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Editorial

Olav Gjelsvik



We hold that what we have done throughout these ten years matter. We do not cure sickness nor do we produce inventions, but we contribute in our own way: we develop the basic intellectual foundations for a well-functioning, enlightened and just society.

CSMN has since the beginning in 2007 had high activity and extensive interaction with a large number of international universities, research groups and environments. The centre's core group, which has long consisted of eight researchers, half local, half international, today consists of 10 researchers, 7 of whom are based in Oslo. This group in itself constitutes an extensive international collaboration. The expansion and strengthening of the group has taken place locally by recruiting international scholars to permanent positions Oslo. In addition to the core group, we have also employed leading international researchers in Professor II positions (part time researcher positions) – most of them women. Other world-leading researchers are affiliated with us in various functions and ways. As for younger researchers, the centre has developed into a renowned academic power-house. We have received excellent applicants from the best

universities in the world, especially for our postdoc positions.

CSMN is and has been productive. The researchers at the centre have authored a significant number of monographs and books (more than 70), of which many have been published at Oxford University Press, some at Cambridge University Press, and one at Harvard University Press. Our researchers have also published a large number of articles (more than 1300), and many in central international journals, and in anthologies with the best university presses. One year, we had two articles in *Journal of Philosophy*, which is still a kind of gold standard. It must be remembered that this is a field with mainly one or a few authors per publication.

The centre has grown steadily, as we have hosted and participated in an increasing number of research projects with a clear

international profile. We have arranged several big international conferences, but most events have been more moderately sized; intimate and productive. The last big event was the closing conference, which exhibited a panoramic view of CSMN's research over the years, and had about hundred current and former CSMN scholars participating.

The areas where the centre has given important contributions to the international research front include the understanding of what intentional action is, and the significance of such understanding for making sense of a number of human relationships and action patterns. One such relationship we have studied in-depth is substance addiction, considered as a reduction in freedom. We have also produced important contributions to cognition and the relationship between perception and thought, and concepts to do with understanding animals' actions. Furthermore, we have given various contributions to ethics

and value theory, to theories of global justice, including gender aspects of such questions, to foundational problems in ethics and meta-ethics, and to historical studies in ethics and value theory. We have made important contributions to philosophy of language and theory of language, to the relationship between semantics and pragmatics, to acquisition of language, to various questions in semantics, and aspects of grammatical theory. We have also made important contributions to philosophical methodology, hereunder the role of intuitions as a type of evidence for a philosophical theory.

CSMN has in these ways produced research on a very high level over the full scope of its academic projects and portfolio, in ethics and morality, rationality and cognition, and language and communication. There is reason to highlight the importance of both global justice and action research, and the productivity of the research occurring in the intersection of philosophy of

language, pragmatics and communication. In all these areas, there has been, and continues to be, interdisciplinary research of very high quality, and in this field (communication), there are now three projects of the Young Research Talent type. In connection with this field and work in philosophical methodology, and in cooperation with the rest of the department, there is now a Toppforsk project (ConceptLab) built around the theme of Conceptual Engineering. (The same people were in the finals for a new centre of excellence, with the best academic assessment of all at the University of Oslo.) This project is a collaborative effort between CSMN researchers and others in the department, and underlines the growing integration process, and the possible long-term consequences of CSMN. Two new extremely strong postdocs were hired in a collaborative effort between CSMN and ConceptLab.

CSMN has thus decisively contributed to building a strong and vital international philosophy environment at the University of Oslo. Together with our host department, we have achieved considerable strength; we are now doing what we can to keep this environment strong after the centre's period as a Centre of Excellence expired in the middle of 2017.

FINAL, LARGER PERSPECTIVE

Finally, let me add some further more personal thought at this very end. As philosophers we learn to be patient. Both the general

public and some parts of the university, also in the humanities, do not yet show much taste for the professionalization of philosophy that we exemplify. On the other hand, they may have sound reactions against unsound employment of such competences. The very idea of a university requires all of us to be somewhat familiar with and respect the knowledge situation in other disciplines in the university, and the knowledge situation in our own when we enter the public dialogue as scholars.

Bertrand Russell and Jürgen Habermas have both argued in their different ways that there is a real connection between on the one side, the general influence in academia and in society of thinkers with few and bad arguments in support of their views, i.e. what Russell called types of irrationalism in philosophy, and, on the other, the weakening of the knowledge-informed public dialogue necessary for democracy and, also, the strengthening of authoritarianism. The post-modernist attack on truth, reality, and thereby knowledge and science has, for instance, had some significant role in the background of today's recognized need for a march for science and the growing authoritarianism. In this perspective, we hold that what we have done throughout these ten years matter. We do not cure sickness nor do we produce inventions, but we contribute in our own way: we develop the basic intellectual foundations for a well-functioning, enlightened and just society.

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**Acquiring
Figurative
Meanings**
Ingrid Lossius
Falkum
Franziska Köder

New Team members

In 2016-17, CSMN welcomed 7 new employees.

FRANZISKA KÖDER

Franziska Köder joined CSMN in January 2016 as a post-doctoral research fellow. She is part of the “Acquiring Figurative Meanings” project, led by Ingrid L. Falkum, which investigates children’s development of figurative language such as metonymy and irony. Franziska holds a Master degree in Linguistics and Philosophy from the University of Heidelberg and a PhD from the University of Groningen. She is interested in the acquisition and processing of language, especially in the areas of semantics and pragmatics. For her PhD project, she conducted several psycholinguistic experiments to explore children’s interpretation of indexicals in direct and indirect speech reports. The results of these studies have been published in the Journal of Child Language, Language, Cognition and Neuroscience and Glossa.



NATALIA WAIGHTS HICKMAN

Natalia Waights Hickman joined CSMN as Researcher in Philosophy in September 2016. From 2012-2016 she studied for the DPhil in Philosophy at the University of Oxford; she was also an academic visitor at the University of Chicago (2014) and CSMN (2015-16). Her doctoral thesis focused on commonalities between linguistic knowledge and sophisticated forms of practical knowledge-how, in particular the implicitness, or inaccessibility to consciousness, of the content of both forms of knowledge; and their indefinite productivity in novel conditions, i.e. the fact that possession of the knowledge equips one to meet certain standards or success conditions in circumstances that are novel to one’s experience.



More generally, Natalia is interested in the epistemology and metaphysics of language: in the nature of linguistic normativity and the Kripkensteinian rule-following paradox; in how languages are individuated; in the mind-dependence of languages/meaning; and in interdependencies between linguistic and non-linguistic knowledge, particularly in the context of conceptual engineering/conceptual ethics. She has taught a wide range of papers in theoretical philosophy at Oxford; before re-joining their department in 2012, Natalia completed an MA in Philosophy at the University of Reading, and a BA in PPE at Oxford.

ANDREW PEET

Andrew Peet joined CSMN and ConceptLab as a postdoctoral research fellow in February 2017. He received his PhD from the University of St Andrews, where he was a member of the Arché Philosophical Research Centre. His research primarily concerns epistemology and the philosophy of language. In particular, he has worked on communication and the epistemology of testimony. However, he is also interested in the philosophy of action, the philosophy of mind, normative theory, and metaphysics (especially where these topics intersect with issues relating to language and communication). He has published in Analysis, the Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, and Synthese.





MONA SIMION

Mona Simion joined CSMN as a postdoctoral fellow in March 2017. Her PhD (2016) is from the University of St Andrews and KU Leuven. Her research lies at the intersection of epistemology, ethics and the philosophy of language. She has worked and published on topics like moral and epistemic responsibility, epistemic norms, knowledge first epistemology, disagreement, the semantics of knowledge attributions, perceptual and testimonial entitlement, the value of knowledge, reasons for action and belief, media ethics, economic ethics, decision theory, value ordering, conceptual engineering, the nature and normativity of assertion, telling and reporting. Her work is published in top philosophy journals such as the Journal of Philosophy, American Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Philosophical Issues and Ethical Theory and Moral Practice.

She is currently working on developing a function-first integrated account of epistemic norms for practical reasoning, assertion and belief. On this account, the epistemic norms at stake are taken to drop out of the respective epistemic functions.

ELINE BUSCK GUNDERSEN

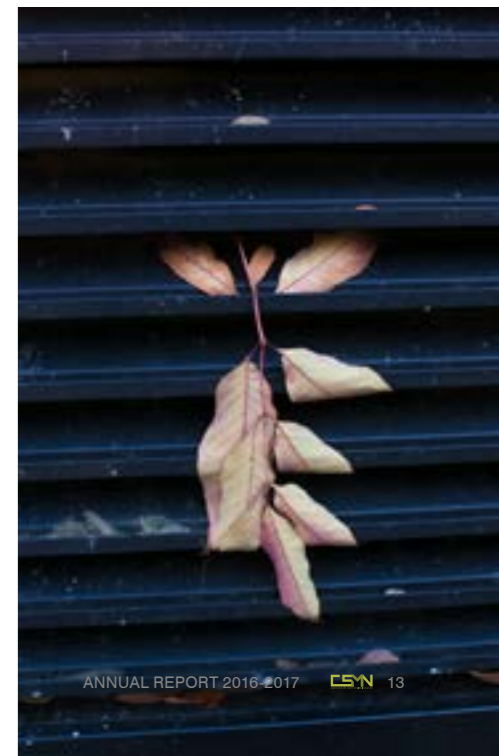
Eline Busck Gundersen took up a 6-month researcher position at the Moral Agency branch from late 2016. Eline is far from being an entirely new team member, however; she was one of the first four postdocs at the centre, and after her postdoc period, she continued as a leader of the CSMN-connected project Reflective Mind for four more years.

CATHRINE FELIX

Cathrine Felix was engaged as a researcher at the Moral Agency branch from January to June 2017. Cathrine came to CSMN from the University of Gothenburg, where she received her PhD in 2016.

MATHIAS SLÅTTHOLM SAGDAHL

Former CSMN PhD fellow Mathias Slåttholm Sagdahl was engaged as a researcher at the Rational Agency branch for some months in the spring of 2017. His main task during the engagement was to rewrite his PhD dissertation for publication, and the manuscript is currently under review at Oxford University Press.



Disputation and Award

New Doctor

GRETHE NETLAND

Parallell with her excellent execution of the job as CSMN's administrative leader, Grethe Netland has been working towards a PhD in philosophy. We are very happy to announce that on the 10th of June 2016, she successfully defended her thesis "*On Human Rights in Rawls's Law of peoples*" for the degree of philosophiae doctor (PhD).

The Adjudication committee consisted of Hege Cathrine Finholt, University of Oslo (administrator), Ludvig Beckman, Stockholm University (first opponent) and Søren Flinch Midtgaard, Aarhus University (second opponent). The defense was chaired by Head of Department Mathilde Skoie

Grethe developed her thesis under the supervision of Thomas Pogge.

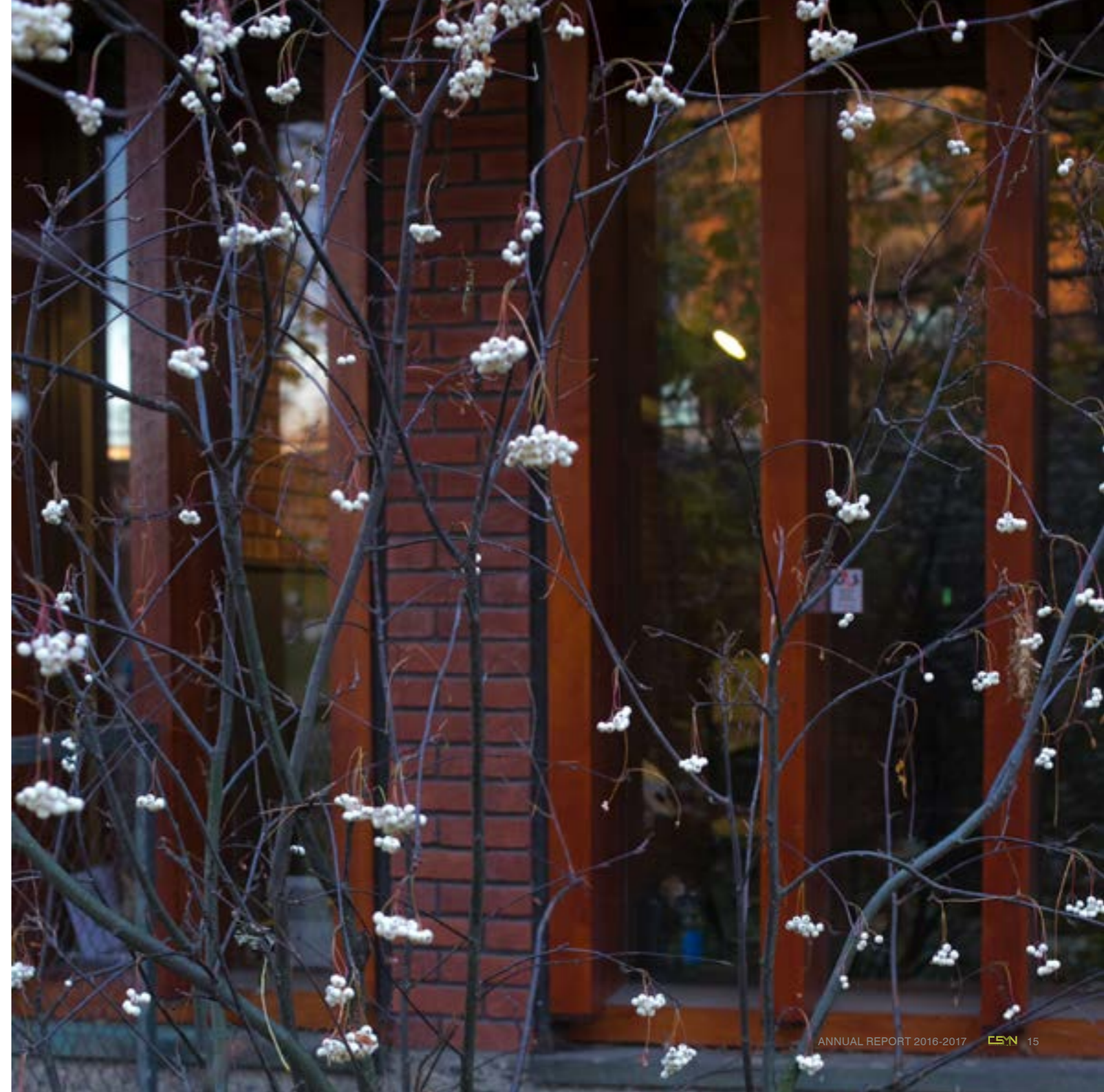


Research Prize

SEBASTIAN WATZL

On the 23rd of August 2016, Sebastian Watzl 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. Watzl's (then forthcoming) book *Attention and the Structure of Consciousness* (Oxford University Press, 2017) was mentioned by the expert committee as an especially valuable contribution.



Linguistic

Agency

The Linguistic Agency team, together with CSMN affiliates working on LA related projects, had a very productive period, publishing seven books/edited collections/special issues of journals and 46 articles/book chapters, and giving 76 international talks. We welcomed two new members: Franziska Köder, who joined Ingrid Lossius Falkum's FRIPRO project 'Acquiring Figurative Meanings: A Study in Developmental Pragmatics' as a Postdoctoral Fellow, and Andrew Peet (PhD, University of St Andrews), who was appointed to a joint Postdoctoral Fellowship at CSMN and the ConceptLab. We would like to congratulate former Postdoctoral Fellow Torfinn Huvenes on his appointment as Lecturer in Philosophy at Umea University, Sweden, former PhD student Anna Drożdżowicz on her appointment as Postdoctoral Fellow on the project 'Intuitions in Science and Philosophy' at the Centre for Science Studies, Aarhus University, and Juhani Yli-Vakkuri on his appointment to a Research Fellowship in Philosophy at Bielefeld University.

We hosted (or co-hosted in collaboration with other agencies) five workshops. In January 2016, Ingrid Lossius Falkum and Franziska Köder

organised a one-day workshop to kick off the project 'Acquiring Figurative Meanings', with presentations from several project members, including Robyn Carston (UCL/CSMN), Olivier Mascaro (Lyon), Bjørn Ramberg (CSMN), Hanne Gram Simonsen (MultiLing), Marit Westergaard (UiT), Deirdre Wilson (UCL/CSMN) and Imac Zambrana (UiO).

In June 2016, Herman Cappelen co-organised with Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN) and David Plunkett (Dartmouth College) a two-day workshop on 'Conceptual Ethics and Conceptual Engineering', with 16 speakers and two parallel sessions. Talks included 'Engineering the concept of addiction' by Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN), 'Conceptual ethics and the work of metaphysics' by Amie Thomasson (University of Miami), and 'Evaluating concepts from an epistemic perspective, by Alejandro Perez Carballo (UMass, Amherst).

In August 2016, Paula Rubio-Fernandez, Ingrid Lossius Falkum and Franziska Köder organised a two-day interdisciplinary workshop on 'The Role of Intentions in Communication', with speakers including Pierre Jacob (CNRS), Bart Geurts



(Nijmegen), Dannielle Matthews (Sheffield), Anna Papafragou (Delaware), Ira Noveck (CNRS), Ingrid Lossius Falkum (CSMN), Franziska Köder (CSMN), Agnes Kovacs (CEU, Budapest), Hannes Rakoczy (Göttingen), Paula Rubio-Fernandez (CSMN), Endre Begby (Simon Fraser University), Nicholas Allott (CSMN) and Richard Moore (Humboldt University).

In October 2016, Nicholas Allott organised a workshop on 'Inference and Representation in Legal Interpretation', with speakers including Hrafn Asgeirsson (University of Surrey), Victoria Nourse (Georgetown Law School), Georges Rey (University of Maryland), Benjamin Shaer (Carleton University, Ottawa), Brian Slocum (University of the Pacific, Sacramento), Lawrence



Solan (Brooklyn Law School) and Nicholas Allott (CSMN).

Nicholas Allott (CSMN), Terje Lohndal (NTNU) and Georges Rey (Maryland) also co-organised a ten-day Norwegian Summer Institute in Language and Mind in June 2016, on the theme of 'Representation in language and mind', with lectures from Artemis Alexiadou (Berlin), John Collins (East Anglia), Frances Egan (Rutgers), Carsten Hansen (CSMN), Paul Pietroski (Maryland), Andrew Knoll (Maryland) and Neil Smith (University College London). The Summer School was a great success and a second Summer Institute, on 'Cognition and Computation' was held in August 2017.

Rachel Sterken and Andrew Peet co-organised a CSMN/ConceptLab workshop on 'Practical and Theoretical Implications of Defective Communication' in June 2017, with speakers including Daniel Harris (CUNY), Eliot Michaelson (KCL), Justin Khoo (MIT), Rachel McKinney (Harvard), Rachel Sterken (CSMN) and Andrew Peet (CSMN).

The Linguistic Agency team contributed several talks to the CSMN Closing Conference in May 2017. 2016-2017 was also a fruitful period for individual projects:

The main focus of Herman Cappelen's research was on conceptual engineering; some of the results were presented at the Opening Conference of the ConceptLab (UiO), and at the universities of Freiburg, Rutgers, Vassar and Leeds. He also co-authored an OUP book on Context and Communication (with Josh Dever), co-edited the Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology (with John Hawthorne and Tamar Gendler Szabo), and led an 'Author Meets Critics'

session on the 'Inessential Indexical' at the Eastern APA.

Deirdre Wilson co-edited (with Ryoko Sasakoto, Dublin) a special issue of *Lingua* on 'Little Words: Communication and Procedural Meaning' and published several papers, including a critique of recent experimental studies of irony comprehension, 'Irony, hyperbole, jokes and banter' (2017). She continued to work on metonymy with Ingrid Lossius Falkum and gave a keynote talk 'Explaining metonymy' to a conference on 'Cognitive Futures in the Humanities' in Helsinki.

Robyn Carston co-edited two special journal issues containing selected papers from the second and third PLM (Philosophy of Language and Mind) conferences. Other publications include 'The heterogeneity of procedural meaning' (*Lingua* 2016), 'Pragmatic enrichment: Beyond Gricean rational reconstruction' (*Inquiry* 2017), 'Contextual effects on explicature' (co-authored with Alison Hall), a review article in *Mind & Language*, three handbook chapters, and many international talks.

Jan Terje Faarlund co-authored (with Yasnaya Elena Aguilar Gil) a book on *La Lengua Zoque* (Mexico: UNAM) and three papers (co-authored with Joseph E. Emonds): two in *Language Dynamics and Change*, and one in an edited collection on *Language Contact and Variation in the History of English*. He also contributed a paper on 'Word Order Change in Norwegian' to the International Conference on Historical Linguistics in San Antonio, Texas.

Ingrid Lossius Falkum and Franziska Köder focused on designing and conducting a set of experimental tests, using eye-tracking and behavioural methods, aimed at tapping children's



competence with metonymic and ironical uses of language. The project was awarded additional funding of NOK 200 000 from UNIFOR (*Programredaktør Andor Birkeland og hustru Halinas legat*) to buy its own eye-tracking equipment. Ingrid's publications include a paper on metonymy development (co-authored with Marta Recasens and Eve Clark) in *Journal of Child Language*, a second, on polysemy, in *Semantics and Pragmatics*, and a handbook article on polysemy (co-authored with Agustín Vicente).

Paula Rubio-Fernandez continued work on her RCN project on 'Linguistic and cognitive factors in effective referential communication'. Her publications in 2016-2017 include three papers on selective attention, theory of mind and false-belief tasks, one in *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, another (co-authored with Bart Geurts) in *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* and a third (co-authored with J. Jara-Ettinger and Ted Gibson) in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*. She also co-authored two papers on metaphor development and metaphor processing and gave several conference presentations.

Rachel Sterken published a paper on generics in *Mind & Language*, another in *Philosophy Compass*, and a review article in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. She gave many international talks, including presentations at Rutgers, Stanford, UCLA, Tucson, the University of Pompeu Fabra and the University of St Andrews.

Anna Drożdżowicz published a paper on 'Descriptive ineffability reconsidered' in *Lingua*, and another on 'Speakers' intuitions about meaning provide empirical evidence – towards experimental pragmatics' in *Studies in Philosophy of Language and Linguistics*. Her international talks include

presentations at the University of Copenhagen, the European Congress of Analytic Philosophy in Munich, and the Universities of Madrid and Aarhus.

Juhani Yli-Vakkuri co-edited (with Mark McCullagh) a book on Williamson on Modality, and published papers on 'Vagueness and modality' (co-authored with Jon Litland) in *Philosophical Perspectives*, 'Epistemicism and modality' in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 'The epistemology of modality' (co-authored with Margot Strohminger) in *Analysis*, and 'Semantic externalism without thought experiments', also in *Analysis*.

Deirdre Wilson



Moral Agency

The MA team of CSMN is looking back on a very active final 18-month period during which we continued publishing the results of our research, discussed them with colleagues both local and international, and developed new projects to focus on in the future.

We are very pleased indeed that our former postdoc, Alejandra Mancilla, has accepted a position as associate professor in practical philosophy at our department. Her research is on political philosophy with a particular focus on the right of necessity and distributive justice; she enquires into the implications of this renowned principle of justice in a global framework. In 2016, her first book entitled *The Right of Necessity. Moral Cosmopolitanism and Global Justice* was published by Rowman & Littlefield International. She brings with her to the department funding for a new three-year project entitled 'Political Philosophy Looks to Antarctica: Sovereignty, Resource Rights and Legitimacy in the Antarctic Treaty System' which was granted by the Polar Research Program of the Norwegian Research Council.

Meanwhile, PhD candidate Sascha Settegast cut his research stay at the University of St. Andrews short. But he did not return from St. Andrews in order to stay with us in Oslo for long. Given that he received

an offer to continue his career at the University of Trier in Germany, he decided to leave CSMN before having finished his PhD. We wish him well in his new position.

Julia Annas and Peter Railton have been among the regular visitors of CSMN; their stays in Oslo count among the highlights of our academic year. Peter Railton is at the forefront of exploring philosophical questions in the light of recent findings in neuroscience. In May 2016, he lectured on 'Intuition and Intuitions in Epistemology', sketching an account of the way we manage to respond aptly to reasons for beliefs and actions. Julia Annas, together with Christel Fricke, co-hosted a workshop with Susan Wolf who was in Oslo to give the annual CSMN lecture. The workshop assembled both national and international scholars who explored the question about the meaning of life in a framework set by ancient and contemporary understandings of living well (Eudaimonia).

In cooperation with the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, the Moral Agency branch of CSMN hosted a round table discussion on 'Conflict and Conflict Solution in Palestine and Israel'. For a more detailed account of this event, which took place at Litteraturhuset on 1 June 2016 and was open to a large interested public, please see pp. 50-51.





In June, another workshop, co-hosted by Caj Strandberg, Carla Bagnoli, and Christel Fricke, explored questions concerning moral disagreement from different angles: from the angle of meta-ethics and semantics, from the angle of ‘Kantian constructivism’, and from that of reflective sentimentalism. We found a synergy arising from bringing these different perspectives together and plan to further join forces in order to explore how and under what conditions there can be a prospect of settling moral disagreements in processes of communication.

In August, we gathered leading international scholars to discuss Adam Smith’s critical response to David Hume’s moral theory. Topics of the debate between these two major figures of the Scottish Enlightenment have remained on the agenda of moral thought until the present day: Can one answer normative moral questions by inquiring into the evolution of cooperation among people

who are first and foremost interested in their own well-being? Smith rejected Hume’s affirmative answer to this question and requested a justification for moral standards that does not rely on the assumption that what a majority of people have come to think is right actually is right.

We cooperated with our local colleague from the political science department, Robert Huseby, and co-hosted the closing workshop of the project on ‘Benefiting from Injustice’. Originally, this project had been initiated by the late Gerhard Øverland. We plan to continue cooperating with Robert and his team in the future.

In June 2016, Christel Fricke hosted a two-day workshop dedicated to Husserl’s Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity; the workshop took place at Rosendal Baroniet outside Bergen. Most of the world’s leading experts in the field were present, including in particular Professor Iso



Kern, the editor of the respective volumes of the complete edition of Husserl's writings. Current discussions about the nature of human morality reveal an increasing interest in phenomenology in general and in the phenomenology of intersubjectivity in particular. Looking back at Husserl's original account of this subject matter will help to clarify both the method and the aim of a phenomenological approach to moral theory. Christel Fricke, Frode Kjosavik (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), and Christian Bayer (University of Göttingen) are co-editing a volume on Husserl's phenomenology of intersubjectivity. First drafts of some of these chapters were presented and discussed at the workshop. We have a contract with Routledge; the volume will be published in the Routledge's series on Phenomenology.

In 2017, the former auditor of the MA-group at the CSMN, Professor Onora O'Neill, received the Holberg Prize as a sign of recognition for her important philosophical work, the impact of which reaches far beyond academia and into actual policy. CSMN joins in congratulating her; we are deeply grateful for her engagement and advice.

As for the aftermath of the MA-team of the CSMN, we have initiated the 'Oslo Practical Philosophy Working Group' which assembles colleagues who work in practical philosophy, broadly understood. In September 2017, we used some of the remaining CSMN funding for two workshops, one on 'Blame and Forgiveness', the other on 'Responding to Wrongdoing: Resentment, Blame, Forgiveness, Punishment'. These topics will remain in the focus of our research for some time.

Christel Fricke



Rational Agency

The final period of activities for the Rational Agency Branch of CSMN has been busy and productive. Past and present members were strongly represented with presentations and roundtable discussions at the CSMN Closing Conference, on May 29-31 2017, including sessions arranged by the two important RCN-projects “Reflective Mind” and “Thought and Sense.” Another highlight of the final period is the publication of Sebastian Watzl’s monograph *Structuring Mind: The Nature of Attention and how it Shapes Consciousness* (OUP 2017).

We are very proud of three PhD candidates who completed and successfully defended their doctoral theses in this period, all supervised by members of the rational agency team. In 2016 (December 9), Kristian Bjørkdahl defended his dissertation *Enlarging the Ethnos. Rorty, Redescription, and the Rhetorical Labor Of Moral Progress*. His opponents were Stephen Mailloux and Sharyn Clough, while Bjørn Torgrim Ramberg was supervisor. In the spring of 2017, both Monica Roland and CSMN PhD fellow Leo Townsend followed suit. Monica, whose doctoral work was supervised by Olav Gjelsvik, defended her dissertation *What is Love?* on April 21, with Carla Bagnoli and Sarah Stroud as opponents. Then, on June 14, opponents Deborah Perron

Tollefsen and Hans Bernard Schmid engaged with Leo over his thesis *Believing Groups; Essays on the doxastic and discursive capacities of collective agents*. During his PhD work, Leo was jointly supervised by Jennifer Hornsby and Olav Gjelsvik.

Of the many events taking place under the auspices of the Rational Agency Branch during the final 18 months of the life of the centre, a special innovation was the Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind, held in June 2016 and in August 2017, aiming “to bring graduate students (MA-level and doctoral researchers) up to date with developments in the intersection of work on language and mind by presenting classes with leading researchers in the relevant fields.” The well-attended and highly successful institute—focusing on the themes of representation (2016) and cognition and computation (2017)—was a collaborative initiative, organized by Nicholas Allott (University of Oslo), Carsten Hansen (University of Oslo), Terje Lohndal (NTNU & UiT The Arctic University of Norway), and Georges Rey, (University of Maryland at College Park). A third iteration is planned for 2018.



In the course of 2016 and the first half of 2017, there were a number of scientific publications from the group. These include papers published in Philosophical Studies (Couto); The Canadian Journal of Philosophy (Hornsby); Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift, Inquiry, The Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy (Gjelsvik); Review of Philosophy and Psychology (Hansen & Rey); Phenomenology and Mind (Townsend); Sociolinguistica, Journal of Philosophy of Life (Ramberg).

Lectures and workshops at home and abroad, and a number of publications under review and forthcoming, show that even as the life of the centre comes to an end, work continues apace.

The first major event of the calendar year 2016 was the kick-off workshop for the RCN-funded Thought and Sense project, January 12-13. Arranged by the participating project team, Sebastian Watzl, Anders Nes, and Kristoffer Sundberg, the workshop also included contributions from Mette Hansen (Bergen), Michelle Montague (Austin), Susanna Siegel (Harvard), Maja Spener (Birmingham), Barry C. Smith (London), and Keith Wilson (Glasgow).

This turned out to be a particularly busy week for Sebastian, who also had a hand in the arrangement of Normind #3, the third meeting of the Nordic Network in Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, held at CSMN on January 14. The opening week was then rounded off (January 15) with the workshop on Progress in Philosophy, which was co-organized with the Linguistic Agency Branch, and included talks by Nancy Bauer (Tufts) and Mark Richard (Harvard) (joint paper), Patrick Greenough (St Andrews), Paul Horwich (New York University), Herman Cappelen (CSMN), Laurie Paul (North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and Bjørn Ramberg (CSMN), as well as a roundtable discussion led by Barry C. Smith (London).

The RA branch also sponsored the workshop The Future of Pragmatism, co-organized by Bjørn Ramberg and David Macarthur (Sydney). Joining David and Bjørn for two days of exploration of prospects and challenges for contemporary pragmatism were Jonathan Knowles (NTNU), Susan Dieleman (Saskatchewan), Robert Kraut (Ohio State), Anna Boncompagni (Florence), and Andrew Norris (Santa Barbara).

Towards the end of the spring semester (June 9), the Thought and Sense crew held a mini-workshop dedicated to their core theme, the relation between thinking and sensing, which included guest speakers Berit Brogard (Miami) and Elijah Chudnoff (Miami).

As is usual, June was a busy month at CSMN, including the beforementioned Summer Institute, but also an event of a rather special character; a workshop in honour of Olav Gjelsvik on his 60th birthday. With a suitable mix of the personal and philosophical, the program included talks by Pascal Engel (Paris), Jon Elster (Columbia), Edmund Henden (Oslo University College) and Jennifer Hornsby (London), as well as contributions from a number of friends and colleagues at Oslo. Olav's contributions to philosophy in both academic and institutional terms were amply displayed.

After the summer break, CSMN activities resumed full force in August, with RA members Gjelsvik and Hornsby participating in the Moral Agency Branch event Time in Action (August 25-26), and Ramberg participating in the cross-project PhD course on Conceptual Development (August 29-31).

After a month dedicated to common events and meetings, Thought and Sense arranged yet another workshop, now on temporal awareness in thought and perception (October 7-8). This event included, in addition to local project members Sundberg and Nes, talks by Holly Anderson (Simon Fraser), Sean Enda





Power (Trinity, Dublin), Simon Prosser (St Andrews), Christoph Hoerl (Warwick) and Jan Almäng (CSMN affiliate).

On October 12-13, CSMN hosted a conference on Depiction and Perception, organized by CSMN affiliate Solveig Aasen. Aiming to shed light on the interactions between theories of depiction and the philosophy of perception, this event included talks by Catharine Abell (Manchester), Dominic Gregory (Sheffield), Robert Hopkins (NYU), Bence Nanay (Cambridge/Antwerp) and Maarten Steenhagen (Antwerp), Lambert Wiesing (Jena), as well as Solveig Aasen (Oslo).

Reasoning, Reflection and Normativity, was the theme of the 4th meeting of the European Normativity Network, on November 3-4. The event, organized by Timothy Chan and Anders Nes, through the CSMN-affiliated RCN project “The Reflective Mind,” included talks by Andrew Reisner (Uppsala), Felix Koch (FU Berlin), Conor McHugh (Southampton), Benjamin Kiesewetter (FU Berlin), Susanne Mantel (Saarlandes), Daniel Fogal (Uppsala), Yair Levy (Tel Aviv) and Alex Gregory (Southampton).

A combined conference and PhD course on dispositions and dispositional theories took place on November 23-25, under the auspices of the Reflective Mind Project. The event included contributions from Jennifer McKittrick (Nebraska-Lincoln), Sebastiano Moruzzi (Bologna) and Filippo Ferrari (Bonn) (joint), Troy Cross (Reed), Anders Strand (Oslo), and Stephen Mumford (Durham) and Rani Lill Anjum (NMBU) (joint), as well as from the organizer of the event, Eline Busck Gundersen. (For further details, please see pp. 48-49.)

The final event of the year was a workshop on Pragmatism, Rhetoric and Hermeneutics, with talks by Sharyn Clough (Oregon State), Kristian Bjørkdahl (Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies) and Steven Mailloux (Loyola Marymount).

In anticipation of the closing conference in May, the spring of 2017 was a relatively quiet period at the Centre, though the CSMN colloquium series and the Work in Progress seminars continued apace, and engaged a number of

RA researchers. And while the large May conference marked the end of the centre as an entity, RA activity continued through 2017.

In September, affiliate PhD Fellow Jeroen Rijnders was responsible for the organization of two PhD seminars at CSMN: Automaticity and Moral Responsibility (September 17-18), with Daniel Kelly (Purdue) and Elinor Mason (Edinburgh), and Statistics for Philosophers (September 19-20) with Pål Ulleberg (UiO).

The RCN Thought and Sense project put on The Thought and Sense Conference (November 2-4), dedicated to exploring the nature of the contrast, or contrasts, between perception and cognition. At the conference there were talks by Ned Block (NYU), Grace Helton (Princeton), Tim Bayne (Monash), Jacob Beck (York), Michelle Montague (Texas), Berit Brogaard (Miami), Maja Spener (Birmingham), Mette Hansen (Bergen), Michael G.F. Martin (University College London), Kristoffer Sundberg (Oslo), Anders Nes (Oslo) and Jessica Pepp (Uppsala). Posters were presented by Sam Clarke (Oxford, Princeton), Anna Drożdżowicz (Aarhus), Ben Henke (Washington University, St. Louis), Jake Quilty-Dunn (Oxford) and Gerardo Viera (Antwerp). Responsible for this event were the local Thought and Sense team, Anders Nes, Kristoffer Sundberg and Sebastian Watzl.

The final RA event of the year was the Workshop on Action, Practical Knowledge and Agentive Knowledge, taking place on November 20 at the University of Oslo. Participants were David Hunter (Ryerson), Will Small (University of Illinois at Chicago), John Schwenkler (UC Berkeley) and Olav Gjelsvik (Oslo), who was also the organizer of the event.

During this final period of Centre life, there have been many instances of philosophical engagement with contemporary social issues from RA members, in various fora and media. Contributions by Jennifer Hornsby (2016) and Jeroen Rijnders (2017) deserve a

special mention. Hornsby: “Does Science Have All the Answers?” Public Debate, London School of Economics and Political Science, February 15, 2016; “Pornography between free speech and hate speech,” Interdisciplinary Seminar on Hate Speech, University of Turin, October 24-25, 2016. Rijnders: “Sexuality and Self-Development,” and “Discrimination in the Bedroom,” Oslo Pride, Pride House/Smil Norge June 26, 2017.

Undoubtedly, the members of the Rational Agency Branch of CSMN will continue for many years to come to draw productively on the collaborations and explorations that have been made possible by the stimulating and generous conditions of work at CSMN.

Bjørn Ramberg



PPPE-Club

The Philosophy, Political Theory, Psychology and Economics Club (PPPE-Club) is a forum for philosophers (including philosophers of law), political scientists, psychologists, economists and all other scholars of the social sciences who share an interest in the normative constraints of human agency.

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 has been 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 have met about every second week, and the papers have been sent to them a few days before the meetings – for preparation of questions, comments and improvement suggestions.

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

From the fall semester 2016, the PPPE Club continued its activities under the Practical Philosophy Seminar (PPS). The seminar is a part of a research group at CSMN's host department. The research group is named Practical Philosophy Working Group (PPWG).



Schedule 2016-2017

Spring 2016

- **9 Feb.** Lars Christie, PhD-student, IFIKK, UiO
- **1 Mar.** Grethe Netland, PhD-student, IFIKK, UiO
- **5 Apr.** Carl Tollef Solberg, PhD-student, University of Bergen
- **19 Apr.** Mathias Barra, researcher, Akershus University Hospital
- **3 May** Rachel Severson, assistant professor, Univ. of Montana
- **24 May** Caroline T. Arruda, assistant professor, University of Texas at El Paso

Fall 2016

- **20 Sep.** Ole Martin Moen, postdoc, IFIKK/CSMN, UiO
- **11 Oct.** Knut Olav Skarsaune, postdoc, IFIKK, UiO
- **15 Nov.** Sigurd Lindstad, PhD fellow, Dept. of Political Science, UiO
- **13 Dec.** Kim Angell, postdoc, Dept. of Political Science, UiO

Spring 2017

- **28 Feb.** Andreas Brekke Carlsson, researcher, ConceptLab, UiO
- **14 Mar.** Lars Christie, researcher, ConceptLab, UiO
- **28 Mar.** Mini-workshop on Ethics and War
- **9 May** Jakob Elster, associate professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, UiO
- **23 May** Carl Tollef Solberg, PhD fellow, UiB, and guest researcher, CSMN



CSMN Colloquium

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 2016-17 we had 32 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN. Across the year 38% of our speakers were women. The conveners were Torfinn Huvenes and Natalia Wights Hickman.

Schedule 2016-2017

Spring 2016

- **28 Jan.** Will Small (Chicago): 'Agency and Abilities'
- **4 Feb.** Barry Maguire (UNC Chapel Hill): 'There are No Reasons for Attitudes'
- **11 Feb.** Andreas Stokke (Umeå): 'Indexicals as Variables'
- **25 Feb.** Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (UNC Chapel Hill): 'A Theory of a Better Morality'
- **3 Mar.** Natalia Wights Hickman (Oxford): '(Implicit) Knowledge, Reasons and Semantic Understanding'
- **17 Mar.** Øystein Linnebo (IFIKK): 'Actual and Potential Infinity'
- **31 Mar.** Christian Beyer (Göttingen): 'Husserl and Frege on Sense'
- **7 Apr.** Christel Fricke (CSMN): 'Constructivism in Ethics - The Version of Adam Smith'
- **14 Apr.** Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN): 'Agency, the Cogito, and the First Person'
- **21 Apr.** Sarah Stroud (McGill): 'Self-Control in Action and Belief'
- **28 Apr.** Anna Drozdowicz (CSMN): 'Speakers' intuitions are based on experience'
- **12 May** Caj Strandberg (IFIKK): 'An Ecumenical Account of Categorical Moral Reasons.'
- **26 May** Peter Fritz (IFIKK) and Juhani Yli-Vakkuri (CSMN): 'Operator Arguments Revisited'
- **9 Jun.** Elijah Chudnoff (Miami): 'Epistemic Elitism'

Fall 2016

- **18 Aug.** William Wimsatt (University of Chicago): 'Articulating Babel: An Approach to Cultural Evolution'
- **27 Sep.** Marina Trakas (IJN Paris): 'Memory Concepts'

- **20 Oct.** Peter Fritz (IFIKK): 'The consistency of Structured Propositions'
- **27 Oct.** Christopher Peacocke (Columbia): 'Metaphysics and Mental Representation'
- **10 Nov.** Louise Röska-Hardy (Essen): 'Do we directly perceive emotions?'
- **17 Nov.** Øystein Linnebo (IFIKK): 'Ontology and the Logic of Identity'
- **24 Nov.** Anya Farennikova (Bristol): 'Bayesianism and the Perception-Cognition divide'
- **8 Dec.** Mirja Hartimo (NMBU): 'Besinnung and Definiteness: on Husserl's philosophy of mathematics'

Spring 2017

- **14 Feb.** Henrik Rydenfelt (Helsinki): 'Realism without Representationalism'
- **16 Feb.** Jennifer Windt (Monash): 'Spontaneous Thought in Sleep and Dreams'
- **2 Mar.** Anders Strand (with Gry Oftedal) (IFIKK): 'Causal Specificity in Biology'
- **16 Mar.** Ravi Thakral (St Andrew's): 'Normative Necessity and the Structure of Ethical Theory'
- **23 Mar.** Sebastian Watzl (IFIKK): 'Attention, Self and Subjectivity'
- **30 Mar.** Mirja Hartimo (IFIKK): 'On Husserl's Philosophy of Mathematics'
- **6 Apr.** Jeroen Rijnders (IFIKK): 'Automaticity, Character, and Moral Responsibility: Advancing Developmentalism'
- **27 Apr.** Mona Simion (CSMN/Concept Lab): 'Testimonial Contractarianism'
- **4 May** Natalia Wights Hickman (CSMN): 'Novelty, Know-how and Rule-following'
- **12 May** John Hyman (Oxford): 'Knowledge and Belief'

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 remit and brings together members from all three sub-projects of CSMN. The seminar takes place every two weeks.

In 2016-17 we had 15 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN. 40% of the speakers were women. The conveners were Torfinn Huvenes and Natalia Waights Hickman.

Schedule 2016-2017

Spring 2016

- **2 Feb.** Margot Strohming (Antwerp)
- **16 Feb.** Lars Christie (IFIKK)
- **12 Apr.** Torfinn Huvenes (CSMN)
- **26 Apr.** Bjørn Ramberg (CSMN) and Anders Strand (IFIKK)
- **10 May** Einar Bøhn (UiA)
- **31 May** Caroline Arruda (UT El Paso)

Fall 2016

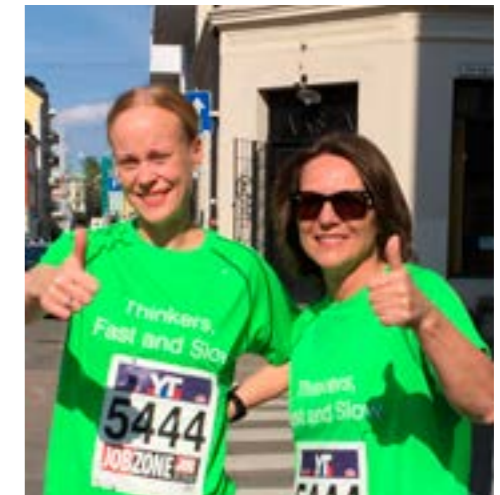
- **27 Sep.** Marina Trakas (IJN)
- **25 Oct.** Natalia Waights Hickman (Oxford/CSMN)
- **8 Nov.** Einar Bøhn (UiA)
- **22 Nov.** Eline Busck Gundersen

Spring 2017

- **7 Mar.** Andrew Peet (Concept Lab/CSMN)
- **21 Mar.** Brian Kim (Oklahoma)
- **4 Apr.** Bjørn Ramberg (IFIKK)
- **2 May** Peter Fritz (IFIKK)
- **16 May** Mirela Fuš (ConceptLab)

Thinkers, Fast and Slow

On May 7 2016, and for the fourth and last time, CSMN's sports team, Thinkers, Fast and Slow, participated in "Holmenkollstafetten" – the Holmenkollen relay. This relay is the largest of its kind in the world. Together with more than 2700 other running teams, each of them counting 15 runners, we filled the street of Oslo this beautiful spring day. The fast and slow runners of CSMN's team made it faster than ever: 1 hour, 22 minutes and 21 seconds!



CSMN Thinkers, Fast and Slow was established in the beginning of 2013. Its only activity has been to run the annual Holmenkollen relay, including irregular preparatory exercises and a lot of fun.

Staff seminar

at Holmenkollen

For the fourth year in a row, CSMN in 2016 held a winter seminar for its members and affiliates, with the aims of sharing research, encouraging collaboration, and fostering community. For the first time, it was organized jointly with the philosophy section at IFIKK. The seminar was held from January 8-9 at Scandic Holmenkollen Park Hotel in Oslo.

The seminar had nearly thirty participants, and the focus was on helping younger scholars develop their research work in progress. The program consisted exclusively of parallel sessions, in which early-career researchers, PhD candidates and postdocs were given the opportunity to present their current work in smaller groups, comprising colleagues with similar research interests. All members of the audience were expected to act as friendly and supportive commentators. In sum, the two-day affair was highly productive and intellectually stimulating.

Aside from the academic sessions, the trip also featured incredible views, an amazing lunch buffet, and a fantastic common dinner, not to mention an adventurous uphill walk on the snow from the T-bane station!

For the philosophy section, organizing this workshop jointly was an important first step in furthering and promoting the legacy of CSMN at IFIKK.

Franco Trivigno





Annual Lecture

Susan Wolf

Susan Wolf, the Edna J. Koury Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, gave the annual lecture entitled 'Aesthetic Responsibility' in Arne Næss auditorium on September 9, 2016.

Susan Wolf has devoted her career to philosophical work in the intersection between ethics and philosophy of mind and action. A unifying characteristic of her work is that she is ultimately motivated by big philosophical questions, as attested to by her Tanner lectures on Human Values delivered at Princeton in 2007 and published as *Meaning in Life and Why It Matters*.

In this year's lecture on mind in nature, her underlying big question was: "What is it to be a human being?" She aimed to illuminate this question by investigating one feature that is oftentimes thought to be a defining characteristic of creatures like us: only humans are appropriately considered as carriers of responsibility. Responsibility, however, is usually thought of in two ways in philosophy – either as causal responsibility, where being responsible amounts to being a cause, or as moral responsibility, where being responsible amounts to being the object of praise or blame. Wolf claims contemporary philosophy has overemphasized the moral case of responsibility and thereby come to limit our philosophical understanding. By turning

to the realm of aesthetics, Wolf proposes to deepen and revise our concept(s) of responsibility and thereby, ultimately, our understanding of what it is to be human.

Professor Wolf took her audience on a journey through a rich and varied collection of examples, primarily works from the history of visual art, showing how we hold artists aesthetically responsible, but also how the diversity of cases reveal the shortcomings of the two traditional conceptions of responsibility. "Aesthetic responsibility" is Wolf's

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term for the responsibility an artist has for the aesthetic qualities of an artwork. Wolf illustrated this kind of responsibility by pointing to the reactive attitudes we have to artworks and the significance we attribute to artists, primarily in cases of positive evaluation of their work. When we understand artists to be responsible for their work, this kind of responsibility differs from the traditional conceptions of responsibility.

To take the contrast with the causal sense of responsibility first, it is clear that merely being the cause of a work does not capture what Wolf is after with aesthetic responsibility – if we learn that the work is merely a copy, an accident, or perhaps the result of giving a paint brush to an elephant, we will revoke the responsibility attributed to the artist. The sense of responsibility we attribute to artists is “deeper” than this. However, it is clear that this aesthetic kind of responsibility does not live up to the conditions often given to define the second sense, moral responsibility: it might very well be that it would be wrong to say that an artist has knowledge of what they are doing, that they could have done otherwise, or that the artists had control of the process leading to the completion of the work. In most cases, such criteria seem to be inappropriate for the description of artistic practice. The varieties of artistic practice show the difficulty of articulating criteria for this kind of responsibility, if we consider the very different relationship between artist and work in, e.g., the more conceptual works of Frank Stella, the vibrant, more expressive paintings of Matisse, or a Rembrandt self-portrait. Still, Wolf stresses that in all these cases of aesthetic experience, it is significant not just that we are facing a work of art, but also that an artist made it and “had it in them” to do so.

Wolf's purpose in the lecture is not to propose a kind of intentionalism about art, instead emphasizing that when we praise artists for their work, perhaps

even come to hold great affection for them because of the work they are responsible for, we credit them for more than their explicit intentions. What the aesthetic case reveals is that we attribute responsibility beyond, and even perhaps independently of, accountability (*pace* the traditional moral understanding of responsibility). When we hold an artist aesthetically responsible, we do so because we think the work comes from her and says something about her. The work is somehow disclosive of her self.

Wolf concludes that aesthetic responsibility teaches us a few lessons about responsibility, but also about that underlying big question, what human beings are:

1. “Deep” responsibility, that is, the kind(s) that go beyond the causal sense, is less clear than we think, and to understand when we attribute such responsibility is connected with our understanding of what selves are.
2. Aesthetic responsibility is a corrective to the more narrow philosophical identification of the human being as characterized by “rational agency,” since the experience of art and the urge to make art pick out different capabilities as defining and interesting than the typical “intelligence” criteria of a rational agent.
3. The phenomena of making art and being responsive to art give clues to what it means to be a human being, illustrating how there is a lot of space between the accidental and the intentional, which we should attend to when trying to understand human life and action.

Ingvild Torsen

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Conference

Dispositional Theories and Theories about Dispositions

On 24-25 November 2016, CSMN hosted a conference on the relationship between dispositional theories in specific domains and theories about dispositions, organized by Eline Busck Gundersen.



What are the implications of rivalling views about the metaphysics of dispositions for dispositional theories about specific domains (colours/values/whatnots)?

Dispositional theories have been advocated for a wide range of phenomena, including e.g. traditional secondary qualities such as colours, moral and aesthetic values, mental states, social institutions and basic rule-following and linguistic meaning. It has also been suggested that laws of nature, modality, and causation should be accounted for in dispositional terms. For dispositional theories of specific domains to be of use, it must be known roughly what dispositions are. But dispositions are subject to a similar debate as those debates in which dispositional theories are advanced as (one type of) solutions. Theories of dispositions include e.g. primitivist or 'real power views' that see dispositions as *sui generis* properties, not to be explained in terms of anything else, views that identify dispositions with their bases, views that construe dispositions

as modal properties, and irrealist views that take dispositions to be nothing at all. These views have very different implications for corresponding dispositional theories of specific domains. But the debates on dispositional theories in (some) specific domains and general discussions on the nature of dispositions have proceeded with a high degree of independence of each other. This conference was intended as an occasion for a long-overdue assessment of the interplay between theories on dispositions and dispositional theories of particular domains.

The speakers included internationally acknowledged experts on dispositions, representing most of the main views, participants in a dispute over dispositional theories of a specific domain (aesthetics), and locals with research interests in the topic. Highlights included Jennifer McKittrick's talk on her dispositional account of gender identity and the understanding of dispositions that was most suitable as a basis for it, Troy Cross's exploration of two different kinds of masking - preemptive and counteractive masking - and the problems that modal accounts of dispositions face with accounting for the difference between them, and the latest developments in Mumford's and Anjum's defence of a primitivist view of dispositions. Sebastiano Moruzzi and Filippo Ferrari explored dispositional views of taste as part of an argument for alethic pluralism. Anders Strand led an illuminating discussion on the explanatory role of dispositions, and Eline Busck Gundersen explored general points about the implications of various metaphysics of dispositions for dispositional theories in specific domains.

The workshop was preceeded by a one-day introductory course on dispositions and dispositional theories for Ph.D. students.

Eline Busck Gundersen



Conference

Conflict and Conflict Solution

in Palestine and Israel

In cooperation with the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, the Moral Agency branch of CSMN in June 2016 hosted a roundtable discussion on 'Conflict and Conflict Solution in Palestine and Israel'.



After a short introduction by Christel Fricke and Ole Sejersted (University of Oslo and Preses of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters), the participants presented their respective views of the conflict: Fania Oz-Salzberger (Israeli historian and writer, professor of history at the University of Haifa, School of Law and Centre for German and European Studies), Lucy Austin-Nusseibeh (current director of the Institute of Modern Media at Al-Quds University who also taught in the Cultural Studies and Philosophy department in Bir Zeit University and the founder and chairperson of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND)), Bashshar Haydar (American University, Beirut), Marte Heian-Engdal (University of Oslo), Anton Leist (University of Zürich), and Jakob Lothe (University of Oslo, member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters and the leader of the Academy's Committee on Human Rights). This discussion revealed the difficulty of keeping the hope alive that the conflict will at some point in the future be solved peacefully.

The event attracted the attention of the media: Journalists responsible for the URIX program (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) invited both Fania Oz-Salzberger and Lucy Austin-Nusseibeh for an interview on the actual state of the conflict which was broadcast a few days later.

Christel Fricke





Long term guest Researchers

CSMN is highly internationally oriented, and more than 200 researchers from all over the world visit the centre every year. Some of these researchers stay for a longer period of time, and our long-term guests not only participate in academic endeavours, but also put their significant mark on the daily life at the centre. In 2016-2017, there were 9 long term guest researchers at CSMN who all stayed for three weeks or longer.

CAROLINE T. ARRUDA is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Texas at El Paso. She visited CSMN in May-June 2016 and again in May-June 2017.

GEORGES REY is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maryland. He visited the centre for the month of June 2016.

JULIA ANNAS is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Arizona. She visited CSMN in September 2016.

MARIA CARRASCO is Professor of Philosophy at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. She stayed at CSMN from the beginning of April until the middle of June 2017.

MARINA TRAKAS is a PhD candidate at the Institut Jean Nicod in Paris. She spent August and September 2016 at CSMN.

MARTIN PALECEK is Assistant Professor of philosophy and social sciences, and Director of the Language, Mind, Society Center at the University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Rep. He visited CSMN for five weeks in May-June 2016. His stay was supported by a Bilateral Scholarship Programme EEA and Norway grants.

MATTHEW MCKEEVER is a PhD Candidate at the University of St Andrews. He visited us from February to May 2016 and again from March to May 2017.

SARAH STROUD is Professor of Philosophy at McGill University. She visited CSMN in April and May 2016.

ZHOU JING is a PhD candidate at the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Nanjing University. He visited CSMN from August 2015 to February 2017.



Guest researcher

From Caroline T. Arruda's point of view

Caroline T. Arruda is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Texas at El Paso. She visited CSMN in May-June 2016 and in May-June 2017.

From May-June 2016 and from May-June 2017, I spent some productive and engaging months as a Guest Researcher at CSMN. During that time, I made significant progress on my monograph in progress, tentatively entitled *Enriching Practical Reason*. I benefited immeasurably from regular meetings with colleagues, graduate students and other visitors to the Center to discuss my chapters in progress as well as from reading and commenting on their work. In addition, I had the good fortune to attend a plethora of talks, guest

lectures and small conferences on topics related to my research interests in ethics and metaethics and philosophy of action. The faculty, visiting researchers, graduate students and staff were incredibly gracious hosts from whom I learned a great deal and with whom I enjoyed spending two intellectually stimulating months in beautiful Norway.

Caroline T. Arruda



Events 2016-2017

An overview of workshops, conferences and guest lectures hosted by CSMN in 2016 and 2017

2016

01. 12-13 January. Thought and Sense Kickoff Workshop
02. 14 January. Nordmind #3 (Third Meeting of the Nordic Network in Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science)
03. 15-16 January. Workshop on Progress in Philosophy
04. 25-26 January. Workshop on State Paternalism
05. 29 January. Workshop: Acquiring Figurative Meanings
06. 17-18 February. Workshop: The Future of Pragmatism
07. 23 May. Talk by Tyler Burge (UCLA): "Do Apes and Very Young Children Attribute Mental States?"
08. 25 May. Talk by Peter Railton (University of Michigan): "Intuition and Intuitions in Epistemology"
09. 26-27 May. Workshop: The Beneficiary Pays Principle
10. 26 May. Talk by Bashshar Haydar: "Should Moral Intuitions Be Trusted?"
11. 1 June. Workshop: Saving Lives From the Badness of Death (University of Oxford)
12. 1 June. Roundtable discussion: Conflict and Conflict Solution in Palestine and Israel (Litteraturhuset)
13. 1-3 June. Workshop: Normative Disagreement
14. 2 June. Annual Skolem lecture: Steward Shapiro (Ohio State University): "Computing with numbers and other non-syntactic things: knowing which"
15. 6 June. Talks by Aaron Thomas-Bolduc (Beau Mount, Oxford)
16. 7-8 June. Workshop: Edmund Husserl: The Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity
17. 9 June. Mini workshop: Thought and Sense
18. 13 June. Talk by Yitzhak Benbaji: "Double Effect, Intentionality and Rules"
19. 14 June. Talk by Hans Bernhard Schmid (Vienna): The Subject of "We Intend"
20. 16-17 June. Conceptual Engineering workshop
21. 20-29 June. Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind 2016
22. 27 June. Workshop in honor of Olav Gjelsvik on his 60th birthday
23. 11-12 August. Workshop: The nature and origin of morality: Adam Smith's response to David Hume's views on moral matters
24. 25-26 August. Time in Action. The Second Conference of the European Network for Practical Reason and Normative Psychology (ENPRNP)
25. 25-26 August. Workshop: The Role of Intentions in Communication
26. 30 August. Talk by John Gardner (University of Oxford): The Opposite of Rape
27. 9 September. The CSMN Annual Lecture on Mind in Nature 2016 by Susan Wolf: "Aesthetic Responsibility"
28. 10 September. Workshop: Eudaimonia and the Meaning of Life
29. 22-23 September. Workshop on The Morality of State Boundaries: migration ethics and territorial rights
30. 7-8 October. Workshop: Temporal awareness in thought and perception
31. 7-8 October. Workshop: Inference and representation in legal interpretation
32. 12-13 October. Conference on Depiction and Perception

33. 24-25 October. Workshop: Should personal responsibility play a role in fair healthcare?
34. 2 November. Talk by Francesca Minerva: Buying Immortality
35. 3-4 November. Reasoning, Reflection, and Normativity: the 4th meeting of the European Normativity Network
36. 24-25 November. Conference on dispositions and dispositional theories
37. 12 December. Workshop: Pragmatism, Rhetoric, Hermeneutics

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38. 9-10 March. Workshop: The Problem of the De Se: Perspectives from Linguistics and Philosophy
39. 23 March. Talk by Christoph Horn: Kant's Political Philosophy as a Theory of Non-Ideal Normativity
40. 29-31 May. CSMN Closing conference
41. 16 June. Workshop: The Practical and Theoretical Implications of Defective Communication
42. 26-27 June. Workshop: Analytic and Conceptual Competence and Understanding
43. 1-11 August. Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind 2017
44. 23-24 August. Workshop on Blame and Forgiveness
45. 6-7 September. Workshop: Assertion-Foundational Issues
46. 8-9 September. Workshop: Responding to Wrongdoing: Resentment, Blame, Forgiveness, Punishment
47. 17-18 September. Seminar: Automaticity and Moral Responsibility
48. 2-4 November. Conference: Thought and Sense
49. 20-21 November. Workshop: Action, Practical Knowledge and Agentive Knowledge





Talks abroad

2016-2017

NICHOLAS ALLOTT

‘The pragmatics of statutory enactment and interpretation’ at University of Brighton linguistics colloquium (reporting on joint work with Ben Shaer), March 2017.

‘Inference and intentions in legal interpretation’ at Law, Language and Normativity workshop, Surrey University (reporting on joint work with Ben Shaer), January 2017.

‘Lexical modulation without concepts’, at Linguistics and Philosophy joint departmental seminar, University of Maryland (reporting on joint work with Mark Textor), January 2017.

‘Game-theoretic pragmatics: Is it “low hanging fruit”?’ at Eastern Session of American Philosophy Association, Washington DC, January 2016.

JULIA ANNAS

‘Varieties of Virtue,’ at the conference on Virtue Education at Oriel College, Oxford, organized by the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtue, University of Birmingham, England, January 2016.

‘Plato on law and the origin of law,’ at the Law School, University of Athens, Greece, September 2016.

‘Is Stoic Virtue as Off-putting as it seems?’ at the 2016 Stoicon meeting, New York City, October 2016 (available on the Modern Stoicism blog, edited by David Robinson).

‘Comments on Gill,’ at the Workshop on Christopher Gill’s manuscript on Stoic Ethics, Yale University, October 2016.

‘Virtue and Heroism, and ‘Virtue, Vice and Evil,’ at the University of Michigan Classics and Philosophy Department annual event, October 2016.

HERMAN CAPPELEN

Author Meets Critics Session on Inessential Indexical. Eastern APA, January 2016.

‘Fixing Language’. Rutgers University Semantics Group, October 2016.

‘Fixing Language’. Vassar College, November 2016.

Workshop On Conceptual Engineering, University Of Leeds, November 2016.

‘The First-Person’. Freiburg University, December 2016.

‘Conceptual Engineering’. Freiburg University, December 2016.

Talk at Conceptual Engineering Workshop, Zermatt, Switzerland, February 2017.

‘Conceptual Engineering: what it is and its role in philosophical methodology,’ Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, April 2017.

‘Action Without Me’, “What Is The Problem of First Person Thought” conference, Barcelona, May 2017.

ROBYN CARSTON

‘Non-truth-conditional meaning and the conceptual/procedural distinction’, Marie Curie Workshop on ‘Non-Truth-Conditional Meaning’, University College London, February 2016.

‘Word meaning, pragmatics and context’, Mayfest, Departments of Linguistics and Philosophy, University of Maryland, May 2016.

‘Word meaning and concepts communicated’, Workshop on ‘Relationship between Thought and Language’, University of Salzburg, May 2016.

‘Word meaning, pragmatics and the lexicon’, Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, St Andrews, August 2016.

‘Underspecified word meaning, pragmatics and the lexicon’, Workshop on ‘Stable Meanings, Unstable Interpretations’, University of Krakow, September 2016.

‘Polysemy, pragmatics and lexicon(s)’, Workshop on ‘Word Meaning’, University of The Basque Country, Vitoria, November 2016.

‘Roots, words and encoded meaning’, Linguistics Seminar, University of Göttingen, December 2016.

‘Polysemous words: meaning and pragmatics’, invited talk at Language and Media Studies seminar, Middlesex University, February 2017.

‘Word meaning and concept expressed’, invited talk at ConceptLab Workshop on Concepts and Conceptual Engineering’, Zermatt (given by skype), February 2017.

‘Interpreting metaphors: Inference and imagery’, invited talk at Swiss Institute in Rome, one-day workshop on Metaphors of the Mind, May 2017.

‘Mind to mind: human communication and the roles of language’, invited talk at The Human Mind Conference, Cambridge, June 2017.

ALEXANDRA COUTO

‘Perfectionism in health care,’ Workshop on Perfectionism in Public Health, Münster, March 2016.

‘The Beneficiary Pays Principle and Strict Liability’, Centre for the Study of Social Justice, Oxford University, February 2017.

ANNA DROZDOWICZ

‘Trusting philosophers and philosophical expertise – towards a new account,’ Workshop on Trust and Disagreement, University of Copenhagen, 2016.

‘Intuitions versus judgements – the perceptual view and intuition zombies,’ Theoretical Philosophy Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Aarhus University, 2016.

‘Knowing what a speaker said and experiences of language understating’, The 9th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 9), Munich, 2017.

‘Speakers’ intuitions about meaning and why we can trust them’, Seminar, Department of Linguistics, Cognitive Science and Semiotics, Aarhus University (invited speaker), 2017.

‘Philosophical expertise without intuitions – towards a new account’, Centre for Science Studies Colloquium, Aarhus University (invited speaker), 2017.

JAN TERJE FAARLUND

‘Word order change in Norwegian: One factor with several consequences’. XXII. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, San Antonio, TX, USA, 2017.

INGRID LOSSIUS FALKUM

‘On the acquisition of metonymy.’ BCCCD16 - Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, 2016 (with Marta Recasens and Eve Clark).

‘Children’s processing of metonyms: Evidence from eye movements and picture selection. Between (Stable) Meanings and (Unstable) Interpretations,’ Jagiellonian University in Krakow, 2016 (with Franziska Köder).

‘Children’s comprehension of metonymy: The role of metalinguistic awareness.’ 7th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication, University of Split, 2016 (with Franziska Köder).

‘Children’s comprehension of metonymy. The role of pragmatic factors in child language processing,’ Humboldt University Berlin, 2016 (with Franziska Köder).

‘Metonymic reference in early language development.’ Early Developmental Pragmatics, Central European University, 2016.

CHRISTEL FRICKE

‘Victims forever? An Inquiry into the Role of Forgiveness in Conflict Solution,’ AlQuds University, Jerusalem, January 2016.

‘Constructivism in Ethics – the version of Adam Smith,’ Pamplona, April 2016.

‘Aspects of Impartiality: Hobbes, Smith, and Rawls,’ Rethymnon, Crete, May 2016 (with Iannis Tassopoulos and Konstantinos Papageorgios).

‘Constructivism in Ethics – Rawls and Adam Smith,’ Athens, May 2016.

‘Empathie und Unparteilichkeit – Eine Phaenomenologie des moralischen Urteils,’ München, June 2016.

‘Wie lassen sich moralische Urteile ohne Rekurs auf transzendente Autoritaeten oder absolute Werte begruenden?’ Mannheim, November 2016.

‘Forgiveness – Prospects and Challenges,’ Santiago de Chile, November 2016.

‘Adam Smith’s ethischer Konstruktivismus,’ Graz, Dezember 2016.

‘Kants Weise der moralischen Welterzeugung oder die Beantwortung der Frage: Wie ist apriorische Erkenntnis des moralischen Gesetzes a priori möglich?’ Bern/Bonn, March/May 2017.

‘Empathy and Moral Judgment – On Adam Smith’s Reflective Moral Sentimentalism’, Munich, August 2017.

‘Constructivism in Ethics – the Version of Adam Smith’, Tucson, Arizona, US, November 2017.

DAGFINN FØLLESDAL

Lecture on Patrick Suppes and Jaakko Hintikka in a memorial session for these two former presidents of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, at its Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March-April, 2016.

Opening lecture at Symposium on “Phenomenology in California through fifty years.” Arranged by American Philosophical Association at its Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2016.

Survey of Thomas Scanlon’s main contributions to ethics in connection with his being awarded the Lauener Prize. Bern, Switzerland, 2016.

‘Hintikka on the modalities,’ lecture at Memorial Symposium for Jaakko Hintikka in Helsinki, 2016.

‘Perception and the Mind.’ Lecture at the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu University, 2016.

FRØYDIS GAMMELSÆTER

‘Addiction and Autonomy,’ MANCEPT Workshop on Autonomy in Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Manchester, September 2016.

ELINE BUSCK GUNDERSEN

Response to Michael Strevens: What if there is more to what-if-questions?. Conference on Explanation and Understanding, Dept. of Science Studies, Aarhus University, May 2016.

The (non-)Implications of Conditional Accounts of Dispositions. Annual meeting of the Danish Philosophy Association, Copenhagen University, March 2016.

Dispositional theories and theories about dispositions. Research unit for epistemology, metaphysics, and phil. of cognition, Aarhus University, September 2016.

NATALIA WAIGHTS HICKMAN

‘(Implicit) Knowledge, Reasons and Semantic Understanding’. Open Session of the Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, June 2016.

‘Novelty, Skill and Knowledge How’, BARSEA Future Directions in Epistemology conference, Cambridge, February 2017.

JENNIFER HORNSBY

‘Illocutionary Impairment,’ Re-sounding Voices: Women, Silence and the Production of Knowledge, Durham University. March 2016.

‘Agency and ‘Mental States’’. Women in Philosophy Lecture, University of Graz, April 2016.

‘Truth in the space of reasons’. The Identity Theory of Truth Conference, University of Cambridge. May 2016.

‘On the Metaphysics of Agency’. Beings and Doings: The Metaphysics of Continuants and the Metaphysics of Action, University College London, June 2016.

‘Action and Propositionalism’, Annual Meeting of SIFA (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy), Pistoia, September 2016.

‘Pornography between free speech and hate speech’, ‘Interdisciplinary Seminar on Hate Speech, University of Turin, October 2016.

‘About G.E.M. Anscombe,’ Anscombe, Foot, Midgley, Murdoch: A Philosophical School?, University of Durham, March 2017.

‘Self-Knowledge in Practice’, Self Knowledge and the A Priori, University of Stirling, May 2017.

‘Against anti-philosophical intellectualism’, Know How, King’s College London, May 2017.

‘Time, Agency and our Understanding of Events’, International Association for Philosophy of Time, Gargnano, Italy, June 2017.

‘Ryle vs The Materialists’, Knowledge-First Philosophy of Mind, Oxford, June 2017.

FRANZISKA KÖDER

‘Children’s processing of metonyms: Evidence from eye movements and picture selection,’ Workshop “Between (Stable) Meanings and (Unstable) Interpretations”, Krakow, September 2016 (with Ingrid Falkum).

‘Children’s processing of metonyms: Evidence from eye movements and picture selection,’ Workshop “Current Trends in Figurative Language research”, Tübingen, December, 2016 (with Ingrid Falkum).

ALEJANDRA MANCILLA

‘La fuerza normativa de los reclamos territoriales en la Antártica.’ Diplomado de Estudios Antárticos, Universidad de Magallanes. Punta Arenas, Chile, June 2016.

‘Derechos territoriales en el Antropoceno: Mirando hacia la Antártica.’ Antarctica in/and the Anthropocene International Symposium, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile, May 2016.

ANDERS NES

‘Shiftable particularity in cognitive phenomenology.’ Conference on Cognitive Phenomenology, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milano, January 2016.

‘Experienced Continuity and Continuity in Experience,’ Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp, December 2016.

THOMAS POGGE

46 talks abroad.

BJØRN RAMBERG

‘Rorty’s Passionate Naturalism.’ Richard Rorty Society inaugural meeting, Hamilton College, NY, September 2016.

‘Working Disagreement: On Davidson’s dynamic conception of content’, The Legacy of Donald Davidson: Graduate Conference, York University, Toronto, April 2017.

JEROEN RIJNDERS

‘Automaticity, Character, and Moral Agency,’ Mind & Cognition Goup, University of Edinburgh, 2017.

PAULA RUBIO-FERNANDEZ

‘The Director task: Modelling common ground through referential specificity.’ Poster presented with Julian Jara-Ettinger at the 2017 XPrag Biennial Conference, University of Cologne, Germany, June 2017.

‘Inferential and associative processes in false-belief tasks: 2 studies with 3-year-olds.’ Paper presented at the meeting of The Early Childhood Cognition Lab (Laura Schulz’s), MIT, Boston, April 2017.

‘The Director task: Why do they call it Theory of Mind when they mean selective attention?’ Poster presented in collaboration with Julian Jara-Ettinger at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston, March 2017.

‘Saying too much can be efficient: A reference production/comprehension study.’ Paper presented at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston, March 2017.

‘The Director task: Why do they call it Theory of Mind when they mean selective attention?’ Poster presented at the CSLI Workshop: Bridging computational and psycholinguistic approaches to the study of meaning, Stanford University, California, February 2017.

‘The Director task: Why do they call it Theory of Mind when they mean selective attention?’ Talk presented at a TedLab Meeting, Department of Brain and Cognitive Science, MIT, November 2016.

‘False-belief reasoning in children (and grown-ups).’ Invited tutorial at the 8th Synergy Meeting, Central University, Budapest, October 2016.

‘Saying too much can be efficient – and effective, too.’ Invited talk at the Cognitive Science Colloquim of the Central University, Budapest, October 2016.

‘Saying too much can be efficient: A general lecture on experimental pragmatics.’ Invited talk for the Neurocognition Group and the Cognitive Science Colloquim, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, July 2016.

‘Saying too much can be efficient: A reference production/comprehension study.’ Invited talk at the Linguistics Colloquim (LingChai), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, July 2016.

‘Pragmatic development and the cultural evolutionary account of mind reading.’ Invited seminar at the Summer School Understanding communication and understanding minds: The role of metarepresentation, Central European University, Budapest, July 2016

‘The Director task and the System 1/ System 2 account of belief reasoning.’ Invited lecture at the Summer School Understanding communication and understanding minds: The role of metarepresentation, Central European University, Budapest, July 2016.

‘Why do 3-year-olds fail standard false-belief tasks? The role of discourse representations and attentional processes.’ Paper presented at the XPrag Workshop The role of pragmatic factors in child language processing, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2016.

‘Metaphors as second labels: Difficult for pre-school children?’ Paper presented with Susanne Grassmann at the XPrag Workshop The role of pragmatic factors in child language processing, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2016.

CARL TOLLEF SOLBERG

‘The Valuation of Deaths in Different Ages.’ Priorities 2020 workshop, Palm Springs, California, USA, January 2016 (with Joseph Millum and Espen Gamlund).

‘Priority Setting Across Levels.’ The Applied Ethics Graduate Seminar, University of Oxford, May 2016.

‘Epicurean Challenges to the Disvalue of Death.’ Workshop, Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, June 2016.

‘The Disvalue of Death and the Global Burden of Disease.’ The Graduate Applied Ethics Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Oxford, March 2017.

RACHEL STERKEN

‘Transformative Communicative Disruptions’, Semantics and Communicative Effects of Slurs Workshop, Arche, University of St Andrews, June 2017.

‘Generics, Quantified Generalisations and Social Prejudice’, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Generics, Department of Psychology, Stanford, May 2017.

‘The Structures of Structural Explanations’, California Philosophy Workshop, UCLA, May 2017.

‘Nickel’s Between Logic and the World’, Author-Meets-Critics Session, Eastern Division APA, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.

‘Transformative Communicative Disruptions’, Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson, AZ, January 2017.

‘Generics, Quantified Generalisations and Social Prejudice’, What is Cognitive Science Series, Cognitive Science Center, Rutgers University, October 2016.

‘Generics in Context’, Semantics Group, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University, October 2016.

‘The Structures of Structural Explanation: Haslanger on Social Structural Explanation’, Symposia on Sally Haslanger’s Carus Lectures, NOMOS Network Meeting, University of Pompeu Fabra, June 2016.

‘Amelioration, Meaning Change and Deception’, Meaning and Language Seminar, Arche, University of St Andrews, May 2016.

CAJ STRANDBERG

‘Hybrid Expressivism and the Frege-Geach Problem.’ XII Conference of SIFA, Pistoia, September 2016.

‘Hybrid Expressivism and the Frege-Geach Problem.’ OZSW Conference 2016, Groningen, December 2016.

KRISTOFFER SUNDBERG

‘Perceptual Acquaintance With Properties’ at the Umeå/Oslo Joint Workshop on Acquaintance, Umeå, February 2017.

‘Seeing Mental States through Behaviour’ at the University of Copenhagen, CFS Spring School: “Empathy, Direct Perception and Other Minds”, March 2017.

LEO CHARLES TOWNSEND

‘Collective testimony and second personal commitment’, workshop on ‘Group speech acts’ in Vienna, August 2016.

‘Collective belief and collective commitment’, 4th meeting of NorMind in Stockholm, October 2016.

SEBASTIAN WATZL

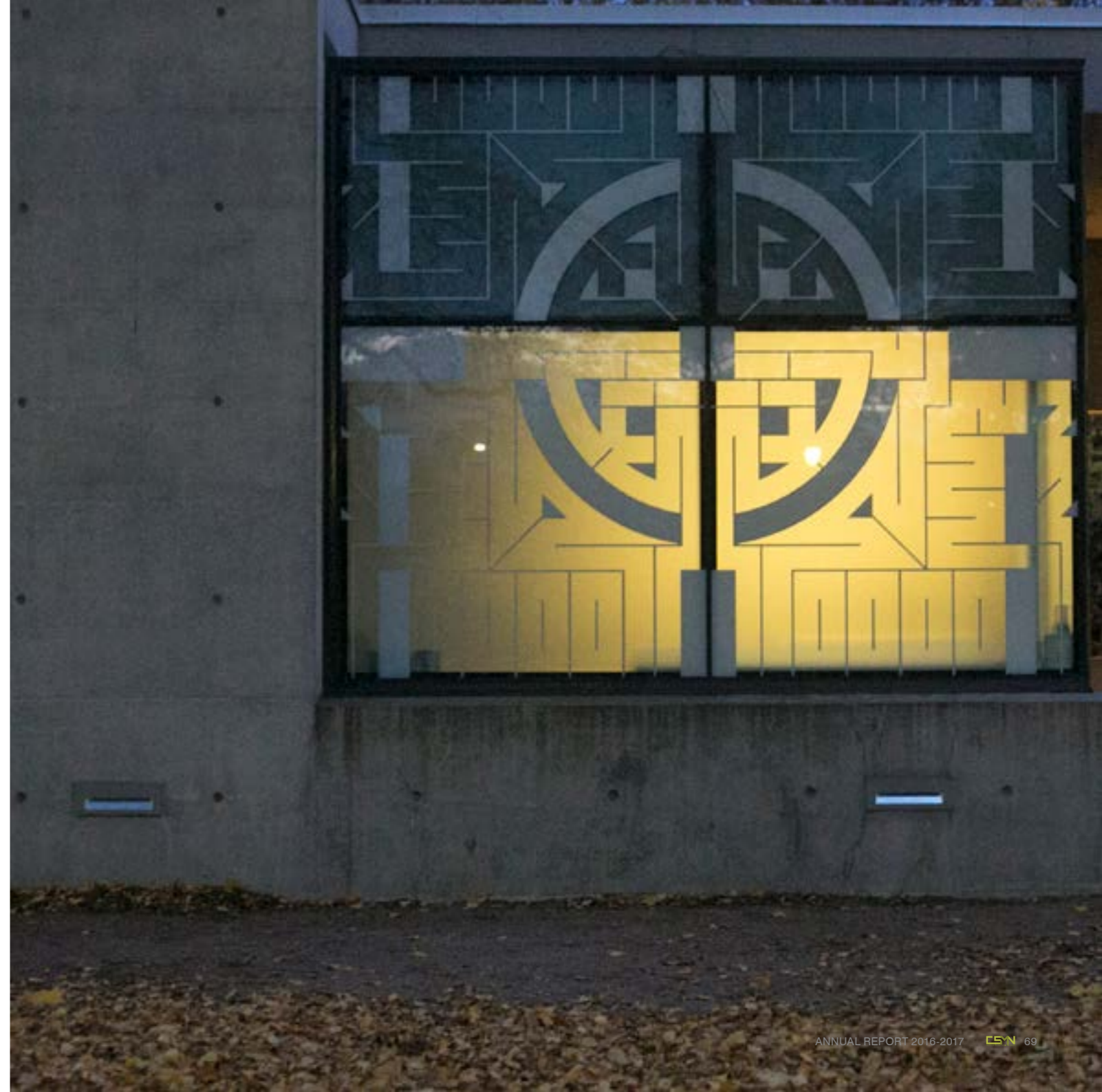
‘Priority Norms’, Centre for Logic, Language, and Mind Seminar, University of Stockholm, September 2016.

DEIRDRE WILSON

‘Explaining metonymy’. Keynote speech, Conference on ‘Cognitive Futures in the Humanities’, Helsinki, June 2016.

‘Thinking with Literature’. Invited panel presentation, Oxford Radcliffe Centre for the Humanities, Oxford, April 2016.

‘Relevance theory and literary interpretation’. Panel presentation, International Pragmatics Association Conference, Belfast, July 2017.



Accounts 2016*

Revenues**	30.760.000
Expenditures:	
Personnel and indirect costs	26.800.000
Research and development	900.000
Research activities/operational costs	7.500.000
Sum Expenditures	35.200.000

Budget 2017/2018*

Revenues**	12.300.000
Expenditures:	
Personnel and indirect costs	13.000.000
Research and development	300.000
Research activities/operational costs	2.900.000
Sum expected expenditures	16.200.000
Overspending (covered by underspending in previous years)	- 3.900.000

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**Transfer from the previous year included



Publications

2016-2017

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'The many errors of Vyvyan Evans' The Language Myth.' The Linguistic Review, online first.

Allott, Nicholas. 2017.

'Metarepresentation.' In A. Barron, G. Yueguo and G. Steen (eds.), Handbook of Pragmatics (pp. 295-309). Abingdon: Routledge.

Allott, Nicholas and Ben Shaer. 2017.

'Inference and intention in legal interpretation.' In J. Giltrow and D. Stein (eds.), The Pragmatic Turn: Inference and Interpretation in Legal Discourse (pp. 83-118). Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

Allott, Nicholas and Ben Shaer. 2017.

'Legal speech and the elements of adjudication.' In B. Slocum (ed.), The Nature of Legal Interpretation : What Jurists Can Learn About Legal Interpretation From Linguistics and Philosophy (pp. 191-217). University of Chicago Press.

Allott, Nicholas. 2016.

'Misunderstandings in verbal communication.' In A. Rocci & L. de Saussure (eds.), Verbal Communication. (pp. 485-507). Berlin: Walter De Gruyter.

Annas, Julia. 2017.

Virtue and Law in Plato and Beyond, Oxford University Press.

Annas, Julia. 2017.

'Which Variety of Virtue Ethics?', in David Carr and others, Varieties of Virtue Ethics, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 35-51.

Annas, Julia. 2017.

'Ancient Eudaimonism and Modern Morality,' in The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Ethics, edited by Christopher Bobonich, Cambridge University Press.

Annas, Julia. 2017.

Introduction to Cicero's De Finibus, proceedings of the International Symposium Hellenisticum, edited by Julia Annas and Gabor Betegh, Cambridge University Press.

Annas, Julia. 2016.

'Learning Virtue Rules: the issue of thick concepts,' in Julia Annas, D. Narvaez and Nancy E. Snow (eds.), Developing the Virtues, Oxford University Press, 224-234.

Cappelen, Herman. 2017.

'How to Combine Semantic Minimalism and Speech Act Pluralism,' forthcoming in Jonathen Jenkins Ichikawa (ed.), The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism, Routledge.

Cappelen, Herman. 2017.

'Progress And Disagreement in Philosophy: An Optimistic Perspective,' forthcoming in Guiseppina D'Oro (ed.), The Cambridge Companion To Philosophical Methodology, Cambridge University Press.

Cappelen, Herman. 2017.

'Why Philosophers Shoudn't Do Semantics,' forthcoming in Review of Philosophy and Psychology.

Cappelen, Herman and Josh Dever. 2017.

'Empathy and transformative experience without the first person point of view (a reply to L. A. Paul),' in Inquiry 60, 3, pp 315-336. 2017.

Cappelen, Herman and Josh Dever. 2017.

'Empathy is not self-centered,' forthcoming in Inquiry.

Cappelen, H., J. Hawthorne & T. Szabó Gendler (ed). 2016.

The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology, Oxford University Press.

Cappelen, Herman and Josh Dever. 2016.

Context and Communication. Oxford University Press.

Carlsson, Andreas Brekke. 2017.

'Blameworthiness as Deserved Guilt,' Journal of Ethics, vol 21, issue 1, pp 89-115.

Carlsson, Andreas Brekke. 2016.

'Krig uten krigere: Autonome våpen, ansvar og dørmekraft' i T. A. Bernsten, G.L Dyndal og S.R. Johansen (eds.), Når dronene våkner. Cappelen Akademisk, pp. 275-298.

Carston, Robyn and Alison Hall. 2017.

'Contextual effects on explicature: optional pragmatics or optional syntax?', in International Review of Pragmatics 9 (1): 51-81.

Carston, Robyn and Kepa Korta. 2017.

'Introduction: Key Issues in Philosophy of Language and Mind.' Special issue of papers from the third PLM conference. Review of Philosophy and Psychology 8 (4).

Carston, Robyn. 2017.

'Pragmatic enrichment: Beyond Gricean rational reconstruction - A response to Mandy Simons.' Inquiry 60 (5): 517-538.

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'Relevance theory and metaphor.' In E. Semino and Z. Demjén (eds.) The Routledge Handbook of Metaphor and Language. London: Routledge, 42-55.

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'The heterogeneity of procedural meaning.' Lingua 175-176: 154-166.

Carston, Robyn. 2016.

'Linguistic conventions and the role of pragmatics.' Multiple review of E. Lepore & M. Stone's Imagination and Convention, Oxford University Press (2014). Mind and Language 31 (5): 613-25.

Carston, Robyn. 2016.

'Contextual adjustment of meaning.' In: N. Riemer (ed.) Handbook of Semantics. London: Routledge, pp. 195-210.

Carston, Robyn. 2016.

'Pragmatics and semantics.' In: Y. Huang (ed.) Oxford Handbook of Pragmatics. Oxford University Press, pp. 453-472.

Carston, R., H. Ben-Yami and M. Werning (eds.). 2016.

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Couto, Alexandra. 2017.

"The Beneficiary Pays Principle and Strict Liability: Exploring the Normative Significance of Causal Relations", Philosophical Studies.

Couto, Alexandra. 2016.

'The Reactive Attitudes Account of Forgiveness and the Second-Person Standpoint', Ethical Theory and Moral Practice.

Couto, Alexandra. 2016.

'Purity in Concepts: Defending the Social Sciences', Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook, vol. 18.

Couto, Alexandra. 2016.

'Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Information and IP rights in the age of ICT', in Hildebrandt M. and Van den Berg B. (eds.), Information, Freedom and Property: The Philosophy of Law Meets the Philosophy of Technology, Routledge.

Drożdżowicz, Anna.

'Philosophical expertise beyond intuitions.' Forthcoming in Philosophical Psychology.

Drożdżowicz, Anna. 2017.

'Speakers' intuitive judgements about meaning - the voice of performance view.' Review of Philosophy and Psychology.

Drożdżowicz, Anna. 2016.

'Descriptive ineffability reconsidered,' Lingua, vol: 177, pp. 1-16.

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'Speakers' intuitions about meaning provide empirical evidence – towards experimental pragmatics.' Studies in Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, Vol. 3: Evidence, Experiment and Argument in Linguistics and Philosophy of Language, pp. 65-90. Peter Lang.

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'Setningsekvivalente infinitivsfrasar i svensk. Opposisjon ved Mikael Kalms disputas i Uppsala den 10.12.16.' Språk och Stil 27.

Faarlund, J. T. and Yasnaya Elena Aguilar Gil. 2017

La Lenga Zoque. San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas: CIMSUR-UNAM.

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'English as North Germanic.' *Language Dynamics and Change* 6: 1-17.

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'How Viking Descendants reshaped the English Vocabulary.' In: Mitsumi Uchida, Yoko Iyeiri & Lawrence Schourup (eds.), *Language Contact and Variation in the History of English*. Japanese Association for Studies in the History of the English Language. Osaka: Osaka Books. 85-109.

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Fricke, Christel.

'Reflective sentimentalism in Aesthetics: Hume's Question and Kant's Answer.' In González, Ana Marta and Vigo, Alejandro G. (eds.), *Reflexion, Gefühl, Identität im Anschluß an Kant*, Duncker & Humboldt, Berlin, forthcoming.

Fricke, Christel.

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'Constructivism in Epistemology – Husserl's Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity.' In Christian Beyer, Christel Fricke and Frode Kjosavik (eds.), *Husserl's Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity: Historical Interpretations and Contemporary Applications*. Routledge, forthcoming.

Fricke, Christel.

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'The role of interpersonal comparisons in moral learning and the sources of recognition respect – Jean-Jacques Rousseau's 'amour propre' and Adam Smith's 'sympathy'.' In: Maria Pia Paganelli, Dennis C. Rasmussen and Craig Smith (eds.), *Adam Smith and Rousseau: Ethics, Politics, Economics*. Edinburgh University Press, 55-79.

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'Adam Smith's Impartial Spectator.' *Econ Journal Watch* 13/2, May.

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"The Role of Arguments in Philosophy." Lecture at the Opening session of the 23. World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, August 4, 2013. In *Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life: Selected Papers from the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*. Edited by Konstantine Boudouris, Costas Dimitracopoulos and Evangelos Protopapadakis. (Special supplement to the *Journal of Philosophical Research*.)

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Alejandra Mancilla
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Andrew Norris
Andrew Peet
Andrew Reisner
Angelica Nuzzo
Anik Waldow
Anna Boncompagni
Anna Drożdżowicz
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Anton Leist
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Anya Farennikova
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Barry C. Smith
Barry Maguire
Bart Geurts
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Beate Elvebakk
Bence Nanay
Benjamin Kiesewetter
Benjamin Shaer
Bjørn Ramberg
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Brian Slocum
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Brit Brogaard
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Carl Tollef Solberg
Carla Bagnoli
Caroline Arruda
Carsten Hansen
Casey Johnson
Catharine Abell
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Christel Fricke
Christian Barry
Christian Beyer
Christine Swanton
Christoph Hoerl
Christoph Horn
Christophe Salvat
Christopher Kelp
Christopher Peacocke
Cian Dorr
Clas Weber
Colin Phillips
Conor McHugh
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Dagfinn Føllesdal
Dan Kelly
Dana Nelkin
Daniel Butt
Daniel Fogal
Daniel Harris
Daniel Morgan
Daniel Russell
Dannielle Matthews
Dave Kush
David Carr

David Hunter
David Macarthur
David Plunkett
David Woodruff Smith
Deirdre Wilson
Delia Belleri
Derek Ball
Dilip Ninan
Dominic Gregory
Donnchadh O’Conaill
Edmund Henden
Eduard Marbach
Edward Page
Einar Duenger Bøhn
Eli Feiring
Elijah Chudnoff
Eline Busck Gundersen
Elinor Mason
Eliot Michaelson
Elizabeth Coppock
Endre Begby
Esa Diaz-Leon
Espen Gamlund
Esther Rosario
Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson

Fania Oz-Salzberger
Felix Koch
Filippo Ferrari
Fiona Macpherson
Frances Egan
Francesca Minerva
Franco Trivigno
Frans Svensson
Franziska Köder
Frode Kjosavik
Geoffrey Sayre-McCord
Georges Rey
Gloria Traina
Grace Helton
Greg Bognar
Grethe Netland
Gunnar Björnsson
Hallvard Fossheim
Hannes Rakozcy
Hans Bernhard Schmid
Hazel Pearson
Helen Steward
Henrik Rydenfelt
Herman Cappelen
Holly Andersen

Hrafn Asgeirsson
Ingo Brigandt
Ingrid Lossius Falkum
Ioannis Tassopoulos
Ira Noveck
Iso Kern
Ivar Labukt
Jakob Elster
Jakob Lothe
James A Harris
Jan Almäng
Janet Dean Fodor
Janet Levin
Jason Stanley
Jeff Lidz
Jeff McMahan
Jennifer Hornsby
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Jennifer Windt
Jeroen Rijnders
Jessica Pepp
John Collins
John Eriksson
John Gardner
John Hyman

John Schwenkler	Maarten Jansen	Pascal Engel	Stephan Wechsler
Jon Elster	Maarten Steenhagen	Patrick Greenough	Stephen Mumford
Jon Litland	Maja Spener	Patti Lenard	Steven Gross
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Juhani Yli-Vakkuri	Marco Tiozzo	Paul Horwich	Steward Shapiro
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Julian Le Grand	Maria Olkkonen	Paula Rubio-Fernández	Susan Dieleman
Justin Khoo	Maria Seim	Per Erik Milam	Susan Wolf
Kalle Grill	Mariano Crespo	Peter Fritz	Susanna Siegel
Kasia M. Jaszczołt	Marina Trakas	Peter Graham	Susanne Mantel
Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen	Mark Richard	Peter Railton	Søren Flinch Midtgaard
Katharine Browne	Marte Heian-Engdal	Pierre Jacob	Søren Holm
Kathryn Norlock	Mathias Barra	Pär Sundström	Teresa Marques
Katia Vavova	Mathias Sagdahl	Rachel Cohon	Terje Lohndal
Katja Franko	Matti Eklund	Rachel McKinney	Theresa Tobin
Keith Wilson	Mette Hansen	Rachel Severson	Tim Bayne
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Kevin Scharp	Michael G.F. Martin	Ragnar Francén Olinder	Timothy Chan
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Leila Haaparanta	Nick Huhges	Sebastian Watzl	Yitzhak Benbaji
Leo Townsend	Nils Holtung	Sebastiano Moruzzi	Zeynep Soysal
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10 YEARS

as a Centre of Excellence



Summary

2007-2017

Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature has provided a rich research environment for philosophers, linguists and researchers in other fields for 10 years. As one of the Norwegian Centres of Excellence, the Research Council of Norway has, together with the University of Oslo, provided a financial framework that has made it possible to build an internationally acknowledged research centre. In what follows, the “life” of CSMN is briefly summed up: its branches, activities, people and results.

THREE BRANCHES

The branches of CSMN reflect three areas in which questions about agency – the capacity for acting intentionally – have been investigated. Agency of such a kind is susceptible to assessment in the light of various standards, rules or norms. CSMN’s research has focused on the most distinctive features of human agency and its attendant normativity.

The three branches – Linguistic Agency, Moral Agency, Rational Agency – have, over the 10-year period, organized a substantial amount of research activities that have investigated linguistic, moral and rational aspects of human agency. Altogether, the branches have organized 246 workshops, conferences and PhD courses, and invited 82 researchers from abroad to give talks. The CSMN staff have participated in numerous international research networks and events, and researchers associated with CSMN have given more than 1500 talks abroad and published more than 1300 articles and 76 books.

LINGUISTIC AGENCY (LA)

Linguistic behaviour is a domain of investigation where the empirical study of agency and the study and articulation of the norms that govern linguistic communication has greatly advanced in the past thirty years. Linguists and philosophers have developed elaborate normative structures of various types in studying the mechanisms underlying linguistic behaviour.

The LA researchers have made important contributions to philosophy of language and linguistic theory, to the relationship between semantics and pragmatics, to language acquisition, to various questions in semantics, pragmatics and syntactic theory, and to philosophical methodology, including the role of intuitions as a type of evidence for a philosophical theory.

Herman Cappelen and Deirdre Wilson have been the directors of the LA branch.

MORAL AGENCY (MA)

The Moral Agency branch has explored three sets of questions related to moral agency:

How are moral norms related to social norms? We are committed to a distinction between these two kinds of norms in terms of the kind of authority they have; only moral norms have overriding authority. This shapes the way the following questions have to be answered.

What is the origin of moral norms (their content and authority)? And how can these norms be justified? Two strategies for answering these questions have been explored by MA researchers: Neo-Humeans have tracked moral norms to moral sentiments of agents and their victims and beneficiaries, and Neo-Kantians have reconstructed moral norms in terms of moral reasons to which rational agents respond. The former have relied on the results of empirical enquiries into the psychological and neurobiological sources of moral thinking, decision making, and acting. There has for this purpose been cooperation with economists, psychologists, and neuro-biologists as well as with contemporary virtue-ethicists. Both groups have constantly discussed the pros and cons of their respective strategies, and topics

of discussion have included constructivism in ethics, normative and moral disagreement, the role of sympathy and the emotions in ethical thinking, blameworthiness and forgiveness.

How can moral concerns guide our thinking about political institutions – both on the national and the international level? How can we meet the challenges of global poverty? In their attempts to answer these questions, MA researchers have paid special attention to gender imbalance in the distribution of wealth and poverty.

The members of the MA team and their international cooperators have made important contributions to foundational problems in ethics and meta-ethics, to value theory, to the history that shapes our understanding of these fields, and to theories of global justice.

Christel Fricke and Thomas Pogge have been the directors of the MA branch, supplemented by Caj Strandberg from 2015.

RATIONAL AGENCY (RA)

Intentional actions are commonly thought of as bodily movements with a special kind of cause, namely reasons. Reasons for action are typically understood as belief-desire pairs. The RA team has been working on developing an alternative conception, where different forms of knowledge (knowledge of reasons, observational knowledge, knowing how) play foundational roles.

The RA researchers have tested this strategy by examining various kinds of defective agency. They have also investigated the continuities and discontinuities between animal and human agency, focusing in particular on the different kinds of norms they manifest. Finally, against the background of the revised conception of agency,



they have investigated questions about the relations between intentionality, representation and cognitive psychology.

Olav Gjelsvik, Carsten Hansen, Jennifer Hornsby and Bjørn Ramberg have been the directors of the RA branch, supplemented by Sebastian Waltz from 2015.

COMMON ACTIVITIES

Throughout the period, it has been important to secure collaboration among CSMN's researchers. Various regular meeting points have served as arenas for talks and discussions across the three branches.

The **CSMN Annual Lecture** has been a landmark of the centre, where highly recognized international researchers have given lectures on a topic within the realm of CSMN's research topics. The lectures have been intended to reach beyond the inner circles of philosophers, and have indeed succeeded in attracting a large audience.

These have been the 10 CSMN Annual Lectures:

2007: Prof. **John Perry** (Stanford University): “The Mind as a Philosophical and Scientific Problem”

2008: Prof. **Nancy Cartwright** (London School of Economics): “The Incompleteness of Physics and the Hodgepodge of Nature”

2009: Prof. Emerita **Onora O'Neill**, Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve: “Making Reason Public: Necessary Conditions for Dialogue and Discourse”

2010: Prof. **Philip Pettit** (Princeton): “Freedom: An Essentially Public Good”

2011: Prof. **Noam Chomsky** (MIT): “The Machine, the Ghost, and the Limits of Understanding: Newton's Contribution to the Study of Mind”

2012: Prof. **Susan Carey** (Harvard): “The Origin of Concepts: A Case Study of Natural Number”

2013: Prof. **David Chalmers** (Australian National University, New York University): “Consciousness and the Collapse of the Wave Function”

2014: Profs. **Deirdre Wilson** (UCL) and **Dan Sperber** (Institut Jean Nicod): “What is the Role of Meaning in Communication?”

2015: Prof. **Peter Railton** (Michigan): “Homo Prospectus: Toward a New Synthesis in Philosophy, Psychology, and Cognitive Science”

2016: Prof. **Susan Wolf** (University of North Carolina): “Aesthetic Responsibility”





The **CSMN Colloquium** has been a part of CSMN life throughout the ten-year period. First and foremost, the weekly colloquium has been a forum for talks by the Centre's own researchers, but it has also welcomed international guest lectures. The format has typically been a 45-minute talk, with a subsequent discussion. Over the years, there have been 179 talks altogether.

The **Language and Rationality seminar** (L&R seminar) was a joint weekly seminar for the linguistic and rational agencies, which focused on issues of interests to members of one or both groups, and was well attended by CSMN members, affiliates and visitors. It started in 2008 and ended in 2011, and altogether hosted 93 talks.

The biweekly **Work in Progress Seminar** has been a supplement to the CSMN Colloquium. Here, the members of CSMN have had an opportunity to present ideas and work in progress. Since its start in 2014, the seminar has been the arena of 35 talks.

The **Moral Philosophy Club** was established in 2008 in collaboration with people from UiO's Ethics Programme. The club members met on Tuesdays on a regular basis to discuss works in progress. The "paper of the week" was distributed to the club members a few days ahead of the club meetings, and the meetings were devoted to feedback and questions. Over the years, 70 papers were discussed in the club.

From late 2012, the **PPPE Club** continued the activities of the Moral Philosophy Club – with an expansion of the academic fields involved: Philosophy, Political Theory, Psychology and Economy. Researchers from inside and outside the centre gathered every second Tuesday to discuss works in progress. Altogether, 49 papers were discussed in the PPPE club.

The **All Staff Meeting** have been a monthly informal gathering for all the people present at the centre. The meetings, followed by a lunch, have been the arena of information and discussion about various topics.



The **Staff seminars** have taken place 5 times, at locations outside campus, or even outside Oslo. Especially in times when many new members have joined the CSMN team, these seminars have been very important for building a good and productive research environment.

SPORTS TEAMS

During the life span of CSMN, there have been efforts to care for the staff's physical condition. The first couple of years, a soccer team met once a week for intensive and fun exercises. Later, in 2014, 2015 and 2016, many CSMN'ers joined the centre's sports team, Thinkers – Fast and Slow – in order to run Norway's big famous relay, Holmenkollstafetten, which takes place in Oslo one Saturday in early May. The fast and slow runners of the team have had a lot of fun, especially when preparing and celebrating the relay. Of course, the running too has been fun, and the team typically placed itself in the middle of the result list of its class "Companies, with a majority of female runners" – a class that contains about 1000 teams!

PEOPLE

More than 100 senior and junior researchers and administrative staff have been actively involved in the centre over the years.

The **Core Group**, consisting of the centre's research directors, has been responsible for long term planning, evaluation and budgeting. The group has met twice a year, in January/February and in August/September. Members have been: Herman Cappelen, Christel Fricke, Olav Gjelsvik, Carsten Hansen, Jennifer Hornsby, Bjørn Ramberg, Thomas Pogge, Deirdre Wilson, and – from 2015 – Sebastian Watzl and Caj Strandberg.

The **Oslo Core Group** has consisted of the core group members that have been located in Oslo. The group



has met a few times each semester, for planning and follow-up on a more short time basis.

The **Directors** of CSMN have been Christel Fricke (2007-2011), and Olav Gjelsvik (2011-2017).

The **CSMN administration** has, at any time, consisted of two people – an administrative head and an administrative consultant. With important support from administrative staff at the host department, they have provided assistance in connection with the many events that have taken place, and taken care of administrative tasks related to internal and external communication, personnel matters, and finances.

PhD-students have included Jola Feix, Heine Holmen, Nick Hughes, Torfinn Huvenes, Georg Kjøll, Kari Refsdal, Mathias Slåttholm Sagdahl and Sascha Settegast.

Postdocs have included Nick Allott, Katharine Browne, Timothy Chan, Eline Busck Gundersen, Torfinn

Huvenes. Alejandra Mancilla, Anders Nes, Andrew Peet, Jessica Pepp, Mona Simion, Will Small, Andreas Stokke, Sebastian Watzl and Juhani Yli-Vakkuri.

Research Coordinators have included: LA - Robyn Carston and Jan Terje Faarlund, MA - Christoph Harbsmeier, Alison Jaggar, Raino Malnes, Peter Railton, Øyvind Rabbås and Henrik Syse. RA - Helen Steward.

The centre has hosted more than **160 long-term guests** over the years. They have contributed to the environment in valuable ways, and have been important for the maintenance of the centre's international networks.

The **Affiliate Program** has provided an opportunity for non-CSMN staff working on CSMN related topics to be connected to the centre. In the latest years, former CSMN postdocs and PhD students have been included in the Affiliate Program. By the time of the closing of the centre, there were 42 affiliates, of which 33% were women.

The Research Council's **Gender Equality Program** for the Norwegian centres of excellence, has made it possible for the centre to engage four outstanding female philosophers for 3 to 6 years: Helen Steward (University of Leeds), Alison Jaggar (University of Colorado Boulder), Susanna Siegel (Harvard University) and Anna Sara Malmgren (Stanford University).

Overall, a very large number of people have visited and given talks at the centre. Altogether, there have been more than **2000 talks** at CSMN, of which roughly 30% have been given by women.

BUDGET

The total budget over the 10 years has been **NOK 278 mill**, sub-projects included. There are four financial sources:

- The Research Council of Norway, NOK 160 mill (58%)
- UiO, central level, NOK 20 mill (7%)
- UiO, Humanities Faculty and IFIKK, NOK 69 mill (25%)
- International contributors, NOK 29 mill (10%)

Grethe Netland



Looking Back to Look Forward

CSMN Closing Conference, 29-31 May 2017

From the very start, CSMN put Oslo on the map as the place to go to attend talks by the most distinguished and promising philosophers and to get valuable feedback on one's own work. Indeed, the numerous conferences and workshops hosted by the center during its ten-year existence have made Oslo famous throughout the philosophical society. No wonder, then, that CSMN took farewell by a three day "Closing Conference" to which all researchers that at some point had been affiliated to the center were invited.

The conference fulfilled a dual purpose: To look back and to look forward. To look back on what has been achieved. And to look forward to consider how this best is passed on to the future. By the same token, the conference was an excellent opportunity to catch up with old collaborators and find new ones.

The three agencies constituting CSMN – Moral Agency, Rational Agency, and Linguistic Agency – organized one morning plenary session each, while afternoon sessions offered a variety of parallel events reflecting connections between the different parts of the center. Moral Agency's plenary session, introduced by Christel Fricke, had the theme "Back to the Future: Neo-views in Theoretical Ethics". Three world-leading moral philosophers, Julia Annas, Peter Railton, and Carla Bagnoli, provided novel aspects of views emanating from

Aristotle, Hume, and Kant. The talks were followed by a roundtable discussion also including Franco Trivigno, Christel Fricke, and Caj Strandberg. Rational Agency's plenary session was presented by Olav Gjelsvik and focused on the topic "Giving the Agent her Due". Olav Gjelsvik, Jennifer Hornsby, Will Small, and Leo Townsend provided new angles on one of the most central issues in philosophy of action: the role of agents in acting. Linguistic Agency's plenary session, led by Herman Cappelen, was the most explicitly past-and-future oriented with its theme "Ten Years of Linguistic Agency". Herman Cappelen, Deirdre Wilson, Rachel Sterken, Ingrid Lossius Falkum, Anna Drozdowicz, Andreas Stokke, Torfinn Huvenes, and Nick Allot presented Linguistic Agency's numerous and principal contributions to philosophy of language and linguistics, and their implications for future work.





The three afternoons offered parallel sessions demonstrating the breath and quality of the work carried out at CSMN. To mention three important events: “Acquiring Figurative Meanings” with talks by Ingrid Lossius Falkum, Franziska Köder, and Olivier Mascaró. “Thought and Sense: On the Relationship between Perception and Cognition” with talks and a panel discussion including Susanna Siegel, Brit Brogaard, Sebastian Watzl, Jonathan Knowles, Anders Nes, Jessica Pepp, and Kristoffer Sundberg. “Ethics and Political Philosophy in Practice” with talks and comments by Alejandra Mancilla, Katharine Browne, Lars Christie, Jakob Elster, Ole Martin Moen, Carl Tollef Solberg, Kim Angell, and Kerstin Reibold. The afternoon sessions also offered shorter, but equally appreciated, events with talks and discussions by Robyn Carston, Alison Hall, Alison Jaggar, Theresa Tobin, Torfinn Huvenes, Andreas Stokke, Timothy Chan, Anders Nes, Nick Hughes, Andrew Reisner, Matthias Sagdahl, Nicholas Allott, Anna Drozdowicz, Einar Duenger Bøhn, Jon Litland, Øystein Linnebo, Agustin Rayo, John Collins, Carsten Hansen, George Rey, and Helen Steward.

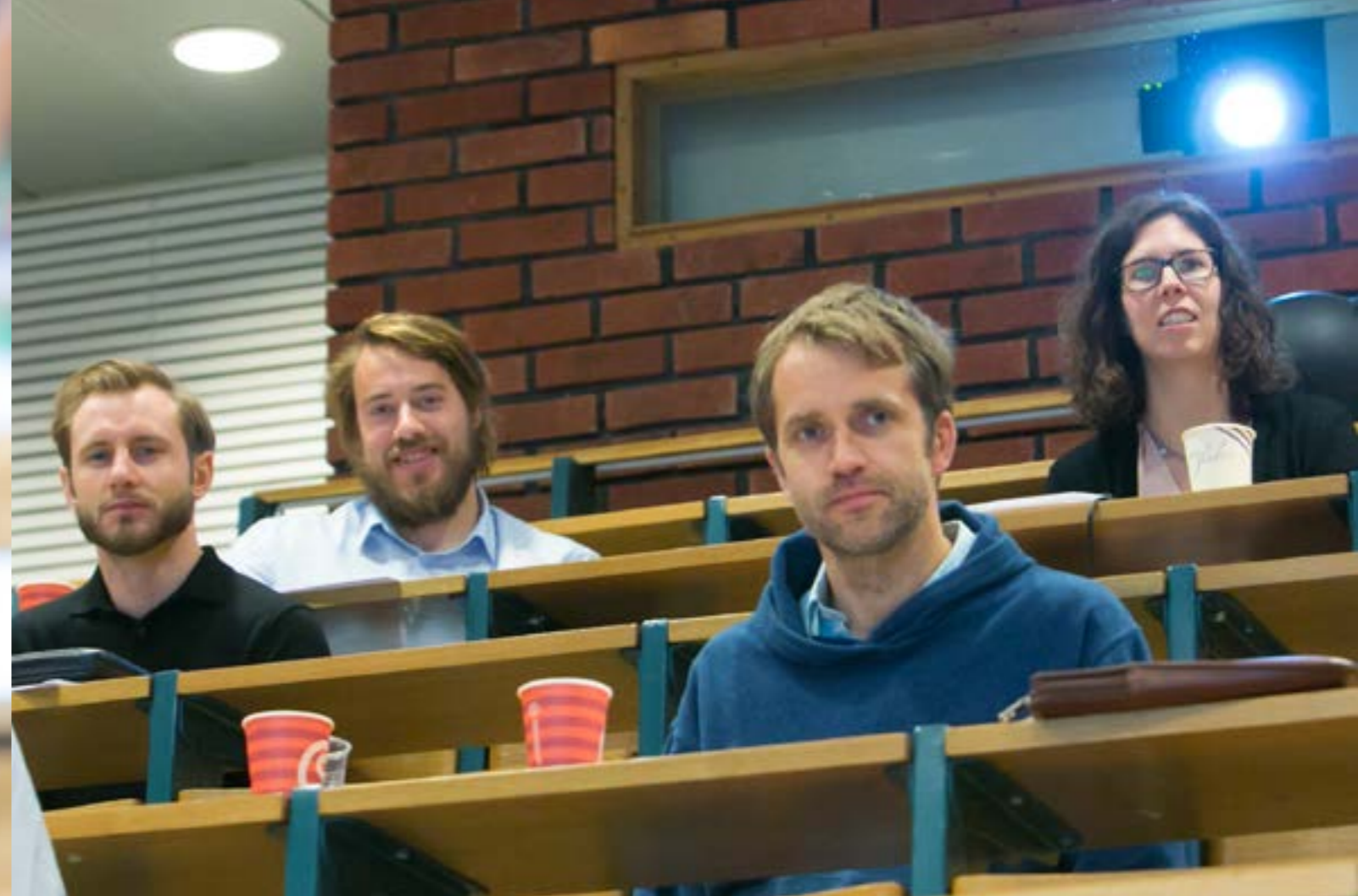
The conference closed with a solemn occasion introduced by Olav Gjelsvik, head of CSMN, and completed by Ole Petter Ottersen, the Rector of UiO. Under the heading “Achievements”, Gjelsvik summarized the manifold contributions of CSMN and stressed their significant impact on the internationalization and professionalization of the philosophical community in Norway. Ottersen emphasized the value of philosophy in general, and CSMN in particular, for the university and community at large.

Caj Strandberg





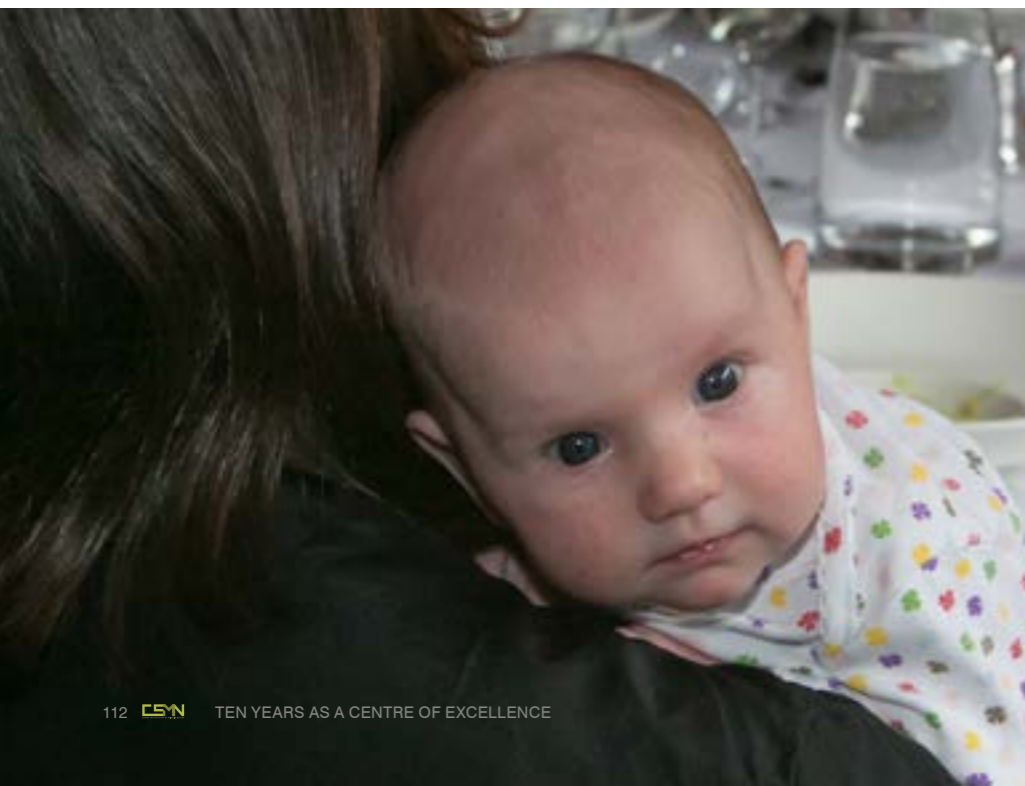












The view from the Hosting department



Beate Elvebakk on the legacy of CSMN as seen from the perspective of IFIKK, the hosting department at the University of Oslo

There is a certain melancholy to closing down a Centre of Excellence, of course, especially one so successful as the CSMN: we have gotten used to the constant buzz of activities, the seminars, the workshops, the world-leading scholars at the water cooler, and, last but not least, the influx of active young researchers who are eager to discuss, debate and challenge received wisdom.

We are lucky, however, in that part of the CSMN group has moved on to establish the ToppForsk project ConceptLab, to keep up the level of activity and the interaction with (other) leading universities and academics. This is an excellent research group for which we have very high expectations.

It is also important to note that through CSMN, IFIKK has shown that the department is capable of hosting such a huge, ambitious and successful project. Apart from being a major academic undertaking, a CoE is necessarily also a complex and challenging administrative task, which

involves everything from coordinating a large number of individual (and frequently individualistic) researchers to the daily minutiae of providing offices, computers, confer-

ence programmes, lunches and coffee at the right time and place. As was duly noted in the recent Evaluation of the Humanities in Norway, the Centre was well led, and undoubtedly made good use of external funding. IFIKK owes thanks to all the participants who contributed to making the

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Centre a success, but most of all to the two directors and to the core group. But neither should we forget CSMN's excellent administrative staff.

CSMN also made IFIKK able to attract and hire excellent academics to permanent positions. The philosophy staff at IFIKK is now considerably younger and more international than was the case ten years ago, and in this way, CSMN has certainly put IFIKK on the international map in philosophy. Through IFIKK's research-based teaching, the Centre thus benefits IFIKK's students, and through them, Norwegian society as a whole.

Perhaps the most noticeable result of having a Centre of Excellence is its effect on younger scholars; throughout the ten-year period, PhD candidates and

postdocs have been able to work in close contact with leading and cutting-edge researchers, and we now see our candidates publish books and articles with high-ranking journals and presses. Even our MA students have become more ambitious and confident; many candidates in philosophy now apply for PhD-positions at leading universities abroad, thus further strengthening the department's ties with the international disciplinary community. This transformation of the academic culture could well prove to be the most significant and lasting effect of CSMN, and it is one for which the host department is profoundly grateful.

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