

Organisms, Machines and Mechanisms

Speakers

Marie Kaiser, University of Cologne
Alan Love, University of Minnesota
Peter McLaughlin, University of Heidelberg
Marco Nathan, University of Denver
Dan Nicholson, University of Exeter
Marianne Schark, Charité Berlin
Johanna Seibt, Aarhus University
Ulrich Stegmann, University of Aberdeen
Arno Wouters, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Program

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Room B214, Uni Bastion, [5 rue de Candolle](#)

- 09:30 Coffee
- 10:00 Alan Love, University of Minnesota
Prolegomenon to a naturalized metaphysics of biological practice
- 11:00 Marie Kaiser, University of Cologne
Part-whole relations in biology
- 12:00 Lunch at the Uni Dufour cafeteria, [24 rue du Général Dufour](#)

Room A206, Uni Bastion, [5 rue de Candolle](#)

- 13:30 Ulrich Stegmann, University of Aberdeen
Genes and causal patterns
- 14:30 Marianne Schark, Charité Berlin
Essentialism and biological kinds
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 Johanna Seibt, Aarhus University
Biological mechanisms: a process-ontological classification
- 17:00 Dan Nicholson, University of Exeter
Is the cell really a machine?

Workshop dinner at [Bains des Pâquis](#), [30 quai du Mont-Blanc](#).

Friday, December 6, 2013

Room A206, Uni Bastion, [5 rue de Candolle](#)

- 09:00 Peter McLaughlin, University of Heidelberg
Natural selection explanations: are eyes for seeing and legs for walking?
- 10:00 Arno Wouters, Erasmus University Rotterdam

The organizational role account of function: accounting for the explanatory force of having a function

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Marco Nathan, University of Denver
Biological counterfactuals

12:30 Lunch at the Uni Dufour cafeteria, [24 rue du Général Dufour](#)

Venue and accommodation

The workshop takes place at Uni Bastion, [5 rue de Candolle](#), in room B214 (Thursday morning) and room A206 (Thursday afternoon and Friday).

Invited speakers are hosted at [Hôtel des Tourelles, 2 boulevard James-Fazy](#).

Further information

The workshop is organized by [Marcel Weber](#), Guillaume Schlaepfer and [Maximilian Huber](#). For further information please contact [Maximilian Huber](#).