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The year 2015 was in some ways marked by the fact that CSMN is soon coming to an end. Some of our young people have moved on to new careers in other countries, some activities have the end in view, and new projects that carry with them promise for post-CSMN life come into being. On the other side, the events and activities are just as numerous as they ever were.

The year started with a workshop on conceptual engineering organized by Herman Cappelen, and it ended with him, together with Camilla Serck-Hanssen and Øystein Linnebo being awarded a very major grant, “top-research” grant precisely on conceptual engineering: Interdisciplinary work with philosophy at its core, directed at systematic theorizing about how to improve concepts. This project is surely a way of bringing the CSMN ideas further, this time in interaction with people in the hosting department who have previously interacted with CSMN in several ways.

One highlight of the year was the yearly Lecture on Mind in Nature given by Peter Railton, where he presented a whole new view of the mind. He integrated perspectives and insights from philosophy, psychology, and neuroscience into a big, new, well argued, and fascinating vision of the human mind, with a large role for motivation and agency. Peter has been a collaborator with CSMN throughout its existence, and much work leading up to his new view has been presented at CSMN, and developed in interaction with CSMN.

We have through our existence been quite conscious about creating an environment where female researchers can thrive. This year, it is noticeable how well many of the young women at CSMN have been doing when it comes to publications. We may not have done everything right, but we must have done something right. CSMN has had many female collaborators, and the research environment has been, we think, inclusive and supportive.

It looks as if the coming year will be as active as any year in the past. We look forward to that activity, confident that there will be a real legacy from CSMN in Oslo philosophy.
New Team member

In 2015, CSMN welcomed one new employee: Kristoffer Sundberg, a doctoral fellow associated with the Thought and Sense project.

KRISTOFFER SUNDBERG

Kristoffer Sundberg joined CSMN as a PhD fellow in September 2015 as a part of the “Thought and Sense” project. Kristoffer’s dissertation project concerns the limits and scope of perceptual experience. Where does perception end and cognition begin? It is beyond a doubt that we perceive objects with certain shapes and certain colours. But do we also have a perceptual experience of higher properties, like the property of being an apple, a police officer or a guitar? It is uncontroversial that we can make a judgment about a higher property on the basis of perception. The more interesting question is whether or not they are part of the perceptual experience.

Though Kristoffer’s main field of interest in philosophy is the philosophy of perception, he has published, not only on the philosophy of perception, but also on such themes as the coherence of relativism and social ontology, and taught philosophy to adults at Folkuniversitet. Kristoffer has an MA in philosophy and a BA in history from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
The project investigates children’s developing ability to use and understand figurative language appropriately in context, focusing on metonymy (e.g., ‘Dora is on the top shelf,’ where ‘Dora’ refers to ‘the book about Dora’) and irony (‘What lovely weather we’re having!’ said in a downpour).

Whereas children’s competence with metaphor has been debated in the developmental literature for several decades, studies of irony acquisition have been far fewer, and metonymy acquisition has hardly been studied at all. This project will investigate and compare the developmental trajectories of metonymy and irony, with the aim of expanding our knowledge of children’s ability with figurative language and their pragmatic ability more generally.

The project will also investigate how the acquisition of metonymy and irony interacts with the development of two other communication-relevant abilities which plausibly influence figurative language comprehension: metalinguistic awareness, that is, the ability to reflect on language, and so-called epistemic vigilance, that is, the ability to filter out misinformation from communicated contents, such as lies and mistakes.

There are two subprojects:

(a) Metonymy development
This subproject investigates children’s use and understanding of metonymic expressions. Among the hypotheses to be tested are whether metonymy provides young children with a communicative strategy that could compensate for vocabulary gaps and/or limited expressive ability, and whether the development of metonymy comprehension correlates with the emergence of a metalinguistic ability.

(b) Irony development
Few developmental studies of irony have specifically tested claims made by theories of adults’ understanding of verbal irony. This subproject aims to test some of the predictions of the relevance-theoretic echoic analysis of verbal irony using developmental data, and whether irony understanding might be associated with the capacity for epistemic vigilance towards deception.
New project II

Thought and Sense

The project investigates the area of the mind where perception ends and thinking begins: is there a ‘joint’ in the mind in this area, a smooth transition, or a rag-bag of diverse, non-overlapping contrasts? More specifically, we will look at four mooted contrasts between perception and cognition: (i) temporality (does perception present temporal relations in a fundamentally different way from how thought does?), (ii) conceptuality (is there a good sense in which perception is non-conceptual, thought conceptual?), (iii) modularity (is perception impervious to reasoned changes in one’s beliefs, in a way cognition classically has been held not to be?), (iv) immediacy (what can be made of the traditional idea that perception is an immediate presentation of objects, whereas thought is somehow more mediate?).

The local project team includes Sebastian Watzl (project manager) and Anders Nes, who have been joined by our new PhD candidate Kristoffer Sundberg. In addition, we will collaborate with a network of researchers in the philosophies of mind and psychology in Europe and North America.

Thought and Sense: On the Interface between Perception and Cognition is a three-year research project based at CSMN and funded by the Research Council of Norway, through a FRIPRO grant. The project was conceived jointly by CSMN members Sebastian Watzl and Anders Nes.

The project started its activities in summer of 2015. So far, we have sponsored talks by John Morrison, Robert Briscoe, and Jan Almäng, and hosted a kick-off workshop bringing together members from our international network with the local crew. The next years will see workshops on each of the four project sub-domains (starting with one on temporal awareness in thought and perception in October 2016), as well as a bigger conference.

Thought and Sense

Wassily Kandinsky “Composition IX” (1913). Much of Kandinsky’s work (just like other abstract painting) can be seen as an artistic illustration of the interplay between the most abstract and cognitive and the most concrete and sensible.
Hosting department

Mathilde Skoie on CSMN’s cooperation with IFIKK, the hosting department at the University of Oslo

As the ten years of funding for CSMN is getting towards an end, the crucial question for the department is how we can best draw upon the competence and resources in the centre to further the development of CSMN-related research and, more generally, philosophy in Oslo. Last year, philosophy in Oslo made a big leap in the QS-ranking and was nominated “climber of the year” at the University of Oslo. This is very much an effect of CSMN. Of course one should take these rankings with many pinches of salt, but that we have some standing is corroborated by the impressive list of applicants in our recent hiring processes.

The integration of CSMN in departmental life is of course crucial for a successful continuation of the activities and networks within a departmental framework. The integration of CSMN has been an important issue for me as Head of department all along, but is of course even more important in this phase. Almost all members of the CSMN staff have had some teaching in the department. All activities are open to all members of staff and all our students. We have already made two joint hirings with the centre (Sebastian Watzl and Caj Strandberg), which the department will take over at the end of CSMN. This is one very explicit way of securing continuity within a departmental framework.

Another important way to continue CSMN-related research is of course to secure further external funding. In terms of obtaining external funding, the centre has already been an important hub for successful grant proposals. Several projects have secured funding which will maintain research also after the end of CSMN’s period of funding. Most recently, the Norwegian Research Council awarded a so-called Toppforsk-grant to the group behind our new ConceptLab. This is an excellent example of integration and synergy between CSMN (Herman Cappelen) and the department (Øystein Linnebo and Camilla Serck-Hanssen).

CSMN has contributed to putting philosophy in Oslo on the map. The exciting challenge now is to make the most of this position to further enhance CSMN-related research and philosophy in Oslo. This is a joint task for IFIKK and CSMN.

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## The CSMN Affiliate program

The CSMN affiliate program welcomes former CSMN researchers, PhD students and postdoc fellows whose work falls within CSMN’s broad remit to participate in research activities at the centre. In 2015 CSMN got 3 new affiliates.

The CSMN affiliate program is first and foremost open to PhD and postdoc fellows at the University of Oslo. Former CSMN PhDs and postdocs will automatically become affiliates of the centre. By drawing researchers from across the University to the activities of CSMN, the affiliate program both enriches the working environment for individual researchers and enhances the research power of CSMN.

There are three ongoing seminar series at CSMN: the CSMN colloquium, the PPPE club, and the Work in Progress seminar. Affiliates are encouraged to present their work in progress here and at other events hosted by CSMN. Affiliates may also apply for research travel funding. In addition to this, affiliates actively participate in the coorganization of workshops and seminars, and some have co-taught seminars together with CSMN researchers.

Currently, CSMN has 14 female and 28 male affiliates. There are 42 affiliates all together. 3 of them are new in 2015, 12 of them are PhD students, 4 are former PhD students at CSMN and 3 are former postdocs at CSMN. The remaining 23 – most of them former guests at CSMN – hold postdoctoral or other researcher appointments.

### List of Affiliates

- Nicholas Allott
- Kim Angell
- Trine Antonsen
- Frank O. Barel
- Lene Bomann-Larsen
- Katharine Browne
- Einar Dvengen Bohn
- Ben Caplan
- Andreas Brekke Carlsson
- Lars Christie
- Anna Daria Drozdowicz
- Jakob Elster
- Julian Fink
- Guru Flogstad
- Espen Gamlund
- Heine Holmen
- Robert Huseby
- Georg Kiell
- Jonathan Knowles
- Ole Koksvik
- Silje Aamba Langvatn
- Jon A. Lindstrøm
- Jon Liland
- Mari Løbben
- Terje Lohndal
- Jorid Moen
- Hedda Hassel Merch
- Gry Ofteid
- Tor Otterholt
- Jeroen Rijnders
- Monica Roland
- Paul Ræstad
- Mathias Sagdahl
- John Richard Sageng
- Feroz M. Shah
- Carl Tollef Solberg
- Rachel Sterken
- Andreas Stokke
- Anders Strand
- Margot Strohminger
- Leo Charles Townsend
- Solveig Aasen

New affiliates in 2015 (from left to right): Jeroen Rijnders, Carl Tollef Solberg and Nicholas Allott
Disputation and Award

New Doctor

NICK HUGHES
Nick Hughes defended his thesis “Essays on the Nature and Roles of Knowledge” for the degree of philosophiae doctor (PhD) on the 15th of May.

The Adjudication committee consisted of Associate Professor Sebastian Watzl, University of Oslo (administrator), Professor Timothy Williamson, Oxford University (first opponent), Professor Jennifer Lackey, Northwestern University (second opponent), and Senior Lecturer Patrick Greenough, University of St. Andrews. The defense was chaired by Head of Department Mathilde Skoie

Nick developed his thesis under the supervision of Olav Gjølevik and Herman Cappelen, and he carried out his doctoral training under an agreement between the University of St. Andrews and UiO about joint supervision, exchange and coursework. As a result, he has earned a so-called double badge degree.

Research Prize

JAN TERJE FAARLUND
On the 8th of September 2015, Jan Terje Faarlund was awarded the Professor Ingerid Dal og søster Ulrikke Greve Dals Prize for Research.

The prize, which is administrated by the University of Oslo, is awarded at irregular intervals and only when the committee finds a suitable candidate, to persons who have made a significant contribution within the fields of Philosophy, Linguistics or Mathematics. Jan Terje was awarded the prize for his outstanding work in linguistics.
Linguistic Agency

The team members of Linguistic Agency have had a productive 2015. Together with CSMN affiliates who work on LA-related topics – 9 people altogether – they published 18 articles/books, and gave 33 talks abroad.

LA hosted four workshops during the year. In January, Herman Cappelen organized a workshop on Conceptual Engineering. The speakers were Jennifer Saul (Sheffield), Mark Richard (Harvard), Herman Cappelen (UiO/St. Andrews), David Plunkett (Dartmouth), Ingo Brigandt (Alberta), Kevin Scharp (Ohio), and Henry Jackman (York). There was also a round-table discussion with Simon Blackburn (Cambridge and UNC), Patrick Greenough (St. Andrews) and Sally Haslanger (MIT).

In May, we held a workshop on the First-Person Perspective at the Norwegian Institute at Athens. In a hospitable atmosphere, several papers – which for the most part were distributed in advance – were discussed. The following gave papers: L.A. Paul (UNC Chapel Hill/St. Andrews), Olav Gjelsvik (UiO), Manuel Garcia-Carpintero (Barcelona), Mike Tielbaum (UW Madison), Susanna Schellenberg (Rutgers), Daniel Morgan (London), Dilip Ninan (Tufts), Herman Cappelen (UiO/St. Andrews), Josh Dever (UT Austin), Andy Egan (Rutgers), Annalisa Coliva (Modena) and David Chalmers (NYU). Many of these papers will appear in a special issue of Inquiry, with Josh Dever and Olav Gjelsvik as editors.

With Robyn Carston in charge, and in collaboration with the RA branch, we hosted the third biennial conference of the Philosophy of Language and Mind Network (PLM). For details, see page 48.

In November Torfinn Huvenes and Rachel Sterken organized a workshop at Harvard, together with colleagues there. The workshop on ‘Genericity in Philosophy and Linguistics’ was organized as a preparation for a special issue of Inquiry on that topic.

With regard to individual projects, 2015 has been prosperous.

Herman Cappelen, together with Ernie Lepore, published the book ‘Liberating Content’ at Oxford University Press. A highlight of the year was the ‘top-research’ grant awarded to Cappelen/Serck-Hanssen/Linnebo’s project ‘ConceptLab.’ The grant funds research activities, Professor II-
PhD-, and postdoc positions over a period of five years.

Ingrid Lossius Falkum’s postdoc project ‘Metonymy in Context and Communication’ ended in May, but happily, she remains at CSMN with her new research project ‘Acquiring Figurative Meaning,’ which started in June, funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

Deirdre Wilson and Dan Sperber continue their close collaboration on meaning and communication. Their research resulted in two publications in 2015. Sperber has worked on a book on reasoning that will be published in 2016.

Juhani Yli-Vakkuri’s postdoc position ended in September, and he continues to stay at CSMN as an affiliate for still a period of time. In 2015, he has worked on two books to be published in 2016: ‘Narrow Content’ (OUP, co-written with John Hawthorne) and ‘Williamson on Modality’ (Routledge, co-edited with Mark McCullagh).

Torfinn Huvenes has had his first full year as a postdoc at CSMN. Torfinn actively contributed to the CSMN environment by organizing the weekly CSMN colloquium and biweekly Work in Progress seminar.

Paula Rubio-Fernandez continued her research project ‘Saying Enough, without Saying Too Much,’ a project that investigates how communication develops across the life-span.

Jan Terje Faarlund received much attention for his and Joseph E. Emond’s controversial thoughts about how Viking descendants reshaped the English language. He was also honoured with Professor Ingerid Dal og søster Ulrikke Greve Dals Prize for Research (see page 16).

Last but not least, many congratulations to CSMN affiliate Anna Drozdowicz, who successfully defended her dissertation ‘Investigating Utterance Meaning – Essays in the Epistemology of Language’ on the fourth of December. The opponents were Professor Berit Brogaard (University of Miami, and UiO, where she holds a Professor II position) and research fellow François Recanati (Centre national de la recherche scientifique). Bjørn Ramberg acted as the committee’s administrator. Anna’s supervisors have been Carsten Hansen, Deirdre Wilson and Nick Allott.
In 2015, the main focus of the Moral Agency team was on discussions of competing accounts of moral agency and its underlying intellectual and emotional competence. Five of our research courses and workshops were dedicated to this topic:

(1) One of the highlights of 2015 was the workshop on Virtue and Skill, co-organized by Christel Fricke and Julia Annas. This workshop brought together researchers from different academic disciplines who explored the particular kind of intellectual competence a moral agent is expected to have, namely ‘skill’. Julia Annas (Arizona) and Matt Stichter (Washington State) suggested an understanding of skill in terms of ‘knowing how’ to choose what is right to do for an agent under particular circumstances. Peter Railton (Michigan) talked on his recent research on ‘Social Skill and Empathic Modelling’, and neuro-psychologist Darcia Narvaez (Notre Dame) presented her research on the neuro-psychological foundations of virtue, pointing out in particular the intersubjective nature of emotional and moral learning. Matthias Haase (Leipzig) looked at virtue in terms of ‘Power and Habit’. For this workshop, Wil Small came back to Oslo. He was a postdoc at CSMN before he was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

(2) Cooperating again with Julia Annas, Christel Fricke hosted a workshop on Adam Smith and Virtue. Christel’s work has long been inspired by Smith’s work in moral philosophy by Adam Smith. The main question explored was whether and to what extent an agent is accountable for his moral ignorance and for his holding false moral beliefs. In 2015, Christel Fricke continued her research on the emotional and intellectual conditions of moral competence and gave several talks on this topic. In this framework, she tries to develop answers to two normative questions: Why should we try to make our moral judgments impartial and how should we proceed in order to achieve this goal? How can concerns for impartiality help to address and settle moral disagreements? In the framework of an MA-course co-taught with Caj Strandberg, Carla Bagnoli, and Reidar Maliks, she returned to previous work on Kant’s moral and political thought, arguing that Kant’s doctrine of moral autonomy should be understood as the core idea of his revision of meta-physics and that there is no smooth transition from moral responsibility to impartiality. In 2015, Christel Fricke continued her research on the right action to do for an agent under particular circumstances. Will Small came back to Oslo. He was a postdoc at CSMN before he was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

(3) A workshop on Impartiality as a Democratic Value brought together scholars who took their starting point from the claim that majority building (through processes of voting) cannot alone guarantee that a democratic society is committed to the morally right values—the voting procedure does not exclude partisanship. They explored the idea how a commitment to impartiality could limit these dangers and what procedural shape such a limitation should take. Speakers at this workshop included Stefan Gosepath (Berlin), Kalle Moene (ESOP, Oslo), Konstantinos Papageorgiou and Yannis Tassopoulos (both Athens), as well as Lisa Hill (Adelaide).

(4) Caj Strandberg and Carla Bagnoli co-hosted the first conference of the ENPRNP (European Network of Practical Rationality and Normative Psychology) on Constraints and Vulnerability. This conference was designed to discuss new work on the epistemic and practical constraints that bear on the exercise of practical rationality, in the light of recent researches on mutual vulnerability and dependence. Participants included Laurent Jaffro (Paris 1), Fahienne Peters (Warwick), Douglas Lavin (UCL, London), Caj Strandberg (CSMN, Oslo), Caroline T. Arruda (Texas at El Paso), Edward Harcourt (Oxford), Carla Bagnoli (Modena/CSMN, Oslo), Marlène Jouan (Grenoble), Elisabetta Galeotti (Verretti/Columbia), and Christine Strauss (Montreal).

(5) Finally, since Gideon Rosen (Princeton) was in town as a member of the PhD committee for Andreas Brekke Carlson, he accepted an invitation to teach a PhD course on Moral Responsibility and Ignorance. The main question explored was whether and to what extent an agent is accountable for his moral ignorance and for his holding false moral beliefs.

In 2015, Caj Strandberg developed what he calls an “ecumenical” view of normative reasons; his claim is that people’s normative reasons to act can depend both on their rational desires—the desires they would have had they gone through a process of rational deliberation—and objective features of actions. In this way, he argues, it is possible to defend the existence of categorical moral reasons—moral reasons you have irrespective of what you want to do—that are metaphysically, epistemologically, and motivationally innocent. He submitted three texts for publication in which he argues for this view. Furthermore, he presented his core idea at two workshops. Caj also pursued his interest in how to best characterize the connection between moral language and attitudes. Together with former colleagues in Gothenburg, he edited a volume, Moral Motivation, published by Oxford University Press, with articles by Michael Smith, Sigrún Svavarðsdóttir, Jesse Prinz, and other prominent philosophers. This strand of his research interest generated four publications in 2015: three articles in international journals and a contribution to the above mentioned volume.
his moral to his political thought. Accordingly, she defends sentimentalist accounts of moral judgments against neo-Kantian conceptions. She is now in the process of finalizing several papers on these topics. In 2015, the special issue of the Journal of Value Inquiry on “Nature, Culture, Gods, and Reason – Exploring Evaluative and Normative Constraints on Right Action in a Historical and Comparative Perspective” she edited was published.

Part-time postdoc Alejandra Mancilla visited Oslo for teaching a PhD course and hosting two events. The PhD course was entitled From holding to owning – The origin and justification of property rights; integrated into this course was a workshop on A Place for the Old Right of Necessity in the Contemporary Debate on Global Poverty.

In 2015, she continued to work on the normative grounds of territorial rights of states, more specifically, rights to control, use and profit from natural resources. She published a paper and submitted another where she argues for the view that the international law doctrine of Full Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources is flawed and incompatible with the important value of ecological sustainability. As a visiting scholar at the Chilean Antarctic Institute (INACH), Punta Arenas, Alejandra started investigating the normative force and weakness of different arguments offered to justify sovereign claims over Antarctica. She was invited to present this work-in-progress at the Territory, Justice and Rivers Workshop organized by the Territory and Justice Network, at the University of Cork, Ireland. Moreover, she obtained a grant from the Norwegian Latin American Network (NorLARNet) to fund an interdisciplinary workshop at the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø. The purpose of this two-day workshop on The Role of Norway, Chile and Argentina as Original Claimants and Current Guardians of Peace, Science and Environmental Protection in Antarctica, was to bring together Norwegian and Latin American scholars for whom Antarctica is a relevant subject.

During the second semester, Alejandra continued to write op-ed columns on current affairs in Chilean media and published an article on the intellectual property rights of genetically modified organisms in a popular philosophy magazine.

Sascha Settegast is the last remaining PhD student of the MA team. In January and February, he spent several weeks at the University of Arizona for the purpose of working with Julia Annas, made possible by a generous travel grant from the Faculty of Humanities. While in Arizona, he participated in classes taught by Annas and he attended the 6th Annual Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics. In late April, Sascha gave a talk on “Derek Parfit and the Continuity of Personal Identity” as part of a lecture series on personal identity at the University of Trier, Germany. He was invited to publish a version of this talk in an anthology collecting the contributions to this workshop. In June he attended CSMN’s Workshop on Virtue and Skill. As part of his participation in the joint degree programme between Oslo and St Andrews, Sascha moved to St Andrews in

matter. They jointly reflected and exchanged views under an overarching research question: Ought we to uphold Antarctica’s status as a global natural reserve for peace and science, or is this an increasingly outdated approach that should be rethought, given the new challenges confronting the continent and the world at large?

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Late September to work with Sarah Broadie on the completion of his dissertation.

The MA team cooperated with a number of other research groups with overlapping interests. Thus, we co-hosted workshops with Christian Barry (Australian National University) on Failing to Assist Others in Need and on Responses to Global Poverty. We also contributed to the funding of two workshops on Saving Lives From the Badness of Death (organized by Espen Gamlund and Carl Tollef Solberg) and on Conscience and Moral Self-Knowledge in Kant and German Idealism (organized by Jonas Jervell Indregard and Feroz Mehmood Shah).

Our previous postdoc, Katharine Browne (now Halifax), joined us in Oslo for hosting and co-teaching, in cooperation with Nina Witoszek from the Centre for Development and Environment, a PhD course on Cultural, Economic, and Evolutionary Perspectives on Global Challenges: Prospects and Perils of Radical Interdisciplinarity.

Lively discussions were initiated by our guest lecturers. Sarah Conly (Bowdoin) shared with us part of the argument of her new book on birth control: One Child: Do We Have a Right to More? She argued that the environmental degradation of the world requests urgent and radical measures, including that of family planning. The challenge is to bring this about in a way that respects the freedom and right to self-determination of every individual agent. Thomas Hoffmann (Magdeburg) inquired into the Goodness of Human Beings. Against the Kantian account of morality as a rational commitment, he argued for the need of a neo-Aristotelian account, according to which good actions are manifestations of practical rationality in a not merely formal sense, representing the natural flourishing of the specimen of the human life-form.

Marcia Baron visited the CSMN/MA team again as the team’s auditor. She found her impression from the previous year very much confirmed, namely that the MA team at CSMN provides a flourishing research environment. This was her last visit in the role of an auditor. With the end of CSMN as a CoE approaching and most of our PhDs and postdocs having left, there is no one left to request her feedback and advice.

The MA team has started exploring new topics for research projects for which to seek funding.

In cooperation with colleagues from all over Norway and research teams in Oxford and Gothenburg, we put together an application for funding for a National Research School in Ethics. Our referees thought highly of it and gave us mostly top grades. Nevertheless, we did not succeed in getting funding, and we were all very disappointed. Still, we would like to thank all those involved in the project application.

CSMN affiliate Andreas Brekke Carlson defended his PhD thesis in March. In the fall, we hired him for six months in a part-time position to help us write an application for funding (from FRIHUM) of a project on how to delimit the blameworthiness of wrongdoers in the light of the limitations of their factual knowledge, moral understanding and causal impact on the world. There is an important tension in our ordinary thinking about moral responsibility: On the one hand, it is commonly assumed that we can only be blameworthy for what is under our voluntary control. On the other hand, many of our ordinary judgments seem to presuppose that we can be blameworthy for actions and omissions over which we have no, or not full control. Examples include forgettings, involuntary emotional reactions, and actions based on factual and moral ignorance. We plan to explore four strategies of resolving this tension in our common attitude to wrongdoers: 1) develop conceptions of blameworthiness of an agent which do not require her or his full voluntary control, 2) account for the everyday judgments without giving up the requirement of full voluntary control, 3) give up the requirement of full voluntary control, 4) provide an alternative explanation of the everyday judgments, based on a distinction between different kinds of moral responsibility. In the framework of the final work package we will investigate whether it makes sense to raise questions about forgiveness with respect to wrongdoers who can rightly request not to have had full control over their actions and the outcomes they produced.

Before the end of CSMN as a CoE, we plan to put further project applications together.

Christel Fricke
Rational
Agency

The year 2015 was another lively year at the rational agency branch. We were involved in a wide variety of events and workshops hosted at CSMN, some of our PhD candidates finished, and new ones started, and we all continued to present and publish our work both nationally and internationally.

In May, Nick Hughes successfully defended his dissertation on “Essays on the Nature and Roles of Knowledge.” After intense discussions with his opponents Jennifer Lackey (Northwestern) and Timothy Williamson (Oxford), Nick left everyone impressed. We were very happy to see that our PhD candidates are doing so well. Already before his defense, Nick was able to present his work at workshops at Harvard, Notre Dame, and Groningen. Nick is now teaching at UiO.

In September, we were joined by Kristoffer Sundberg, who started at the new Thought and Sense project hosted by the RA branch (see below). Kristoffer’s PhD project investigates the limits of perception and the relation between perceptual and cognitive capacities. Kristoffer joined us from the University of Gothenburg.

Two of IFIKK’s PhDs are associated with CSMN’s Rational Agency team. One is Leo Townsend, whose dissertation on group agency and group testimony is developing well. Aside from organizing a PhD course here, Leo was able to publish several pieces and presented his work in many places from Vienna to Trieste. The other is Jeroen Rijnders, whose PhD project is located in moral psychology, and focuses on a philosophical account of moral character, especially with regard to the role of character development in moral agency. Jeroen joined us after studies at the Universities of Amsterdam, Edinburgh, and King’s College London.

We are excited to have Kristoffer and our associated PhDs here, and it is great to see their projects and ideas develop and to engage with them on the way. They have integrated well with the rest of our team, and have brought with them new energy and new ideas.

Our last remaining postdoc, Jessica Pepp, in May co-organized a workshop on “New Work on Lying”, and organized a workshop on “Devices of Reference”. Jessica also continued to present her work at international workshops and conferences.
Bjørn Ramberg, among other things, gave four lectures at a summer school organized by LMU Munich, gave lectures in Peru, and presented his work also in a number of popular venues within Norway, such as Filosofiens dag, Humanistforeningen and Norsk forening for samfunnsmedisin, showcasing the relevance of RA research both internationally as well as for Norwegian society. Bjørn also co-edited an issue of Inquiry with former CSMN postdoc Endre Begby.

Jennifer Hornsby – aside from many other talks and publications – gave several established lectures: in March she gave the Simon Lectures at the University of Toronto, in May the Canadian Journal of Philosophy Distinguished Lecture, and in June the Theoria Lecture at the Swedish Annual Philosophy Congress in Linköping.

Olav Gjelsvik, while busy in another year as CSMN director, in addition to those duties continued to work on practical and theoretical reasoning as well as their interrelations, and presented it in Norway and abroad (and some of it now already published in Theorema).

Carsten Hansen continued his collaboration with Georges Rey, which now has resulted in a publication and the planning for the Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind to be held in summer 2016 with many established speakers.

Sebastian Watzl continued the work on his book on attention and consciousness, gave talks from NYU, Berlin, Copenhagen to Umeå, and had his work covered in the research magazine Apollon. Sebastian continued his collaboration with Susanna Siegel (Harvard and Prof II at CSMN) in joint work on salience norms that is now in the process of being written up for publication.

Peter Schulte from the University of Bielefeld who was visiting us during the same time, and who works mostly on mental representation.

The RA branch was happy to also see the opening of the new FRIPRO project on Thought and Sense (see p. 10). The project started during the summer and is led by Sebastian Watzl and Anders Nes. The project will investigate the interface of perception and cognition along a variety of dimensions. In connection with this new project, we hosted a number of events: on June 2-18 Brit Brogaard (Miami and Prof II at IFIKK) taught a PhD Course on Multisensory Perception, and we had talks by John Morrison (Columbia), Jan Almäng (Gothenburg), and Robert Briscoe (Ohio). The kick-off workshop was planned for January 2016.

The other individual members of RA also continued their research, collaborations, and international presence.
RA was involved in many of the events that make life at CSMN so refreshing and productive. The period in June again proved to be the most busy.

On May 9-11, Jessica Pepp, Eliot Michaelson (UCL) and former CSMN postdoc Andreas Stokke co-organized a workshop on “New Work on Lying”. The speakers were: Thomas Carson (Loyola University), Andreas Stokke (Utmeå), Don Fallis (University of Arizona), Eliot Michaelson (UCL), James Mahlon (Washington and Lee), Roy Sorensen (Washington St. Louis), Jessica Pepp (CSMN), and Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN).

On June 4-5, Olav Gjelsvik and Bjørn Ramberg put together “PragMaPS. Pragmatism at the Intersection of Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science.” The speakers were: Jim Woodward (University of Pittsburgh, HPS), John Dupre (University of Exeter), Edward Hall (Harvard), Holly Andersen (Simon Fraser University), Huw Price (Cambridge), Chris Hitchcock (CalTech), Sandra Mitchell (University of Pittsburgh).

On June 9-10, Jessica Pepp then organized the workshop on “Devices of Reference” already mentioned. The speakers were: Jessica Pepp (CSMN), Eliot Michaelson (London), Andrea Bianchi (Parma), Hans Kamp (Stuttgart/Austin, TX), Mark Richard (Harvard), Gail Leckie (Sussex), and Joseph Almog (Turku).

On July 2-4, Anders Nes, then member of the Reflective Mind project and now member of Thought and Sense, put together a workshop on “Inference and Consciousness.” The speakers were: Brit Brogaard (Miami and Prof II at UiO), Nico Orlandi (UC Santa Cruz), Anders Nes (CSMN), Christopher Peacocke (Columbia), Anna-Sara Malmgren (Stanford and Prof II at UiO), Elijah Chudnoff (Miami), Declan Smithies (Ohio State), Timothy Chan (CSMN), and Fabian Dorsch (Fribourg).

On September 11-13, RA and LA branches of CSMN hosted the third PLM conference organized by Robyn Carston (UCL and research coordinator at CSMN). For very many people this was a great opportunity to learn about CSMN and to experience first hand our atmosphere. For more details, see page 48.

On November 2-3, Olav Gjelsvik organized a workshop on “Reasoning and Practical Reasoning”. The speakers were: John Broome (Oxford), Pascal Engel (Geneva), Herlinde Pauer-Stuber (Vienna), Dag Frawitz (Stockholm), and Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN).

The RA branch was also happy to be able to host several exciting PhD courses that integrated the work at CSMN both with the hosting department IFIKK, as well as with other parts of the University of Oslo.

And on September 28-October 2, CSMN hosted a PhD course on “Cultural, Economic and Evolutionary Perspectives on Global Challenges” organized by Katharine Browne (CSMN) and Nina Witoszek (Centre for Development and Environment). Speakers and course instructors were: David Sloan Wilson (Binghamton, and Arne Næss Chair 2015 at UiO), Robert Frank (Cornell), Peter Turchin (Connecticut), Dag Hessen (UiO), Atle Midttun (Norwegian Business School), Gia T. Westengen (UiO), Nina Witoszek (UiO) and Katharine Browne (Dalhousie and CSMN).

Sebastian Watzl
Research on moral agency – or the exploration of moral constraints on human agency – takes place within many academic fields. The idea behind the PPPE-Club is that disciplinary research on moral agency topics can prosper from being exposed in an interdisciplinary forum.

The main working form of the club is to discuss works in progress. The club members meet about every second week, and the paper is sent to them a few days before the meeting – for preparation of questions, comments and improvement suggestions.

The PPPE-Club is also open for ordinary talks either by local or by invited speakers from other universities, both national and international.

In 2015, we discussed 12 papers altogether, whereof two (17%) by a female author. The convenor was Grethe Netland.

Schedule 2015

Spring
- 10 February: Kim Angell (Department of Political Science, UiO)
- 24 February: Andreas B. Carlsson (IFIKK, UiO)
- 10 March: Tor Otterholt (Department of Political Science, UiO)
- 24 March: Caj Strandberg (IFIKK/CSMN, UiO)
- 21 April: Kerstin Reibold (University of Mannheim)
- 5 May: Robert Huseby (Department of Political Science, UiO)
- 19 May: Andrés Vial (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

Fall
- 13 October: Tor Otterholt (Department of Political Science, UiO)
- 27 October: Lars Christie (IFIKK, UiO)
- 10 November: Frøydis Gammelsæter (CSMN, UiO)
- 24 November: Andreas Brekke Carlsson (CSMN, UiO)
- 8 December: Carl Tollef Solberg (UiB)
The CSMN Colloquium is our weekly seminar and central forum for discussion of topics within the centre’s broad remit. These meetings encourage philosophical discussion between the members of different sub-projects, with a view to strengthening the connections between the various research interests of the group. In addition to providing a forum for CSMN members to present their work, the colloquium hosts several international speakers each semester.

Discussion is lively and constructive. In 2015 we had 24 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN. Across the year 17% of our speakers were women. The convenor was Torfinn Huvenes.

Schedule 2015

Spring

- 29 January, Michael Morreau (Rutgers): ‘Value Illusions in Collective Grading’
- 5 February, Øystein Linnebo (IFIKK): ‘Conceptual Engineering’
- 12 February, Michael Devitt (CUNY): ‘Should there still be a problem about the meaning of proper names?’
- 26 February, Jonathan Parry (Stockholm): ‘Thin and Rich Semantics’
- 12 March, Thomas Hoffmann (Magdeburg): ‘The Goodness of Human Beings’
- 19 March, Nick Hughes (CSMN): ‘Epistemic Permissibility and Epistemic Irrationality’
- 9 April, Ole Hjortland (Bergen): ‘Anti-Exceptionalism about Logic’
- 16 April, Lars Christie (IFIKK): ‘Distributing the Cost of Military Rescue’
- 30 April, Caj Strandberg (IFIKK): ‘Reconsidering the Embedding Problem’
- 7 May, Edmund Hendriksen (HiO): ‘Addiction, Bias, and Autonomy’
- 12 May, Sarah Conly (Bowdoin): ‘One Child’
- 21 May, Rachel Sterken (CSMN): ‘Generic Generalizations and Social Prejudice’

Fall

- 24 September, Einar Bøhn (USA): ‘Against Metaphysical Foundationality’
- 1 October, Elly van Gelderen (Arizona State): ‘Argument Structure’
- 15 October, Jonas Olson (Stockholm): ‘Error Theory’
- 22 October, Bjørn Ramberg (CSMN): ‘Pragmatic Naturalism and the Reconstruction of Philosophy’
- 29 October, Leo Townsend (CSMN): ‘Deflationism and Inflationism about Collective Testimony’
- 5 November, Torfinn Huvenes (CSMN): ‘The Exactness of Communication’
- 12 November, Sebastian Watzl (CSMN/IFIKK): ‘Salience Norms’
- 26 November, Susanne Burri (LSE): ‘Autonomous Weapons Systems and Human Agency’
- 3 December, Anders Strand (CSMN/IFIKK): ‘Restricted Causal Relevance’
- 10 December, Jan Almäng (Gothenburg): ‘Same Property, but Different Determination Dimensions’
Work in Progress Seminar

The Work in Progress Seminar serves primarily as a forum for CSMN members and affiliates to present and discuss work in progress. As such, it is meant to supplement the CSMN Colloquium. It covers topics within the centre’s broad remits and brings together members from all three sub-projects of CSMN. The seminar takes place every two weeks.

In 2015 we had 10 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN. Across the year, 40% of our speakers were women. The convenor was Torfinn Huvenes.

Schedule 2015

Spring
- 2 February: Russell McBride (Utah)
- 17 February: Nick Hughes (CSMN)
- 3 March: Kerstin Reibold (Mannheim)
- 14 April: Torfinn Huvenes (CSMN)
- 28 April: Jan Terje Faarlund (CSMN)
- 26 May: Eline Busck Gundersen (CSMN)

Fall
- 22 September: Peter Schulte (Bielefeld)
- 20 October: Lars Christie (IFIKK)
- 17 November: Solveig Aasen (IFIKK)
- 15 December: Ingvild Torsen (IFIKK)
Thinkers, Fast and Slow

On May 9, and for the third time in the centre’s history, CSMN’s sports team, Thinkers, Fast and Slow, participated at the Holmenkollen relay, the largest of its kind in the world. With the relay’s more than 2700 participating teams, each of them counting 15 runners, there are more than 40 000 people running in the streets of Oslo one Saturday every early May. The fast and slow runners of CSMN’s team made it as fast as 1:26.12, about 2 minutes slower than in 2014, which was 40 seconds slower than in 2013. In other words, we are getting slower and slower. But we reached our goal, namely to have a lot of fun.

Photo: private
Staff seminar
at Thorbjørnrud

For the third year running, CSMN held a koselig winter seminar for its members and affiliates, with the aims of sharing research, encouraging collaboration, and fostering community. The seminar was held from January 15-17 at Thorbjørnrud Hotel, about an hour’s drive north of Oslo.

The program for the seminar was decided by a committee consisting of Grethe Netland, Lina Tosterud, Olav Gjelsvik, Torfinn Huvenes, Frøydis Gammelsæter, and Leo Townsend.

As in previous years, the program involved a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. One plenary session was devoted to a presentation by Jennifer Hornsby (research director for the Rational Agency branch of CSMN), and another to the introduction of the new ‘Thought and Sense’ research project by two of its lead participants, Sebastian Watzl and Anders Nes. For the parallel sessions, PhD candidates and postdocs were given the opportunity to present their current work in smaller groups, comprising colleagues with similar research interests.

Aside from the academic sessions, the schedule also featured social events that allowed participants to appreciate the local environs. These included a skiing outing in the nearby hills, and a tour of the neighbouring Hadeland Glassworks, which has been in operation since 1762.

Overall, the many stimulating presentations, beautiful surroundings, delicious food, relaxed atmosphere, and constructive engagement of all of the participants, made the seminar a good note on which to begin 2015.

Leo Townsend
Annual Lecture

Peter Railton

Dr. Railton has been a faculty member in the Philosophy Department at the University of Michigan (where he now holds no less than three professorial titles, including Gregory S. Kavka Distinguished University Professor) since 1979, and has been an associate of CSMN for most of its life. Dr. Railton first made his mark in the profession 35 years ago, with work on scientific explanation, but he is best known for his articulation of a version of moral consequentialism, based on a naturalistic realist understanding of values (cf., the essays collected in, Facts, Values and Norms: Essays Toward a Morality of Consequence, Cambridge University Press, 2003). The CSMN lecture, however, was devoted to the interdisciplinary work that Dr. Railton has been engaged in over the last years, under the heading Prospective Psychology, in collaboration with, among others, the well-known University of Pennsylvania psychologist, Martin E.P. Seligman.

As Dr. Railton made very clear, the ambition of his argument is high; to draw on converging research in philosophy, psychology and the cognitive sciences to effect a revision of our view of the architecture of the mind and brain. Under the banner homo prospectus, Dr. Railton elaborated the proposal that the distinguishing capacity of human cognition is its remarkable ability to simulate future possibility. While all agency—whether biologically or technologically embodied (of rats or of robots)—will turn on this ability, the surprising thing about us, homo prospectus, is, Dr. Railton argues, the scale at which we use prospection. We should
think of the human mind not so much as a representational mechanism, but rather as an organ for the simulation of future possibilities. Such simulation runs on causal and evaluative modeling that links expectations, actions, and outcomes, leading to action based on experientially derived patterns. Drawing both on animal research and on robotics, Dr. Railton then went on to demonstrate the ways in which the Prospection perspective allows a synthetic understanding of perception, memory, cognition, motivation, and action. It accounts for our knowledgeable (sapient) engagement with the world in purely naturalistic terms, allowing us to say what is truly remarkable about human cognition and agency without mystification, without setting us apart from the rest of nature.

Dr. Railton pointed to various ways in which Prospectivism allows reframing of present issues and generation of new research hypotheses in philosophy and in psychology. Particularly in moral psychology—an area where Dr. Railton has made pivotal contributions—the approach may throw new light on central issues. The so-called “trolley problem” is an enlightening instance. In a veritable cottage industry of thought experiments and actual tests, philosophers have used trolley-crashing scenarios to try to map—and understand—the differences that make a moral-psychological difference. If a trolley undiverted will fatally hit five (or whatever) individuals, but if diverted will hit only one (say), under what circumstances, by what means, etc., is it acceptable, or obligatory, or impermissible, to intervene? Some of the puzzles and apparent anomalies that trolleyology has generated can, Dr. Railton argues, be dissipated, once we take on board the fact that moral judgment, too, is fundamentally a prospec-tive operation.

The general lesson, one that harks back to the great American pragmatist tradition, is that thinking is indeed for doing. To understand what cognition is, Dr. Railton argues, how thinking is structured, and how it works, we must appreciate the extent to which the mind/brain is devoted to assessing how things could be.
The Philosophy of Language and Mind (PLM) network

CSMN has been a member of the PLM since the network was founded in 2010, along with 10 other centres of philosophy across Europe. The aims of the network are to further the philosophy of language and the philosophy of mind in Europe and to provide a platform for research cooperation between members. The biennial conference is one of the main activities of the group, and this year it was hosted by CSMN.

The broad remit of the PLM was well reflected in the talks from the five invited speakers, who came from philosophy centres across Europe: Christopher Gauker (University of Salzburg) spoke on ‘The concept-dependence of imagistic cognition’, Frédérique de Vignemont (Institut Jean Nicod, Paris) on ‘A reductionist approach to the sense of bodily ownership’, Kathrin Glüer (Stockholm University) on ‘Talk about ‘looks’’, Michiel van Lambalgen (University of Amsterdam) on ‘Time and mind: An axiomatic analysis of cognitive time’, and Herman Cappelen (CSMN and Arche, St. Andrews) on ‘What philosophy should be: A defense of revisionary – non-descriptive – philosophy of language’.

In addition, there were 24 speakers (in two parallel sessions) of papers that had been selected from the 125 abstracts submitted to the call for papers. These speakers came from across Europe: Norway, Sweden, England, Ireland, The Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and from the Americas: Canada, USA, Mexico and Chile. The papers presented included core philosophy of language topics (reference, implicature, assertion, meaningfulness, semantic relativism), core philosophy of mind topics (kinds of belief, concepts, perceptual content, self-knowledge, subjectivism), and areas of interaction between philosophy and cognitive science (numerical cognition, agency, attention, cognitive architecture). It is not possible to sum up the content of such wide-ranging discussions, but suffice it to say that, with around 50 participants in total, the exchanges were always lively and sometimes challenging. Probably just as important, the conference was an excellent opportunity for a big group of philosophers, senior and junior, to catch up with old friends and to meet new colleagues, enhanced by the generosity of the CSMN’s social provisions.

Robyn Carston
One of the main challenges of the actual world arises from failed countries that have become uninhabitable. As a consequence of this failure, many people have to find a new place to live. Migration raises normative questions at the interface of moral commitments, politics, environmental concerns, and the built environment. The fortune of individuals – of migrants as well as of those who have to accommodate migrants – is closely intertwined with the built environment: spatial divisions, hierarchies of space, and private vs. public spaces. The same can be said for the production and management of cities.

The conference Re-designing the Gap explored how urbanism and architecture may contribute to a sustainable future for our cities by operating intelligently in the space between grassroots initiatives and top-down approaches. We got some of the leading experts in the field joining us for this conference, including the architect Teddy Cruz and the political scientist Fonna Forman (both UC San Diego), professor of industrial engineering Harald Sverdrup (University of Iceland) and professor of economics Rune Skarstein (NTNU). Contributors jointly explored the potential of a more active role for the architect as both a mediator and a key agent in shaping the future.

How can the many individual design-oriented, bottom-up initiatives add up to a movement of change? What policy changes would support all these initiatives, and also maximize the capabilities of design to secure basic needs of all citizens and improve the urban environment?

The conference was held at the House of Literature, Oslo, and it was open to the general public.

Christel Fricke
ANDRÉS VIAL is a PhD candidate at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. He visited in the spring semester as part of the agreement for exchanging students and PhD candidates signed between the University of Oslo and his university.

ANDREW REISNER was, while visiting from end February to mid March, an Associate Professor at McGill University. He also visited a few days in the Fall semester, then as Senior Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy, Ethics and Social Philosophy, Uppsala University.

CARL TOLLEF SOLBERG is a PhD candidate at the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, University of Bergen. In 2015, Carl Tollef worked partly in Bergen and partly at CSMN.

GEORGES REY is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maryland. He visited the centre on a Fulbright Research Fellowship for the academic year 2014/2015.

HANNAH ALTEHENGER is a PhD-student at Humboldt University, Berlin. She visited CSMN in August and September.

JAKOB ELSTER is a Senior Adviser at the Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics. He visited CSMN in June.

Julia Annas is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Arizona. She visited CSMN in June and in August-September.

Kerstin Reibold is a PhD candidate at University of Mannheim. Kerstin visited for eight months, January-August.

Maria Carrasco is a Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Maria visited from late January to mid February.

Natalia Hickman is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford University. She arrived at CSMN in August, and will stay for several months.

Peter Schulte is a Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy, Bielefeld University. Peter visited CSMN in August and September.

Solveig Aasen holds a PhD from the University College London. She was our guest the first six months of the year, before she moved to our host department as an Associate Professor.

Sveinung Sunnfør is a PhD candidate at the Department of Philosophy, University of Bergen. He visited CSMN in January and February.

Zhou Jing is a PhD candidate at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Nanjing University, visiting us from August 2015 to December 2016.
I have spent eight months of the last year at CSMN as a visiting PhD student. Having visited CSMN before, I was glad to have the chance to return. CSMN offers a unique working environment that is characterized by a friendly atmosphere and inspiring people. The various academic activities going on – the colloquium, PPPE club, workshops etc. – give plenty of opportunity to get to know the work of others and to present one’s own. CSMN has a very active philosophical community which ensured lively discussions. Even more important maybe, questions and criticism were always constructive and helpful and the general tone was always respectful and informed by a very equal standing of everyone.

Another thing that makes CSMN special to me is how close-knit and supportive the philosophy community is and how easily they accept new people in. Be it shared lunch or an afternoon coffee, there is always someone willing to talk, and I had many of the most productive discussions on the CSMN floors or the benches of the campus. Frequent visits from other philosophers – longterm or shortterm – also contribute to this stimulating and open atmosphere.

The time in Oslo has greatly contributed to my thesis, and I hope that I as well as many others will have the opportunity to share in this great experience (again).

Kerstin Reibold
Among academics, both in Norway and abroad, it has become common to complain about the constant increase of academic administration and the costs it causes.

The CSMN team has no reason to join in such complaints. It is quite the opposite. We have, over the years, been particularly lucky with our administrators. Since 2011, our administration has been in the hands of Grethe Netland, cooperating with Lina Tosterud and, when Lina temporarily left for her maternity leave, with Jon Anstein Olsen. They handle all administrative tasks smoothly. Our numerous visitors from all over the world compliment us on our administrators—if they ever become aware of them. The latter point is important, because efficient administration remains, for many of those benefiting from it, invisible.

The CSMN administrators cooperate very efficiently with the various administrators of the hosting department and of the HF faculty.

We would not have been working quite as efficiently as we actually have done without the support of our excellent administrators. A warm ‘Thank you!’ to them all.

Christel Fricke
Events 2015

An overview of workshops, conferences and guest lectures hosted by CSMN

01. 13-14 January. Workshop on Conceptual Engineering. Oslo
02. 11-12 March. PhD research course: Moral Responsibility and Ignorance. Oslo
03. 25 April. Conference: Re-designing the Gap: Urbanization between Formal Institutions and Informal Dynamics. Oslo
04. 9-11 May. Workshop: New Work on Lying. Oslo
05. 27 May. Talk: Christian Barry and Henrik Syse: ‘The Implications of Failing to Assist Others in Need’. Oslo
06. 28-29 May. Workshop: Responding to Global Poverty - On What the Affluent Ought to Do and What the Poor Are Permitted to Do. Oslo
07. 28-30 May. Workshop on the First-Person Perspective. Athens
08. 1-2 June. Workshop on Virtue and Skill. Oslo
09. 4-5 June. Workshop: PragMatPs. Pragmatism at the Intersection of Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science. Oslo
10. 8 June. Workshop: A Place for the Old Right of Necessity in the Contemporary Debate on Global Poverty. Oslo
11. 8 June. Talk: Salvatore Florio and Graham Leigh: ‘Burali-Forti and Indefinite Extensibility’. Oslo
12. 9-10 June. Workshop: Devices of Reference. Oslo
13. 9-10 June. PhD research course: From Holding to Owning - The Origin and Justification of Property Rights. Oslo
15. 13-14 June. Workshop: The Role of Norway, Chile and Argentina as Original Claimants and Current Guardians of Peace, Science and Environmental Protection in Antarctica. Tromsø
16. 15 June. Talk: John Morrison: ‘Perceptual Confidence’. Oslo
17. 21-22 June. Conference: Saving Lives from the Badness of Death. Oslo
18. 2-4 July. Workshop: Inference and Consciousness. Oslo
19. 26 August. Workshop: Constraints and Vulnerability. Oslo
20. 27-28 August. Workshop on Adam Smith and Virtue. Oslo
23. 11-13 September. The Third Conference of the Philosophy of Language and Mind Network (PLM). Oslo
25. 18 September. Talk: Onora O'Neill: ‘Kant on Reason, Authority and Interpretation’. Oslo
27. 28 September-2 October. PhD research course: Cultural, Economic and Evolutionary Perspectives on Global Challenges: Prospects and Perils of Radical Interdisiplinarity. Oslo
28. 3-4 October. Workshop on Genericity in Philosophy and Linguistics. Harvard
30. 2-3 November. Workshop: Reasoning and Practical Reasoning. Oslo
31. 9 November: Talk: Zsofia Zvolenszky: ‘Fictional Characters and Goodman’s Inadvertent Creation Challenge’. Oslo
NICHOLAS ALLOTT

In defence of inferential-intentionalism about legal interpretation’ at Workshop: Inference, intention, and ‘ordinary meaning’: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy. University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, May (joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University).

‘The illocutionary force of legal speech’, at Workshop: Inference, intention, and ‘ordinary meaning’: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy. University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, May (joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University).

JULIA ANNAS

Keynote address, ‘Which variety of virtue?’ at the conference Varieties of Virtue, Oriel College Oxford, organized by the Jubilee Centre for Study of Character and Virtue, University of Birmingham, January.


‘Law and Virtue in Plato,’ paper given to a one-day workshop, ‘Virtue, Law and the Organization of the good Life: a workshop with Julia Annas,’ at Uppsala University, September.

‘Virtue and Heroism,’ The Lindley Lecture for 2015, University of Kansas, October.

Distinguished Visitor to New York University Abu Dhabi, for a week, which included giving two seminars on virtue ethics, teaching two classes on human nature in Aristotle and Aristotle’s political thought, and giving a public lecture on ‘Plato’s Ideal State and Utopia’, November.

HERMAN CAPPELEN

Epistemic Incoherence Workshop, Arche, ‘Inconsistent concepts: what they are and what to do about them,’ December.

Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, Cambridge University, Keynote speaker, September.

Dartmouth Workshop on Philosophy of Language, Reply to Sundell, August.

Hong Kong University, Conferences on philosophical methodology, March.

ANDREAS BREKKE CARLSSON

Comments on Massimo Renzo, 6th Annual Conference of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict: Legitimate Authority and Political Violence, Stockholm, August.

ROBYN CARSTON

‘Appreciating the BIG picture – Pragmatics unravelled!’ Invited talk at Paediatrics Master Class, UCL Ear Institute, March.


‘Polysemy, pragmatics and lexicon(s).’ Invited speaker at AHRC Workshop on ‘Pervasive Context-Sensitivity in Natural Language’ project, University of Peking, Beijing, October.

ALEXANDRA COUTO

Disaster and Debate, Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and Mind, Warwick University, July.

INGRID LOSSIUS FALKUM


Acquiring metonymy. Invited plenary talk at the Relevance Theory Round Table Meeting, University of Krakow (with Deirdre Wilson).


CHRISTEL FRICKE

Self-love, Sympathy, and the Challenges of Freedom and Equality – Smith’s Response to Rousseau. Paper read at the joint meeting of the The International Adam Smith Society and the Rousseau Association at The University of Glasgow, July.

Empathy, sympathy, conscience: An inquiry into the rational, emotional and normative aspects of moral competence. Santiago de Chile, December.

JAN TEFLIE FAARLUND
The development of preposition stranding in Scandinavian and English. The XXII. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Naples, Italy.

The North Germanic Character of Middle and Modern English. Historical Sociolinguistic Summer School, Lesvos, Greece.

ELINE BUSCK GUNDERSEN
A study in metaphysical modesty: Dispositions and conditionals, Aarhus University, November.

What constitutes all-things-considered-reasons?, Aarhus University, September.

Intrinsincity versus Simplicity: Two conflicting pressures on disposition ascriptions, Aarhus University, May.

How to reconcile God’s omniscience with the freedom of the will, Annual meeting of the Danish Philosophy Association, Aarhus University, March.

JENNIFER HORNSBY

The Simon Lectures at the University of Toronto, “Agency: Some questions in semantics, metaphysics and epistemology, March.


“Knowing How and Intending”, conference paper in At the Speed of Thought: Celebrating Paul F Snowdon, U.C.L. June.

Keynote talk at the Oxford Graduate Conference, “Propositions and Acts”, Oxford Humanities, November.

A Royal Institute of Philosophy lecture “Means/End Beliefs vs Knowledge How To”, London, November.

ANNA-SÅRA MALMGREN
‘Availability, Goodness, and Argument Structure’, Arizona State University, April.

‘The Normativity of the Sub-Personal’ Högre Seminariet, University of Göteborg, April.


ALEJANDRA MANCILLA
‘La fuerza normativa de los reclamos territoriales en la Antártica’. Diplomado de Estudios Antárticos, Universidad de Magallanes, Chile.

JESSICA PEPP

“Perceptual Illusion,” Trial lecture for docentship, University of Turku, Finland, May.

“Mental Dissent,” Turku Perception/Thought/World workshop, University of Turku, Finland, May.

THOMAS POUGGE
89 talks abroad

GYVIND RABBÅS
“ Aristotle on the Common Good as My Good”, Workshop on Common Good and the Private Good, Jyväskylä, June.

BJÖRN TORGRIM RAMBERG
Davidson and Rorty: Triangulation and Foundationalism. At Visiones transdisciplinarias sobre la inter-subjectividad. Grupo Mente y lenguaje, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú, Lima, December.
Pragmatism and the Measures of Philosophical Progress. At Visiones transdisciplinarias sobre la inter-subjectividad. Grupo Mente y lenguaje, Pontifica Universidad Católica de Perú, Lima, December.

Rorty and the Mirror of Nature: Four Lectures. At Ludwig Maximillian Universität München, Philosophical Summer Academy, Fraueninzel, Chiemsee, August.

PAULA RUBIO-FERNÁNDEZ
Saying too much can be efficient: A reference production/comprehension study. Invited talk at the Linguistics Circle, University of Edinburgh, December.


Redundancy is efficient - and effective, too. Paper presented at the 2015 Conference for Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), University of Malta, September.

The origin of the bilingual advantage in false-belief reasoning. Poster presented at the CUNY Workshop on Bilingualism and Executive Function. CUNY Graduate Center, New York, May.

Redundancy is efficient - and effective, too. Invited talk at TedLab, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, May.

Redundancy is efficient. Poster presented at the 28th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (Special session on Informativity). University of Southern California, Los Angeles, March.

Don’t mention the marble! Children’s focus of attention in false-belief tasks. Paper presented in collaboration with Bart Geurts at the 2015 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Central European University (Budapest), January.

SASCHA SETTEGAST
“Derek Parfit und die Kontinuität personaler Identität” [Derek Parfit on the Continuity of Personal Identity]. Lecture Series on Personal Identity. University of Trier, April.

SUSANNA SIEGEL
Comments on John Morrison’s “Perceptual Confidence”. Workshop on Bayesian theories of Perception. NYU Center for Consciousness, December.

Epistemic Charge. Southampton, November.


Salience Norms. Cambridge Moral Sciences Club, November.


Salience Norms. SWIP/NY, NYU, September.


Evaluative Perception. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. President’s Invited Lecture, April.


Salience Norms and Selection Effects. University of Maryland, College Park, March.

Comentario sobre Sofia Ortiz, La Imaginación y Experiencias Transformativas. Harvard University. 2o Taller Filosofía en Español, March.


Affordances and the Contents of Perception. Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar, Cornell Society for the Humanities, February.

Salience Norms (with Sebastian Watzl). NYU Workshop on Norms of Inquiry, February.

Affordances and the Contents of Perception. Sanders Seminar with Laurie Paul, UNC, January.


RACHEL STERKEN
‘Amelioration, Meaning Change and Deception’. Workshop on Deception, King’s College London, November.


CAJ STRANDBERG
‘Hybrid Expressivism and the Frege-Geach Problem’. National conference in philosophy, Filosofidagarna, Linköping, June.

LEO CHARLES TOWNSEND

‘Groups with minds of their own making’. Workshop on Collective Self-awareness in Vienna, September.

‘Joint commitment and collective belief’. Conference on Joint Commitment in Milan, June.

SEBASTIAN WATZL
Salience Norms, Umeå University (workshop on Experience and Cognition), invited (based on work with Susanna Siegel), May.

Social Attention, Centre for Subjectivity Research (Copenhagen), invited, April.

Is Attention the Form of Consciousness? Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, University of Copenhagen, invited, April.

Salience Norms, New York University (workshop on Norms of Inquiry), with Susanna Siegel, February.

Attention: The Form of Consciousness, Umeå University (Sweden), invited, February.

What is Attention? Philosophical Society, Umeå (Sweden), invited, February.

Salience. Dynamics for Consciousness, Bochum (Germany), invited, January.

Consciousness Beyond Appearances: Attentional Organization, Phenomenal Priming, and Reflexive Awareness, Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt University Berlin (Germany), Current Issues Seminar Series, invited, January.

DERIDRE WILSON

‘Relevance and intercultural communication’. Invited panel presentation, International Communication Association conference, Lodz, Poland, April.

‘Explaining metonymy’. Invited plenary lecture, conference on New Developments in Linguistic Pragmatics, Lodz, Poland, April (with Ingrid Falkum).


‘Explaining metonymy’. Keynote speech, Relevance Round Table, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, September.

‘Relevance and literature’. Invited panel presentation, Balzan Workshop on Literature and Cognition, St John’s College Oxford, November.
# Accounts 2015*

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Publications 2015

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Annas, Julia. 2015. Precis of her book Intelligent Virtue, and reply to comments by three commentators, in the Journal of Ethics, January. (A revised version of an ‘Author Meets Critics’ session at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association 2012.)

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Wilson, Deirdre and Dan Sperber. 2015. Beyond speaker’s meaning. UCL Working Papers in Linguistics 27.
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