September 2007 March 2008.

### S. Gallagher

2007-09. National Science Foundation /ESF (PI). Eurocores Collaborative Research BASIC – CNCC for research on self and narrative (\$57k) 2007. European Science Foundation (PI) CNCC Conference support: Narratives Alternatives to Theories of Mind (€29k) 2007. European Science Foundation (PI) CNCC networking grant: Graduate Student Support for Conference (€13.5k)

### S. Gallagher and D. Hutto

2008. European Science Foundation (PI) Collegium/Summer School. San Marino University. (€45.5k)

### D. Polani

Co-Investigator in EU FEELIX GROWING Project (Coordinator: Lola Canamero)

### S. Smets

'Visiting Academic' at ILLC, Amsterdam, from September 2007 till March 2008, sponsored by the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research.

'Visiting Academic' at the School of Informatics, Indiana University, from March 2008 till August 2008, sponsored by the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research.

### M. Taddeo

Accepted to attend to the on "Formal Methods in Philosophy and Linguistics", 19-31 August 2007, Tartu, Estonia. <http://www.cohnitz.de/phpwcm/index.php?summerschool>

The attendance to the summer school has been financed by nordforsk <http://www.nordforsk.org/index.cfm?&lid=3>

## Events

### S. Gallagher and D. Hutto

#### Social Cognition and Social Narrative Summer School

The European Science Foundation and the ESF project Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context is sponsoring (€45,00.00) a one-week interdisciplinary collegium/summer school on contemporary research in the area of social cognition, theory of mind, and narrative theory at the University of San Marino in San Marino (geographically within Italy) July 7-13 2008. See the collegium website at

<http://www.philosophy.ucf.edu/pcs/smCollegium.html>><http://www.philosophy.ucf.edu/pcs/smCollegium.html>

Organizers: Shaun Gallagher, Dan Hutto, Dan Zahavi.

The collegium/summer school is open to a limited number of graduate students and post-doc researchers interested in theory of mind and the role of narrative and embodied intersubjectivity in our understanding of others. Research presentations, discussions, and tutorial sessions will allow researchers and students to share knowledge and interact. Students will have the opportunity to earn 15 points in the ECTS system.

## Workshops

### J. Søraker

Local organizer of "The Good Life in a Technological Age", International Workshop at University of Twente, June 12-14, 2008.

- ◆ "Trouble in the specious present", *European Platform for Life Sciences, Mind Sciences, and the Humanities*, Volkswagen Foundation Workshop on Time-Consciousness, University of Edinburgh, 1-3 April 2008.
- ◆ "Gestures in social cognition", Keynote lecture, *Conference on Body Language*, Faculty of Humanities, Tilburg University, The Netherlands, 13-14 March 2008.
- ◆ "Direct perception in social cognition", *Philosophy colloquium*, University of Hertfordshire, 5 February 2008.
- ◆ "Non-representationalism in action", *Life and Mind Seminar*, University of Sussex, 4 February 2008.
- ◆ "Brain, body, and beyond", *Subjectivity and the body: Espra2 Conference*, University of Copenhagen, 29 January-1 February 2008.

### D. Hutto

- ◆ "Descartes: The First Cognitive Revolutionary", *The Spectre of Cartesianism and the Analytic/Continental Divide*, Nijmegen, Aug 2008.
- ◆ "The Narrative Practices Hypothesis: Clarified and Defended", *Social Cognition and Social Narrative collegium/summer school*, San Marino, July 2008.
- ◆ "Getting Clear about Perspicuous Presentations", *British Wittgenstein Society Inaugural Conference*, Hertfordshire, June 2008.
- ◆ "Pictures, Perspicuous Presentations and Philosophical Theories", *Expressions of Analogy*, New University of Lisbon, Lisbon, May 2008.
- ◆ "Narrative Practice Hypothesis: Six Challenges", *Séminaire d'épistémologie des sciences cognitives*, Lyon, April 2008.
- ◆ "Mental Causation Revisited", *The Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture Series*, Cardiff. RIP series, Cardiff, April 2008.

### M. Jago

- ◆ "Is Logical Information Vague?", *First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, Oxford, 4 November, 2007
- ◆ "A paradox of 'In virtue of'", *'Because' conference*, University of Geneva, 15-17 February 2008.

### G. Primiero

- ◆ "Becoming Informed: the constructive perspective", *First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, Philosophy Centre, University of Oxford, 3-4 November 2007.
- ◆ "Interacting Beliefs", Philosophy department, TU Delft (NL), 19 November 2007.
- ◆ "A model for processing updates with inconsistent information", *The Fourth World Congress on Paraconsistency*, University of Melbourne, 13-18 July 2008.

### D. Polani

- ◆ Invited lead panel speaker at *European Conference on Artificial Life on Cognition, Morphodynamics and Information*, September 2007
- ◆ *Honda Research Institute* in Offenbach/Germany, April 2007
- ◆ *International Conference on Morphological Computation*, ECLT, Venice, March 2007.

**M. Sicart**

- ◆ "The Banality of Simulated Evil: Ethics of Game Design", accepted at the *iEnter event*, Barcelona, February 2008 (ienter.es)

**S. Sequoiah-Grayson**

- ◆ "Information Gain from Inference", LogKCA-07, International Workshop on Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge, Communication, and Action, Donostia - San Sebastian, Spain, 28-30 November, 2007.
- ◆ "Revising Who's Logic? - Reply to Hartry Field's Revising our Logic", *Keynote at the 11th annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*, University of Oxford, 10-11 November 2007.
- ◆ "A Positive Information Logic", *PIL-07, The First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, IEG, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 3-4 November, 2007

**J. Søraker**

- ◆ "Aesthetics and Creativity in Second Life", Invited speaker at *ArtEZ AKI*, Dutch Academy of Visual Arts, 12 December 2007.
- ◆ Member of programme committee and track-chair at ECAP'08, Montpellier, France, 16-18 June 2008.

**S. Smets**

- ◆ "Dynamic Epistemic Quantum Logic", *Logic Tea Seminar, ILLC*, University of Amsterdam, 27 September 2007.
- ◆ "A Dynamic-Logical Perspective on Quantum Behavior", *Seminar on Logics for Dynamics of Information and Preferences, ILLC*, University of Amsterdam, 17 October 2007.
- ◆ "Dynamic Logic meets Quantum Information", Invited talk at *the First Workshop on the Philosophy of Information and Logic*, Oxford University, UK, 3-4 November 2007.
- ◆ "An Abstract Dynamic-Logical Setting for Quantum Mechanic", *Mathematical Logic Seminar, ILLC*, University of Amsterdam, 30 November 2007.
- ◆ "A Dynamic Understanding of Doxastic Attitudes", Invited talk at *the International Workshop on Science in Flux*, Sweden, Lund University, 7-8 December 2007.
- ◆ "A Dynamic Approach to Conditionals", Invited talk at *the International Workshop "What if? So what!" on counterfactual conditionals*, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, 17-20 December 2007.
- ◆ joint with **A. Baltag**, "A dynamic-logical perspective on quantum behavior", Invited talk at *the International Symposium on Logic and Physics*, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, 11 January 2008.

**M. Turilli**

- ◆ "Informational Transparency for Autonomous Computational Artefacts", Invited paper for the first conference on *Information and Communication Technologies, Transparency and Corporate Responsibility: Social and Ethical Considerations in the Global Economy*, 7-9 November 2007, Universidade Católica Portuguesa and Carnegie Mellon University,

**Projects****S. Gallagher**

- ◆ Reading room art and science installation. The Second International Arakawa + Gins: Architecture + Philosophy Conference. University of Pennsylvania (4-6 April 2008).

**D. Polani**

- ◆ Principled information-theoretic models of the perception-action loop
- ◆ Adaptation, learning and sensor evolution studies and methodologies based on above approaches
- ◆ Origins of life and intelligence

**S. Smets**

Upcoming VLAC Cluster Collaboration project: "On Truth, Knowability and Learnability: A Temporal Logical Analysis of a Paradox by Fitch". 1.09.2008 – 31.12.2008 Collaboration-project between Dr. S. Smets (Brussels) and Prof. Dr. G. Sandu (IHPST, Parijs). Funded by VLAC – Flemisch Academic Centre for Science and Arts, Palace of the Academies, Brussels

**Media related Activities****L. Floridi**

INSEIT Member spotlight  
[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/cipr/floridi\\_inseit\\_interview.htm](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/cipr/floridi_inseit_interview.htm)

**S. Gallagher**

2008. *The embodied mind*. Interviewed by Martin Hubert. German Public Radio, Science in Focus (Wissenschaft im Brennpunkt) special program on The Body in the Head [Körper im Kopf] (recorded March 13, 2007 at Bochum Universität. Aired 20 January 2008 4-5pm. Listen (Flash button) at <http://www.dradio.de/dlf/sendungen/wib> 2008. *Gesture and learning*. Interviewed by Drake Bennett for article, "Don't just stand there, think!" published in The Boston Globe Ideas section. (13 January 2008).

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**About GPI & IEG**

The GPI is an interdisciplinary group of researchers from the Philosophy Department and the Computer Science School at the University of Hertfordshire.

The IEG is the research group on the philosophy of information (PI) at Oxford University. It is the result of a collaboration between OUCL (the Oxford University Computing Laboratory) and the Faculty of Philosophy, within Oxford.

Both groups are interested in the nature, logic, dynamical processes and ethical implications of information and information technologies, including computation and computer science.