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Philosophy and Psychiatry
Vienna, July 1–12, 2019

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Topics will include:
1. the concept of mental disorder
2. psychiatric classification
3. the role of values in psychiatry
4. social constructionist accounts of disorder
5. the roles of explanation and understanding, including idiographic and narrative understanding in psychiatry
6. culture bound syndromes
7. social epistemology
8. recovery

Rachel Cooper (Lancaster University)

Rachel Cooper is Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at Lancaster University, UK. Her research focuses on conceptual problems around psychiatric classification, and on understanding concepts of disorder and health. Her most recent book, Diagnosing the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Karnac, 2014), examines issues with the DSM-5, the latest edition of the classification of mental disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association. Her earlier monograph Classifying Madness (Springer, 2005) also concerns philosophical problems with psychiatric classification. She is also very interested in problems having to do with the concept of disorder, and is trying to work out what makes a condition count as a disorder, as opposed to a moral failing, or normal variation. She has written widely on this problem, and hopes to finish off a book on the issue in the next couple of years. Her other major publications include Psychiatry and the Philosophy of Science (2007, Acumen) which examines the ways in which psychiatric science is like and unlike more established sciences.

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Dominic Murphy (The University of Sydney)

Dominic Murphy studied philosophy at the University of Dublin and University College London, before obtaining a PhD from Rutgers under the supervision of Stephen Stich. He was a Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology postdoc at Washington University in St. Louis, before becoming Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Caltech. In 2008 he moved to Sydney as Senior lecturer, becoming an Associate Professor and Head of the History and Philosophy of Science Department in 2012. Currently, he is director of the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science. He has held visiting fellowships at the Pittsburgh HPS centre and the Université Francois Rabelais, Tours. He is the author of Psychiatry in the Scientific Image (MIT Press 2006) and the co-editor of Stich and His Critics (Blackwell 2009), as well as papers in philosophy of psychiatry, philosophy of medicine, moral psychology and philosophy of mind.

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Tim Thornton (University of Central Lancashire)

Tim Thornton is Professor of Philosophy and Mental Health at the University of Central Lancashire. As well as contemporary philosophy of thought and language, his research concerns conceptual issues at the heart of mental health care. He has published research papers and chapters on clinical judgement, idiographic and narrative understanding, the interpretation of psychopathology and reductionism and social constructionism in psychiatry. He is author of Essential Philosophy of Psychiatry (OUP 2007), Wittgenstein on Language and Thought (EUP 1998), John McDowell (Acumen 2004) and co-author of the Oxford Textbook of Philosophy and Psychiatry (OUP 2006) and Tacit Knowledge (Acumen 2013). He is an editor of the Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Psychiatry (OUP 2014) and Senior Editor of the journal Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology. With Gloria Ayob, he runs a Philosophy and Mental Health distance learning teaching postgraduate programme at the University of Central Lancashire.

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Costs and Information

Cost of the program: € 880
Lodging in student dormitories is available at approximately € 450 for the whole duration of the course.
For further information, see: www.univie.ac.at/ivc/SWC
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Since 2001 the University of Vienna and the Institute Vienna Circle have been holding an annual two-week summer program dedicated to major current issues in the natural and social sciences, their history and philosophy. The title of the program reflects the heritage of the Vienna Circle which promoted interdisciplinary and philosophical investigations based on solid disciplinary knowledge.

As an international interdisciplinary program, USS-SWC will bring graduate students in close contact with world-renowned scholars. It will operate under the academic supervision of an International Program Committee of distinguished philosophers, historians, and scientists. The program is directed primarily to graduate students and junior researchers in fields related to the annual topic, but the organizers also encourage applications from gifted undergraduates and from people in all stages of their career who wish to broaden their horizon through cross-disciplinary foundational issues in science.

The summer course consists of morning sessions, chaired by distinguished lecturers which focus on reading assigned to students in advance. Afternoon sessions are made up of smaller groups which offer senior students the opportunity to discuss their own papers with one of the main lecturers.

USS-SWC is part of the FWF Doctoral Program "The Sciences in Historical, Philosophical and Cultural Contexts".
http://dkplus-sciences-contexts.univie.ac.at/

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VISU 2001
Unity and Plurality in Science
Main Lecturers: Don Howard (University of Notre Dame)
Elliott Sober (University of Wisconsin)
Guest Lecturer: Brigitte Falkenburg (University of Dortmund)
Assis. Lecturer: Christopher Hitchcock (California Institute of Technology)
David J. Stump (University of San Francisco)

VISU 2002
Mind and Computation
Main Lecturers: Michael Hagner (Max Planck Inst. for the History of Science, Berlin)
Brian McLaughlin (Rutgers University, New Brunswick)
Guest Lecturer: Anton Zeilinger (University of Vienna)
Assis. Lecturer: Güven Güzeldere (Duke University)
Paul Ziche (Bayreuther Akademie der Wissenschaften)

VISU 2003
Biological and Cosmological Evolution
Main Lecturers: Karl Sigmund (University of Vienna)
Robert M. Wald (University of Chicago)
Édouard Szathmáry (Edvör's Loránd University)
Assis. Lecturer: Daniel Holz (University of California, Santa Barbara)

VISU 2004
The Quest for Objectivity
Lecturers: John Beatty (University of British Columbia)
Michael Friedman (Stanford University)
Helen Longino (University of Minnesota)

VISU 2005
Chance and Necessity
Main Lecturers: Theodore M. Porter (University of California, LA)
Wolfgang Spohn (University of Konstanz)
Assis. Lecturer: Deborah Coen (Harvard University)
Franz Huber (University of Konstanz)

VISU 2006
Philosophy and Economics
Main Lecturers: Geoffrey Brennan (Duke University)
Hartmut Kliemt (University of Duisburg)
Assis. Lecturer: Bernd Laho (University of Duisburg)

VISU 2007
Consensus in Science
Main Lecturers: Naomi Oreskes (University of California, San Diego)
Miriam Solomon (Temple University, Philadelphia)
Andrzej Wróblewski (Warsaw University)
Guest Lecturer: Keith Lehrer (University of Arizona, Tucson)

VISU 2008
History and Philosophy of the Biomedical Sciences
Main Lecturers: Rachel A. Ankeny (University of Adelaide)
Bernardino Fantini (University of Genova)
David Wootton (University of York)
Guest Lecturer: Keith Wailoo (Rutgers University)

VISU 2009
The Culture of Science and Its Philosophy
Main Lecturers: Ronald Giere (University of Minnesota)
Mary Jo Nye (Oregon State University)
Alan Richardson (University of British Columbia)
Guest Lecturer: Peter Galison (Harvard University)

VISU 2010
The Science of the Conscious Mind
Main Lecturers: Ulf Arvidsson (Technical University Berlin)
Owen Flanagan (Duke University)
Michael Pauen (Humboldt-University zu Berlin)
Guest Lecturer: J. Allan Hobson (Harvard Medical School)

VISU 2011
The Nature of Scientific Evidence
Main Lecturers: Hasok Chang (University of Cambridge)
Tal Golan (University of California, San Diego)
David Lagnado (University College London)
Guest Lecturer: Philip Dawid (University of Cambridge)

VISU 2012
Applied Science, Historical, Epistemological, and Institutional Characteristics
Main Lecturers: Martin Carrier (Bielefeld University)
Rose-Mary Sargent (Merrimack College)
Peter Weingart (Bielefeld University)
Guest Lecturer: William Butz (IIASA, Laxenburg)

VISU 2013
Climate Studies
Main Lecturers: Jim Fleming (Colby College)
Roman Frigg (London School of Economics)
Wendy Parker (Ohio University)
Guest Lecturer: Angela Kallhoff (University of Vienna)

VISU 2014
Humans/Animals, A Contested Boundary
Main Lecturers: Richard Burkhartd (University of Illinois)
Susan Jones (University of Minnesota)
Georgia Montgomery (Michigan State University)
Guest Lecturers: Mitchell Ash, Herwig Grimm (University of Vienna)
Tom Tyler (Oxford Brooks University)

USS-SWC 2015
The Computational Turn, Simulation in Science
Main Lecturers: Rainer Hegselmann (University of Bayreuth)
Paul Humphreys (University of Virginia)
Margaret Morrison (University of Toronto)
Guest Lecturer: Kevin Zollmann (Carnegie Mellon University)

USS-SWC 2016
Science, Democracy, and Values?
Main Lecturers: Mark Brown (California State University, Sacramento)
Heather Douglas (University of Waterloo)
Andrew Jewett (Harvard University)
Guest Lecturer: Alexander Bogner (Österr. Akademie der Wissenschaften)

USS-SWC 2017
Economics: Philosophy, Ethics and Policy
Main Lecturers: Robert Cook-Deegan (Arizona State University)
Paul E. Griffiths (University of Sydney)
Jenny Reardon (University of California, Santa Cruz)
Guest Lecturer: William English (Georgetown University, Washington, DC)

USS-SWC 2018
Thought Experiment
Main Lecturers: Elke Brendel (University of Bonn)
James Robert Brown (University of Toronto)
John D. Norton (University of Pittsburgh)
Guest Lecturer: Mauricio Suárez (Complutense University of Madrid)

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