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2014 has been a productive and intense year.

One delightful highlight this year was the Annual Lecture, for the first time given by one of us, namely Deirdre Wilson, who gave the lecture together with her long-term collaborator Dan Sperber. Deirdre was also awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Oslo at the same time. The lecture was well attended and much appreciated. CSMN takes pride in the University’s honouring of Deirdre and her work.

There have been many other highlights and events. Two interesting developments are these: Firstly, there were several symposia in good international journals around books produced by CSMN members, i.e. Julia Annas and Herman Cappelen. Secondly, we saw an interesting number of publications around epistemology in important places, from, among others, Sebastian Watzl, Nick Hughes, Torfinn Huvenes, and Susanna Siegel. We are seeing something new and interesting here, maybe an indication about a natural development of our research projects.

There are important and good publications in all three branches, in ethics and political philosophy (Annas, Couto, Moen, Strandberg), in the philosophy of language and linguistics and the interaction with psychology (Cappelen, Wilson, Falkum, Rubio-Fernandez), and on topics around epistemology, mind, rationality and knowledge (mentioned above).

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The many workshops and seminars have been of high quality, productive and fun. CSMN seems now to have very significant experience and skill in running things.

The CSMN team suffered a huge loss in 2014. Gerhard Øverland died on the 19th of September. By his death, we lost a dear colleague, and it was a blow to the centre. Gerhard will be sorely missed. His projects with CSMN will be presented separately in this report.

Two much valued postdocs have moved on to different positions elsewhere. Katherine Browne to Nova Scotia, and Will Small to Chicago. Sebastian Watzl has become a new permanent member of staff, together with Caj Strandberg, who joined us from Gothenburg; the two of them are half CSMN and half IFIKK; to be full time IFIKK when CSMN comes to an end in its present form of existence. They have both joined the CSMN core group, and make up an important link to the future.
New Team members

During 2014, CSMN has welcomed two new Associate Professors in permanent positions at the department, one new researcher, and two new postdocs. Below we proudly present our new team members.

SEBASTIAN WATZL

Sebastian Watzl joined CSMN as Associate Professor in January 2014. He received his PhD from Columbia University in 2010, and then worked as a postdoc at Harvard for two years, before coming to Norway, where he was a postdoc at CSMN before joining the department in this new position. His major current research interests are in philosophy of mind, and philosophy of psychology and neuroscience. He is also interested in the intersections between these areas and questions in metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics. So far he has worked mostly on issues related to attention and consciousness. He is currently finishing a book on that topic.

OLE MARTIN MOEN

In January 2014, Ole Martin Moen joined CSMN as a postdoctoral fellow, affiliated with the project ‘Innocently Benefiting from Injustice.’ He works mainly on thorny social issues that have traditionally received relatively little attention from philosophers, and has recently published papers on ethical problems related to sex work, pedophilia, cosmetic surgery, begging, and cryonics. His papers and reviews have appeared in Journal of Medical Ethics, Philosophical Quarterly, Utilitas, Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics, and Philosophia. Currently, he is working on the ethics of recreational drug use. Ole Martin holds a BA and an MPhil in intellectual history, and a PhD in philosophy, from the University of Oslo. He has earlier been a visiting researcher at UC Berkeley and University of Oxford.

PAULA RUBIO-FERNANDEZ

Paula Rubio-Fernandez joined CSMN in April 2014 as a researcher in a project funded by a Young Research Talent Grant from the Norwegian Research Council (see separate article for a presentation of the project). Paula works in experimental pragmatics, which employs methods from psycholinguistics to investigate theoretical pragmatics. In her studies she has investigated the pragmatic abilities of both children and adults using a variety of behavioural methods (e.g., language production and reading times) as well as eye-tracking (continuous recording of eye movements during language processing). Paula holds a PhD from Cambridge (2005) and has earlier held research fellowships at University College London and Princeton.
Caj Strandberg started in July as Associate Professor in practical philosophy. His main research interest is various topics in metaethics, but he is also interested in normative ethics and aesthetics, as well as philosophy of language and metaphysics. A pervading theme in his research consists in attempts to make a case for moral realism and defend it against various counterarguments. Recently, he has written on the connection between moral language and attitudes, and especially on motivational internalism, the view that there is a necessary connection between moral judgments and motivation, which is considered as a problem for realism. In order to save realism from this argument, Caj argues that the connection between moral language and attitudes can be explained in purely pragmatic terms. At the present, he continues his defence of realism by considering the possibility of categorical moral reasons.

Torfinn Huvenes joined CSMN in July 2014 as a postdoctoral research fellow affiliated with the Linguistic Agency sub-project. He received his PhD in 2011 as a double-badge degree awarded by the University of Oslo and St Andrews. His main supervisor was Professor Herman Cappelen (University of St Andrews). After having received his PhD, he spent one year as postdoctoral research fellow in the Philosophical Methodology and Intuitions project at the Arché Philosophical Research Centre at the University of St Andrews. He then worked as a temporary associate professor at the University of Oslo before taking up his current position. In his dissertation, he explored issues concerning the nature of disagreement and the role that disagreement plays in arguments in philosophy of language. While most of his research focuses on issues in philosophy of language and epistemology, Torfinn is interested in a wide range of topics across many areas of philosophy, including meta-ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of logic, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of science. He has published papers in the Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Studies, and Synthese.
New project

Saying Enough, without Saying Too Much

Saying Enough, without Saying Too Much: Linguistic and Cognitive Factors in Effective Referential Communication is a four-year research project based at CSMN and funded by the Norwegian Research Council, through a FRIHUMSAM Young Research Talent Grant to Paula Rubio-Fernandez.

The project investigates how communication develops across the life-span: how it becomes more efficient from childhood to adulthood and starts to decline in old age.

Reference is a fundamental aspect of human communication. From infants' early pointing gestures to the formulation of complex referential expressions (e.g., 'the large cookie jar on the top shelf'), speakers must develop linguistic and cognitive abilities that allow them to refer to the world around them in effective ways. The focus of this research project is on the development of those abilities that make for effective referential communication; in particular, linguistic factors (e.g., the effect of sentence structure) and cognitive factors (e.g., memory capacity).

The project will investigate the development of effective referential abilities across the lifespan (from primary school to old age) using interactive tasks and eye-tracking methods.
Yet another active year for CSMN has passed, and yet again the head of the hosting department declares that she continues to be proud of hosting the centre. Repetitive though it may seem, it is no less true that CSMN is a crucial locomotive in the academic activities going on in the department and that the department continues to benefit from the centre’s strong academic competence on many arenas, from recruitment to grant-catching. However, this does make it even more important for all of us to start thinking about how to deal with the time after the summer of 2017, when the very generous external funding from the Norwegian Research Council ends.

The most important move we can make is to start working towards other projects which may further the exploration of the research questions dealt with in CSMN. Again we saw in this year’s distribution of research grants that candidates from CSMN often end up as successful. This year we congratulate Ingrid Lossius Falkum and her project “Acquiring Figurative Meanings: A Study in Developmental Pragmatics” as well as Sebastian Watzl and Anders Nes with the project “Thought and Sense: On the Interface between Perception and Cognition” for winning the tough competition for funding in the Norwegian Research Council. It is therefore encouraging that we already now see how new constellations are appearing, pooling resources from CSMN, the department and other places in order to investigate issues related to CSMN and apply for larger grants – perhaps even a new Centre of Excellence.

It is not only the department that benefits from CSMN. This year, Deirdre Wilson was made honorary doctor at the University of Oslo. This reflected extremely well on the centre, the department and the faculty of humanities, but it was also an opportunity to expose more researchers across the disciplines in issues important to CSMN. Deirdre Wilson ended up having a very busy couple of weeks, not only giving her honorary lecture and the CSMN annual lecture, but also holding several workshops, of which one was in the Department of literature, area studies and European languages.

As always, it is important to us that CSMN does not only exist on the sixth floor in our building, but continues to contribute to our teaching and remains visible for our students. It is therefore with great joy that I note names related to CSMN active in our teaching on all levels from BA to PhD. In particular, I find it good to see that CSMN-faces also appear in the teaching of the special Norwegian innovation Examen philosophicum, a compulsory course for all students at the University. Again, the people at CSMN contribute to the wider community of the University.
The CSMN Affiliate program

The CSMN affiliate program welcomes former CSMN researchers, PhD students and postdoc fellows whose work falls within CSMN's broad remit to participate in research activities at the centre. In 2014 CSMN got 6 new affiliates.

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

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

Currently, CSMN has 15 female and 25 male affiliates. There are 40 affiliates all together. 6 of them are new in 2014. 12 of them are PhD students, 4 are former PhD students at CSMN and 2 are former postdocs at CSMN. The remaining 22 – most of them former guests at CSMN – hold postdoctoral or other research appointments.


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Four projects of justice

Gerhard Øverland’s project portfolio

Our dear Gerhard Øverland passed away on the 19th September 2014. CSMN lost a highly esteemed and humorous colleague. Over the years, Gerhard contributed to CSMN with a valuable portfolio of research projects – all funded by the Research Council of Norway. In grateful memory of Gerhard, we here present these four projects.

RESPONDING TO LOCAL POVERTY
The Responding to Local Poverty project, whose activities took place in 2011, was funded by the Research Council’s Program for Research Cooperation with India (INDNOR). In this project, Gerhard, together with a group of local colleagues as well as researchers from India, worked on difficult challenges connected with complex ethical questions about poverty.

RESPONDING TO GLOBAL POVERTY
This project investigates the meaning, moral significance and practical implementations of the principle of assistance and the principle of contribution. Relatedly, the project addresses some of the crucial and often underappreciated implications of the failures of affluent agents to act on their responsibilities to address global poverty. The project involves extensive international research cooperation and runs from 2010 to 2015. Christian Barry, professor and Director of the Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory at the Australian National University, took over as project leader after Gerhard.

WHO OWNS IT? LAND CLAIMS IN LATIN AMERICA
The primary objectives of the project are to investigate and evaluate the moral legitimacy of land claims by indigenous and non-indigenous communities in Latin America, and to explore the means that these groups can adopt to vindicate those claims that are legitimate.

The project consists in research cooperation across the world, and one PhD position. The project period lasts from 2011 to 2015. Here as well, Christian Barry replaced Gerhard as project leader.

INNOCENTLY BENEFITING FROM INJUSTICE
The Innocently Benefiting from Injustice project aims to provide theoretical and practical analysis of an important aspect of moral and political theory, namely the question of whether, and to what extent, an agent can acquire compensatory or rectificatory duties in virtue of being an innocent beneficiary of injustice.

The project, which includes two postdoc positions in addition to international cooperation between international researchers, runs from 2013 to 2016. The project is now headed by Robert Huseby, associate professor at the Department for political science at UO and a CSMN affiliate for many years.

Grethe Netland
Awards and honours

The Nils Klim Prize 2014

TERJE LOHNDAL

CSMN affiliate Terje Lohndal was awarded the Nils Klim Prize 2014. The prize is awarded to a younger Nordic researcher under the age of 35 who has made an outstanding contribution to research in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law or theology. In the Niels Klim Committee’s statement for nominating Terje, it is stated that he “is unusually young as a candidate, but he is already an internationally famous name within formal, Chomskyan, linguistics.”

Honorary Doctor at the University of Oslo

DEIRDRE WILSON

On September 2nd 2014, the University of Oslo awarded CSMN’s own Deirdre Wilson with doctor of honoris causa – an honorary doctorate.

Deirdre Wilson is emeritus professor of linguistics at University College London. From the very start of CSMN in 2007, Wilson has been one of the driving forces and research directors at the centre. Wilson’s cognitively oriented research is one of the principal reasons why pragmatics is today among the most innovative and productive fields in linguistics.

In connection with the award, she held two lectures at UiO. On September 1st, she was invited to the Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages, where she held a lecture titled: “Explaining figurative utterances”. She held her honorary doctor lecture on September 3rd: “Communication and relevance: Past, present and future”, organized by the Faculty of Humanities.
Deirdre Wilson and Dan Sperber continued their long-term exploration of the relation between speaker’s meaning and communication, which was the theme of their CSMN Annual Lecture and the focus of a special session on their work at the Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics in Dubrovnik in September 2014. Deirdre Wilson continued to work on the nature of the literal-figurative distinction, giving papers on ‘Irony, hyperbole, jokes and banter’ at NYU and UCLA, on ‘Explaining metonymy’ (jointly with Ingrid Lossius Falkum) at CUNY, and on ‘Metaphor, imagery and relevance’ at a CSMN/Balzan workshop on ‘Metaphor, Imagery and Communication’ organised jointly with Robyn Carston and Terence Cave. Dan Sperber is completing his book on the argumentative theory of reasoning (with Hugo Mercier), and published a joint paper on ‘How Darwinian is cultural evolution?’ (with Nicolas Claidière and Thom Scott-Phillips) in Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B.

Many congratulations to Ingrid Lossius Falkum, who was awarded FRIPRO funding for her project on ‘Acquiring Figurative Meanings’, to be held at CSMN.

Robyn Carston’s research in 2014 focused on the following two topics: (a) the nature of the encoded meaning of substantive lexical items (nouns, verbs, adjectives), whether it consists of full-fledged concepts (components of thought), or whether it is something more schematic, which merely places constraints on the concept a speaker expresses, or whether it is nothing more than a node/file/address at which contingent information associated with the word is stored. The importance of this for the project is that it is this standing meaning (along with syntax) which comprises the linguistic input to the pragmatic processes geared to recovery of the speaker’s communicative intention; (b) the nature of non-literal uses of language, in particular, metaphorical uses, with a focus on (i) similarities to and differences from hyperbolic uses, and (ii) the nature of the mental imagery evoked by these uses and its (possible) role in the pragmatic processes of recovering communicatively intended meaning (implicatures).
his monograph Conceptual Engineering (also under contract with OUP). Cappelen completed the work of editing The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology (with Tamar Gendler and John Hawthorne). Cappelen and Dever gave a series of five lectures on their book The Inessential Indexical at Logos, Barcelona. There was a symposium on their book at Rutgers University, where Mark Richard and Hazel Pearson responded to the book and Cappelen and Dever replied. In addition to giving many talks around the world, Cappelen participated in a symposium on intuitions at the meetings of the American Philosophical Association Central Division and the American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division.

In August, Torfinn Huvenes joined Linguistic Agency as a postdoctoral researcher. Huvenes has a PhD in Philosophy from the universities of St Andrews and Oslo and has earlier been a postdoc at the Arché center in St Andrews. Huvenes continued his research on topics related to disagreement, but has also pursued other projects. For instance, he has been working on issues concerning the nature of context in collaboration with Andreas Stokke (Umeå University). This project is on-going. Huvenes had two articles accepted for publication in 2014, “Knowledge, Conservativism, and Pragmatics” (co-authored with Paul Dimmock), which was published in Synthese (vol. 191), and “Epistemic Modals and Credal Disagreement”, which is forthcoming in Philosophical Studies. Huvenes visited the Arché Philosophical Research Centre at the University of St Andrews. The visit took place between the 14th of June and the 4th of July. During the visit he gave two talks, “A Normative Connection Between Beliefs and Credences” and “Context as Common Knowledge”.

Juhani Yli-Vakkuri worked on a book manuscript and began co-editing a volume titled Williamson on Modality.

UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR SUB-PROJECT

The Universal Grammar subproject of the Linguistics Agency continues the work in two closely related areas, syntactic change, and the mental representation of grammar. Generally, there may be said to be two main loci of syntactic change: first language acquisition; and contact situations involving adult second language learning. This year Jan Terje Faarlund has been working on the conditions of syntactic borrowing and change in contact situations, using the Scandinavian language in Medieval England as a case study.

The work on syntactic complexity continues. Syntactic complexity is now defined as the amount of grammatical items and processes that need to be identified between the two interfaces. The question to be further explored is then to what extent this complexity is a function of external factors, such as cultural type, in particular literacy, and thus whether we may expect to find variation across language families and through history.

Jan Terje Faarlund has been participating in the Chomsky reading group with Nick Allot, Carsten Hansen and Georges Rey.

Herman Cappelen
In 2014, the MA team lived through a series of changes of personnel: First, our postdoc Katherine Browne left Oslo for continuing her career in her home country. She had the opportunity of joining a group of researchers in Halifax, Canada. Then, our postdoc Alejandra Mancilla had to take a part-time leave for family reasons and returned to Chile. She remains a part-time member of CSMN and will return to Oslo on a regular basis. However, in August 2015, she will take up a postdoc position at the Antarctica Institute in Punto Arenas with a grant from the Chilean Research Council. Fortunately, our team also got a new member, namely Caj Strandberg.

Caj Strandberg has accepted a permanent position here in Oslo. We are very happy about his joining the MA team. We are looking forward to inspiring discussions and fruitful cooperation. Caj’s main research focus is meta-ethics, but he is also interested in normative ethics, aesthetics, philosophy of language, and metaphysics. Recently, his research has focused on two themes: the connection between moral language and action-guiding attitudes, and the connection between normative reasons for action and rationality. Before arriving at CSMN, he was involved in a project at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) on motivational internalism, the view that moral judgments are not merely beliefs but also motivational states. This view is unable to explain the close connection between moral language and motivational attitudes. At the PPPE seminar, he presented the text ‘A Puzzle about Reasons and Rationality’ which was held at CSMN in August 2014. At this workshop, she presented her work on team reasoning. She also presented her work on the same topic at a conference in Bristol (UK).

Our PhD fellow, Sascha Settegast, completed first drafts for three chapters of his dissertation and presented part of this work on several occasions. In late September, he gave a talk entitled ‘First Nature, Evolution, and Immoralism’ at CSMN’s Virtue Ethics Workshop with Rosalind Hursthouse (see separate article). He also presented work in progress on ‘Naturalism and Autonomy in John McDowell’ at the CSMN colloquium in December. In early June, Sascha attended an international conference on ‘Naturalism and Science’ at the University of Trier (Germany). In December, he received a substantial travel grant from HF for a one-month research stay with Julia Annas at the University of Arizona, Tucson. He participated in a faculty/student reading group on virtue ethics organized by Christel Fricke and took part in research courses given by Øyvind Rabnäs and Einar Bøhn. For the latter, he wrote a short paper on “Narrative Orientation and the Meaning of Life.” Sascha also helped to co-organize CSMN’s annual retreat in January 2015.

Still in Oslo, Katharine Browne continued her research on topics related to rationality, evaluation, and cooperation. She presented part of this work on team reasoning, with Sebastian Watzl and Jola Feix, a workshop on ‘The Social Mind: Origins of Collective Reasoning,’ which was held at CSMN in August 2014. At this workshop, she presented her work on team reasoning. She also presented her work on the same topic at a conference in Bristol (UK).

University Press. Caj’s work on this theme has resulted in several journal publications. In June 2014, he presented the first results of his work on motivational internalism at a conference in Stockholm with, among others, Michael Smith. Just before arriving in Oslo, he was granted funding for a research project which aims at developing an ‘ecumenical’ view of normative reasons for action. Two papers on this topic were submitted for publication after his arrival at CSMN. During his first semester at the centre, Caj continued his work on both of the mentioned themes. In his inaugural talk at the department, he talked about ‘Meta-ethics and the Nature of Moral Language’, he defended a ‘Dual Aspect Account of Moral Language’ according to which an utterance of a moral sentence conveys both a belief that an action has an objective moral property and, by a generalized conversational implicature, an action-guiding attitude towards the action in question. Thereby he hopes to save moral realism—the view that there are objective moral properties—from the influential argument that this view is unable to explain the close connection between moral language and motivational attitudes. At the PPPE seminar, he presented the text ‘A Puzzle about Reasons and Rationality’ which argues that existing theories on normative reasons face a puzzle: either they are able to account for the common meaning of ‘rational’ or they are able to account for the existence of categorical reasons, but not both. The paper ended with a sketch of how this puzzle can be solved. Caj also initiated a reading group on moral theory in order to make the centre familiar with the work of Carla Bagnoli, who started as Professor II at IFIKK in January 2015. We are all very happy to have Caj join our team; meanwhile, Caj has kindly accepted to join the CSMN core group and will in the future participate in all our decision-making.

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Christel Fricke continued her work on various projects, including 'the normative constraints of normality', 'moral disagreement and impartiality', 'the role of empathy in moral communication', 'conscience', and 'the phenomenology of intersubjectivity'. She presented work in progress at various workshops and conferences, both nationally and internationally. Furthermore, she taught a PhD-course on 'Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics'; this course was supposed to prepare for the discussions at the workshop with Rosalind Hursthouse. Christel finalized the papers for the special issue of the Journal of Value Inquiry on 'Nature, Culture, Gods, and Reason – Exploring Evaluative and Normative Constraints on Right Action in a Historical and Comparative Perspective'. Contributors to this multi-disciplinary volume include the sinologists Christoph Harbsmeier and Michael Puett, the indologists Émilie Aussant and Hugo David, scholars of ancient Greek and Latin thought, namely Paul Woodruff, Julia Annas, Øyvind Rabbás, and Douglas L. Cairns, as well as the moral philosophers Maria Alejandra Carrasco and Christel Fricke. The chapters in this collection reveal that there is a common concern underlying people's interest in raising questions about right action, namely the interest in making sense of their lives and of justifying the way they organize their societies in particular. For answering these questions, that is, for specifying standards of right action and for providing them with motivational authority, people have, across cultural and temporal boundaries, relied on similar kinds of sources, the most prominent among them human nature, Gods, and reason. However, the choice of source does not imply any specific restrictions as to what the answer to the question of right action will be. More than once in human history have people justified the privileges of the members of a ruling class in terms of their excellent nature, their excellent reason, or their particular competence in understanding divine commands. The special issue will be published in November 2015.

Thomas Pogge came to Oslo in June for hosting a meeting of the EGCO group, the Expert Group on Global Climate Obligations which he initiated. The group has the following 14 members: Antonio Benjami, Justice, High Court of Justice of Brazil; Michael Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia University Law School; Toon Huydecoper, retired Advocate-General of the Netherlands Supreme Court; Michael Kirby, retired Justice of the High Court of Australia John Knox, Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law, Wake Forest University School of Law; and UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment: M.C. Mehta, advocate before the Supreme Court of India; Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs and founding Director, Global Justice Program, Yale University and CSMN; Qin Tianbao, Professor of Environmental and International Law and Assistant Dean for International Affairs, Wuhan University School of Law; Dinah Shelton, Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law, George Washington University and Law School, and Commissioner and former President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; James Silk, Clinical Professor of Law; Allard K. Lowenstein, Director; Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School; James Silk, Clinical Professor of Law, George Washington University and Law School, and Commissioner and former President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; James Silk, Clinical Professor of Law; Allard K. Lowenstein, International Human Rights Clinic, and Director; Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School; and Alesanna Bovas, barrister, Matrix Chambers, London; Iaap Sper, Advocate-General of the Netherlands Supreme Court and Honorary Professor, Maastricht University Faculty of Law; Elisabeth Steiner, Judge, European Court of Human Rights; Philip Sutherland, Professor, Stellenbosch University Faculty of Law. During their meeting in Oslo, the group members agreed on a declaration of their joint intention to address the political and ethical challenges of climate change. This declaration will be published in 2015.

As in previous years, we hosted a series of workshops and guest lectures. Among our guests were Anton Leist (Zürich), Peter Rainil (Michigan), Alison Jaggar (Boulder), Iso Kern (Berlin), Daniel Brudney (Chicago), and Julia Annas (Tucson, Arizona). It was Alison Jaggar's last visit at CSMN as a professor II. She has been a very valuable addition to the CSMN/MA team, teaching PhD courses, co-hosting various workshops and seminars, lecturing and joining our various discussion groups. We are all very grateful for her contribution to CSMN, and we have started making plans for future cooperation. Julia Annas, also as a professor II,
has been very actively engaged in cooperating in the planning and co-hosting of workshops. We are very happy to have her at CSMN. In 2015, Carla Bagnoli (Milano) will start as a professor II at IFIKK, and she will also cooperate closely with CSMN. We are all looking forward to that.

In May, we had the pleasure of co-hosting a visit by Charles Taylor. We invited him in cooperation with Samarbeidsrådet for tros- og livsvyns-samfunn (STL) at the MF Norwegian School of Theology and IFIKK’s Filosofisk seminar. Taylor is a highly respected and well-known philosopher; he attracted a large audience. We mention in particular the lecture he gave at Filosofisk seminar: “Ricoeur’s contribution to philosophical anthropology”, and his participation in STL’s Gjestebud – a day-long event at the House of Literature, where Taylor gave a lecture, asking “How are we to understand our secular age in the West? How is the search for meaning, ineradicable in human life, expressing itself?”

In 2014, CSMN/MA co-hosted two workshops on ‘Benefiting from Injustice’, organized by Gerhard Øverland and Robert Huseby. Their work was a very welcome addition to our research. We were all very shocked and sad when we were informed that Gerhard could not successfully fight his illness and passed away in the early autumn. He had established himself as an important scholar in applied ethics and political thought. We all miss him very much both as a colleague and as a friend.

Last but not least, Marcia Baron (Indiana) visited CSMN/MA for the first time in 2014. She has kindly accepted to take over the role of auditor of the MA-team after Onora O’Neill, Baroness O’Neill of Bengarve, had to decline, due to her increasingly dense schedule. Marcia met with various members of CSMN and IFIKK and discussed their work in progress. Here is how Marcia summarized her impressions of CSMN/MA: ‘CSMN struck me as a vibrant place of hard-working people. I noticed that there was a good mix for everyone of seminars that stimulate and engage people, and uninterrupted time for getting one’s work done. In addition, there was a nice array of research topics, and I thought it good that people weren’t expected to bend their research to fit a theme. I did ask people about research climate, and everyone was very positive.'

Christel Fricke
The people associated with the Rational Agency branch of CSMN had a very active and productive year, building on the momentum of 2013. In 2014, RA arranged and co-sponsored several well-attended events in Oslo (see below), while junior and senior members presented their work at a wide range of conferences and workshops at universities across the world. Visitors to CSMN continue to enrich the working environment. Members are increasingly visible outside the discipline, and outside the academy. Publication continues to be strong.

Among the many events of 2014, a highlight was the XXIII SIUCC Conference in Seville, devoted to the work of Jennifer Hornsby. Jen was also the 2014 Townsend visitor at UC, Berkeley, giving three lectures there in September. Olav Gjelsvik was invited to give a series of four lectures in Paris, spending two weeks there in November as Visiting Professor at EHESS Paris, and speaking at the University and at the Jean Nicod institute. PhD Fellow Jola Feix spent the summer term as visiting research student at Birckbeck College. Postdoctoral Fellow Jessica Pepp gave no fewer than nine presentations of her research in the course of the past year, seven of them at other institutions in Europe and North America. RA Core Group member Sebastian Watzl had an almost equally busy travel schedule, speaking at six venues away from CSMN. Sebastian and his collaborator Anders Nes (former CSMN postdoc and researcher) should also be congratulated on the award, in the 2014 RCN competition, of a 7.7 Mill NOK FRIPRO grant for their project “Thought and Sense. On the Interface between Perception and Cognition,” which will start up in September 2015.

Worth noting, too, is RA members’ activity outside the academy, with contributions in newspapers (Klassekampen) and broadcasting media (BBC, NRK), and talks at venues such as the House of Literature, the Deichman Public Library, the Norwegian Food Safety Authority, and the Norwegian Board of Health.

The end of the spring term was, as usual, a hectic time at CSMN. RA was involved in several of the events. On April 28-29 the Reflective Mind project (an RCN grant project incorporated in CSMN) put on the workshop “Metacognition – Perspectives from Philosophy and Psychopathology.” Speakers were Joëlle Proust (Ecole Normale Supérieure & Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris), Timothy Chan (CSMN, Oslo), Nicholas Allott (CSMN, Oslo), Anders Nes (CSMN, Oslo), Georges Rey (University of Maryland), Sigmund Karterud (University of Oslo).

“Richard Rorty: Historicism and the Ends of Philosophy. A roundtable discussion,” took place on May 22, with Neil Gascoigne (Royal Holloway), Samuel Wheeler (Connecticut), Herman Cappelen (Oslo/CSMN) and Bjørn Ramberg (Oslo/CSMN) participating, arranged by Cappelen and Ramberg.

RA member Gjelsvik was involved in the Workshop on Frege on May 2, arranged by Øystein Linnebo (UiO), which also included Gisela Bengtsson (UiB).

On June 2-3, the cross-disciplinary workshop “Addiction, Disease and Choice” was held at the University of Oslo. This workshop, which was a part of the Addiction Project, an ongoing...
collaborative project supported by RA, is presented in a separate article.

“Davidson’s Derangement Revisited: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” took place at CSMN on June 13, with contributions from Elisabeth Camp (Rutgers), Robyn Carston (University College, London), Endre Begby (Simon Fraser University) and Bjørn Torgrim Ramberg (CSMN). Dorit Bar-On (University of North Carolina), and Joshua Armstrong (University of California, Los Angeles). Organizers were Endre Begby and Bjørn Ramberg.

The spring season ended with “Perspectives on Inference,” June 16-17, arranged by Anna-Sara Malmgren (Stanford and CSMN adjunct research professor) and Olav Gjelsvik. Speakers were Paul Boghossian (NYU), Olav Gjelsvik (CSMN), Krista Lawlor (Stanford), Anna-Sara Malmgren (Stanford/CSMN), Ralph Wedgwood (USC), Jim Pryor (NYU), John Horty (Maryland), and Susanna Siegel (Harvard).

The fall semester is of course the time for the CSMN annual lecture and annual meeting, with associated events. There was also time for the following RA events:

CSMN interdisciplinary workshop: “Language Acquisition and Concept Formation” (UiO, August 14-15), featuring Eve Clark (Stanford), Imač Zamrana (Oslo), Ingrid Lossius Falkum (CSMN), Endre Begby (Simon Fraser University), Seyda Özçalıkan (Georgia State), Marit Wøntergaard (Tromsø), Philippe Rochat (Emory), Lotte Thomsen. The workshop was arranged by Ingrid Lossius Falkum (CSMN), Francisco Pons (Oslo) and Bjørn Ramberg (CSMN).

“The Social Mind: Origins of Collective Reasoning” (August 29-30, UiO), organized by Katharine Browne, Jola Feix and Sebastian Wieland. Speakers were Natalie Gold (King’s College London), Sebastian Grue (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig), Katharine Browne (CSMN), Philippe Rochat (Emory University), Henrik Helum (University of Southern California), Raimo Tuomela (University of Helsinki), Raul Hakli (Aarhus University), Malinda Carpenter (University of St. Andrews and Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig).
Research on moral agency – or the exploration of moral constraints on human agency – takes place within many academic fields. The idea behind the PPPE-Club is that disciplinary research on moral agency topics can prosper from being exposed in an interdisciplinary forum.

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

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

Schedule 2014

Spring
- 7 January: Lars Christie (IFIKK)
- 4 February: Alexandra Couto (CSMN)
- 18 February: Christel Fricke (IFIKK/CSMN)
- 1 April: Hynek Janousek (University of Hradec Králové)
- 25 April: Katharine Browne (CSMN)
- 13 May: Johan K. Schafier (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights)
- 27 May: Alejandra Mancilla (CSMN)
- 10 June: Christel Fricke (IFIKK/CSMN)

Fall
- 16 September: Cai Strandberg (IFIKK/CSMN)
- 30 September: Christel Fricke (IFIKK/CSMN)
- 14 October: Silje Aambe Langvatn (PluriCourts)
- 11 November: Robert Huseby (Department of Political Science)
- 25 November: Lars Christie (IFIKK)
CSMN Colloquium

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Discussion is lively and constructive. In 2014 we had 27 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN.

Across the year 29% of our speakers were women. Convenor for spring 2014 was Jessica Pepp. Convenor for fall 2014 was Torfinn Huvenes.

Schedule 2014

Spring

- 9 January, Jeff McMahon (Rutgers): ‘The Relevance to Proportionality of the Number of Aggressors’
- 6 February, Robyn Carston (UCL/CSMN): ‘Lexical Meaning and Concept Communicated’
- 13 February, Solveig Aasen (UCL/CSMN): ‘How to Avoid Illusions of Object-Dependent Thought’
- 27 February, Guy Kahane (Oxford): ‘Non-Identity and the Past’
- 6 March, Anandi Hattiangadi (Stockholm): ‘The Impossibility of Radical Interpretation’
- 13 March, Iola Feix and Sebastian Watzl (CSMN): ‘Mind Perception’
- 20 March, Jonathan Knowles (NTNU): ‘Does Metaphysics Depend on Representationalism?’
- 3 April, Giuliano Torrengo (Milan): ‘Institutional Reality’
- 10 April, Mark Textor (KCL): ‘Brentano and Husserl on the Unobservability of the Mental’
- 8 May, Will Small (CSMN): ‘Can Intellectualism Account for Mastery?’
- 21 May, Samuel Wheeler III (University of Connecticut): ‘Counterfactuals Without Possible Worlds’
- 12 June, Natalie Gold (KCL): ‘Guarding Against Temptation: Rational Intentions and Intra-Personal Team Reasoning’

Fall

- 18 September, Torfinn Huvenes (CSMN): ‘Arguments from Disagreement’
- 25 September, David Plunkett (Dartmouth): ‘The Role of Metalinguistic Negotiation in Philosophical Disputes and How it Matters for Thinking about the Methodology of Philosophy’
- 2 October, Einar Bøhn (IFIKK): ‘Generics as Plural Predication’
- 9 October, Anders Nes (CSMN): ‘Natural Meaning as Conclusive Evidence’
- 16 October, Hedda Hassel March (IFIKK): ‘The Evolutionary Argument for Necessitarian Mental Causation’
- 23 October, Olav Gjel livik (CSMN): ‘Practical Knowledge and Self-Knowledge’
- 30 October, Jonathan Knowles (NTNU): ‘How should we react to the brain in a vat thought experiment?’
- 6 November, Daniel Budney (Chicago): ‘Choosing a Conception of the Person’
- 20 November, Imogen Dickie (Toronto): ‘The Normative Basis of Reference’
- 27 November, Jeffrey Dunn (DePauw): ‘Epistemic Free Riding’
- 4 December, Herman Cappelen (CSMN): ‘Conceptual Engineering: What, Why, and How’
- 11 December, Sascha Settegast (CSMN): ‘Naturalism and Autonomy in McDowell’
Work in Progress Seminar

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

In 2014 we had 10 talks altogether, on topics ranging across all three sub-projects of CSMN. Across the year, 40% of our speakers were women. Convenor for spring 2014 was Jessica Pepp. Convenor for fall 2015 was Torfinn Huvenes.

Schedule 2014

Spring
- 28 January: Torfinn Huvenes (IFIKK)
- 25 February: Hedda Hassel March (IFIKK)
- 25 March: Anton Leist (Zurich)
- 8 April: Nick Allott (CSMN) and Mark Textor (KCL)
- 22 April: Torfinn Huvenes (IFIKK)
- 6 May: Lars Christie (IFIKK)
- 20 May: Paula Rubio (CSMN)

Fall
- 7 October: Monica Roland (CSMN)
- 4 November: Solveig Aasen (UCL/CSMN)
- 2 December: Einar Bøhn (IFIKK)
On May 10, CSMN’s sports team, Thinkers, Fast and Slow, participated in The Holmenkollen Relay, the largest relay in the world. The relay has 15 legs; the shortest one is 400m and the longest one is 2800m. Thinkers, Fast and Slow finished with the result 1:24:18 (41 seconds slower than in 2013).
Staff seminar
at Lysebu

Continuing the tradition begun last year with the kick-off of CSMN’s second phase of existence, a second staff seminar was held at Lysebu hotel January 16-18, 2014. As in 2013, the overarching goal of the seminar was to foster collaboration among the diverse researchers and projects that populate CSMN.

The seminar was designed as an opportunity for researchers to learn about work being done by colleagues, get feedback on ideas in early stages of development, and build and strengthen CSMN’s sense of community and intellectual exchange. This year’s program was especially focused on providing individual researchers with in-depth feedback on work-in-progress from their colleagues. To this end, small group breakout sessions offered intensive discussions aimed at testing out and advancing new research plans. Social events taking advantage of Lysebu’s beautiful setting in the hills above Oslo enabled further informal discussion of research and opportunities for cooperation. The program was put together by Sascha Settegast and Jessica Pepp.

During the course of the seminar, most members and affiliates of CSMN presented a portion of their early-stage research to small groups of 3-5 colleagues. The breakout groups combined researchers working in similar areas to the presenters with others focusing in different areas. In many cases, this resulted in new insights and discovery of unexpected overlap in the projects of CSMN researchers. Across the board, presenters and audiences benefited both directly from the feedback of their colleagues and, in an ongoing way, from identifying new partners for intellectual exchange within CSMN.

The mood of the meeting was one of excitement about the many and varied new projects and papers under development throughout the CSMN, as well as enjoyment of time spent with interlocutors both longstanding and new.

Jessica Pepp
Dan Sperber and Deirdre Wilson are prominent figures in the study of language and cognition. Together, they have developed relevance theory, which is both a general theory of cognition and a detailed framework for studying communication, focussing particularly on the interpretation of utterances. This framework has attracted a number of theorists, and it has proven to be both influential and controversial.

In the annual lecture, they set out to locate the role of meaning in a theory of communication. Returning to an idea from Relevance: Communication and Cognition (1986), Sperber and Wilson sought to challenge the widely held view that meaning ought to play an important role in a theory of communication. In that book they argued that there are good reasons to suppose that we may be able to develop a scientific theory of communication. In the annual lecture they argued that the notion of meaning does not have an important role to play in such a theory.

It is worth noting that there are different senses of ‘meaning’. In their lecture, Sperber and Wilson focused on what is often called ‘speaker’s meaning’. If we describe a speaker as having meant that so-and-so, we would be attributing speaker’s meaning. This should be distinguished from another sense of ‘meaning’ that has to do with the semantic properties of linguistic expression types.

Sperber and Wilson took as their starting point Paul Grice’s work on meaning. In his highly influential article ‘Meaning’, Grice drew a distinction between natural meaning and non-natural meaning. The sentence ‘These dark clouds mean that it will rain’ is an example of natural meaning. The sentence ‘By saying ‘Det kommer til å regne’ John meant that it’s going to rain’ is an example of non-natural meaning. It is non-natural meaning that is supposed to play an important role in a theory of communication.
However, as Grice himself recognized, one quickly encounters difficult cases. One set of issues has to do with the distinction between showing and telling. Herod might show Salome the head of St. John the Baptist and thereby intend to make her believe that he is dead. But this is different from telling her that St. John the Baptist is dead, and Grice thought that it was not a case of non-natural meaning. He wanted to distinguish between ‘deliberately and openly letting someone know’ or ‘getting someone to think’ on the one hand and ‘telling’ on the other. But how does this fit into a theory of communication? Sperber and Wilson argued that a theory of communication needs to cover a continuum from showing to telling and cases that fall in between. It makes sense to talk about meaning in clear cases of telling, but if we only focus on those cases we end up ignoring cases of communication that are closer to the showing end of the continuum. That leaves us with the choice of either extending the notion of meaning to cases that do not look like cases of meaning or letting meaning play a less central role in communication.

Another set of issues concerns the idea that meaning is paraphrasable. Again, Sperber and Wilson argued that there is a continuum between the paraphrasable and the non-paraphrasable in communication. If a passenger asks a railway official ‘What time is the next train to Oxford?’ and the railway official replies by saying ‘12.48’, it may be easy enough to paraphrase what the railway official meant. But not all cases are like that. What the speaker communicates can exhibit indeterminacy that makes paraphrase difficult. Metaphors like ‘Juliet is the sun’ are often used as examples of cases that are closer to the non-paraphrasable end of the continuum. If meaning is tied to paraphrasability, too much focus on meaning comes with the risk of ignoring cases of communication that are close to the non-paraphrasable end of the continuum.

Sperber and Wilson argued that the problem is not just that ‘meaning’ is vague. The problem is that any attempt to draw a line will lead one to ignore something important about communication. Instead of trying to construct a theory of communication on the basis of a theory of speaker’s meaning, Sperber and Wilson proposed that we should start out by constructing a theory of communication and see where meaning fits in. The continuum between showing and telling and the continuum between the paraphrasable and the non-paraphrasable combine to form a two-dimensional space. The import of communication can be located anywhere in this space. In this picture of communication, they argued, there is no special role for meaning.
Is addiction a disease or a choice? On the one hand, addicts seem knowingly to expose themselves to harm, including emotional distress, legal and financial problems, health problems and so on. Many report feeling miserable and wanting to quit. They are commonly thought of as having lost control over their drug-taking behavior. On the other hand, many addicts seem to be susceptible to a wide range of ordinary incentives, including money, and counter-incentives such as the risk of harm, suggesting that they do in fact exercise a substantial degree of control over this same behavior. These apparently conflicting observations are frequently used by adherents of what are held to be the two main opposing models of addiction. While the medical model sees addiction as a disease characterized by compulsive and relapsing drug use over which the addict has no control, the moral model sees it as a choice characterized by voluntary behavior under the full control of the addict.

However, new work in this area has begun to challenge this simple dichotomy. As part of an ongoing CSMN project financed by the Norwegian Research Council, a cross-disciplinary workshop was organized at the CSMN on 2-3 June 2014 to discuss different models of addiction and their normative implications.

The workshop brought together researchers at the forefront of the new developments in the science and philosophy of addiction. They included: Serge Ahmed (Universite De Bordeaux, CSNR), Louis Charland (University of Western Ontario, Departments of Philosophy, Psychiatry and Faculty of Health Sciences), Hans-Ålav Fekjær (Blue Cross Norway), Carl Hart (Columbia University, Psychology Dept. & Psychiatry), Edmund Henden (Oslo and Akershus University College and CSMN), Justyna Klingemann (University of Warsaw, Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology), Robert Kurzban (University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychology), Peter Raillon (University of Michigan, Department of Philosophy) and Hanna Pickard (Oxford Centre for Neuroethics).

Edmund Henden
The aim of the workshop was to explore questions concerning the prospects of naturalizing morality in the framework of Neo-Aristotelian virtue ethics: Is ethical goodness a kind of natural goodness? Is what makes us good as human beings like the features that make other living beings flourishing examples of their kind? Aristotelian naturalism answers ‘yes’ to these questions. The path-breaking work of Philippa Foot and Rosalind Hursthouse has clarified the way in which the goodness of rational beings is relevantly similar to the goodness we evaluate in good specimens of other living beings. In placing us humans and our ethical strivings firmly in the natural systems that we try to understand, Aristotelian naturalism takes a stand against reductionism, scientism and the idea that evaluations are merely expressions of attitudes towards evaluatively neutral facts.

The workshop brought together several notable contributors to the debate on Aristotelian naturalism, first and foremost Rosalind Hursthouse (Auckland), as well as Micah Lott (Boston College), Jennifer Frey (South Carolina), Sascha Settegast (CSMN), Michael Thompson (Pittsburgh), John Hacker-Wright (Guelph), and Paul Woodruff (Austin, Texas).

The workshop attracted many scholars interested in this debate, both senior and junior, both from Norway and from abroad. The discussions were lively and controversial. Can the notion of the human life-form really provide the normative constraints of moral agency – as Aristotle would have it? The question is urgent, since contemporary scholars do not endorse Aristotle’s teleological assumptions or his non-egalitarian commitments. However, attempts at defending such a claim seem promising since they may bring about a kind of naturalization of human morality that avoids the shortcomings of reductionism or scientism.

Christel Fricke

The highlight of the events hosted by the MA team in 2014 was the workshop with Rosalind Hursthouse in early September. The workshop was organized by Julia Annas and Christel Fricke.
CSMN is highly internationally oriented, and more than 200 researchers from all over the world visit the center every year. Some of these researchers are visiting for a longer period of time and our long term guests have not only participated in academic endeavours, but also put their significant mark on the daily life at the centre. In 2014 there were 9 long term guests researchers at CSMN who all stayed for three weeks or longer.

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HEGE FINHOLT holds a PhD degree from Boston University. Before she moved on to a lectureship at IFIKK, she stayed at CSMN in the spring semester 2014.

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Guest researcher

From Georges Rey’s point of view

Having enjoyed a number of shortish visits in recent years to CSMN, I applied for and received a Fulbright to spend this year here writing a book on Chomsky. It’s been a terrific place to work: wonderful hospitality in terms of a large office, an immensely comfortable apartment for my family, and very friendly staff; an excellent (and very beautiful) library; frequent, stimulating colloquia; and, most importantly, highly productive exchanges with a number of colleagues. We’ve been meeting once a week to discuss my own and other participants’ work, as well as technical material in both philosophy, linguistics and psychology, and this is resulting in at least two books, a number of articles, and conferences, both in Oslo and in other universities in Norway. The ambiance both at the Center, but in Oslo as a whole has been extremely conducive to cooperative work. It’s a real model for how research centers should function, and I hope there’ll be occasions for further visits in the future.

Georges Rey

Georges Rey is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maryland at College Park. He visited the centre for three weeks in April-May 2014, and returned in August on a Fulbright Research Fellowship for the academic year 2014/2015.
Events 2014

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

01. 20 January. Talk: Anders Schoubye: ‘Systematic Type Ambiguity.’ Oslo
02. 20–21 January. Workshop on Benefiting from Injustice. Oslo
03. 28–29 April. Metacognition and Metarepresentation: Perspectives from Philosophy and Psychopathology. Oslo
04. 22 May. Roundtable discussion: ‘Richard Rorty: Historicism and the Ends of Philosophy.’ Oslo
06. 26 May. Talk: Wolfgang Künne: ‘Frege on ‘That’-Clauses. With an Intermezzo on a Notorious (English) Mistranslation.’ Oslo
07. 27 May. Workshop on Frege. Oslo
08. 29–30 May. Workshop on Benefiting from Injustice. Oslo
09. 2–3 June. Workshop: Addiction, Disease and Choice. Oslo
10. 2–4 June. Workshop on Meaning and Modality. Oslo
13. 13 June. Workshop: Davidson’s Derangement Revisited: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Oslo
14. 13 June. Workshop: Iso Kern: Husserl’s Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity. Oslo
15. 16–17 June. Workshop: Perspectives on Inference. Oslo
17. 19 August. Workshop: Philosophical Cosmology. Oslo
18. 27 August. The CSMN Annual Lecture: Deirdre Wilson and Dan Sperber: ‘What is the role of meaning in communication?’
19. 28 August. Workshop on Inference and Communication. Oslo
21. 4–5 September. Workshop with Rosalind Hursthouse. Oslo
23. 15 October. Talk: Bart Geurts: ‘Pragmatics and Psychology.’ Oslo
24. 21 October. Talk by Manuel Garcia-Carpintero. Oslo
26. 17 November. Mini-Workshop on Names. Oslo
27. 17 November. Popular lecture: Georges Rey: ‘People Don’t Speak Languages: Chomsky’s Positive Contribution to Philosophy.’ Litteraturhuset, Oslo
28. 4 December. Talk: Helen Frowe: ‘Claim Rights, Duties and Self-Defense.’ Oslo
29. 5 December. Talk: Francesca Minerva: ‘Lookism: The Invisible Discrimination.’ Oslo
 Talks abroad

NICHOLAS ALLOTT
‘Inference, metacognition and utterance interpretation.’ Philosophy of Language and Linguistics conference, Dubrovnik (Inter-University Centre), September.

‘In defence of inferential-intentionalism about legal interpretation.’ The Pragmatic Turn: Interpretation and Inference in Legal Discourse, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, July-August (joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University).

‘Legal notices and illocutionary force.’ The Pragmatic Turn: Interpretation and Inference in Legal Discourse, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, July-August (joint work with Ben Shaer, Carleton University).

‘Metacognition and inferential accounts of communication.’ Pragmatic Inference Workshop, Centre for Research into English Language and Linguistics, University of Roehampton, July.

‘It’s all in the bag.’ Short talk at Word Meaning Conference, Cumberland Lodge, organized by KCL, April (joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL).

‘It’s all in the bag: Lexical modulation without concepts.’ Talk for Language and Cognition Seminar, KCL, March (joint talk with Mark Textor, KCL).

JULIA ANNAS
‘Virtue ethics and thick concepts.’ Conference on Virtue development, philosophy and psychology, at the University of Notre Dame, May.

‘Plato on law-abidance and a path to natural law.’ Conference on Virtue and Law in Edinburgh, organized by the Law School, University of Edinburgh, July.

KATHARINE BROWNE

‘Should We Become Team Reasoners?’ Collectivity – A Conference on Different Aspects of Collectivity, University of Bristol, September.


HERMANN CAPPELEN

APA Eastern Division, Symposium on Intuitions, December.

Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Symposium on The Inessential Indexical, September.

Logos, Barcelona, 5 lectures of The Inessential Indexical, June (joint work with Josh Dever).

APA Central Division, Symposium on Nagel on Intuitions, March.

ROBYN CARSTON

‘Lexical meaning and concept communicated.’ Invited talk, Philosophy research seminar, University of Edinburgh, February.

‘Metaphor: Stylistic choice or expressive necessity?’ Invited speaker at workshop on “Relevance, literariness and style’, Middlesex University, March.

‘Polysemy and the ‘static lexicon.’’ AHRC Project ‘Word Meaning’ conference, Cumberland Lodge, April.

‘Pragmatics, polysemy and the lexicon.’ Plenary talk at Sixth International conference on Intercultural Pragmatics, Pragmatics, University of Malta, May-June.

‘Semantics and pragmatics in a modular mind.’ Workshop on ‘The Semantics-Pragmatics Distinction and Philosophical Methodology,’ University of Zurich, November.

TIMOTHY CHAN


ANNA DROZDOZOWICZ


‘Content Judgements and their Evidential Status,’ the Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy Conference “We need to talk’ – Language and Philosophical Method, Vienna, May.

‘The nature of linguistic intuitions about utterance content.’ Emerging Ideas Seminar, the Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris, June (invited).

‘Descriptive ineffability reconsidered.’ the CARNAP Philosophy of Language Workshop, Oxford, June.

INGRID LOSSUUS FALKUM

‘On the acquisition of metonymy.’ Poster presented at the 13th International Congress for the Study of Child Language, University of Amsterdam (with Marta Recasens).

‘Young children’s metonymic skill.’ 6th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication, University of Malta (with Marta Recasens).

‘English possessives - a semantic or pragmatic phenomenon?’ 6th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication, University of Malta (with Julia Kolkmann).


‘Metonymy and relevance.’ Relevance, Literariness and Style workshop, University of Middlesex. (With Deirdre Wilson. First author: Wilson.)

JOLA FEIX

Perceiving Mentality in Its Expression.’ Salzburg Conference of Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg, August.

CHRISTEL FRICKE


‘Normality.’ Konstanz, June.

‘Conscience and its normative authority.’ Konstanz, June.

‘The Psychological Conditions of Moral Competence.’ Athens, October.

‘The Challenges of Pride and Prejudice – Adam Smith and Jane Austen on Moral Education.’ Haifa, October.

‘What is normal?’ Barcelona, December.

‘Preposition stranding.’ Olomouc International Linguistics Conference, Olomouc, Czech Republic.

‘Addiction, self-control and emotion regulation.’ The European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE), New University of Lisbon, Portugal, July.


‘Practical Knowledge and Self-Knowledge.’ Jean Nicod, Paris, November.


‘Information, Representation and Truth.’ University of Maryland, February.

‘Causality and Perception.’ Activity and Perception conference, University of Patras, March.

‘Agency and Alienation.’ Agency and Alienation workshop, University of Leipzig, May.

Three lectures presented at University of Berkeley (California) as 2014 Townsend Visitor, September.

Three presentations and responses to presentations by ten others at the XXIII SIUCC Conference: Jennifer Hornsby, Seville, November.

NICK HUGHES

‘Is knowledge the ability to Ø for the reason that p?’ Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

‘Is the self a fiction?’ Change My Mind project, Barbican Center, London, UK.

TORFINN HUVÈNES

‘Context as Common Knowledge.’ Arché Philosophical Research Centre, St Andrews, July.

‘A Normative Connection Between Beliefs and Credences.’ Arché Philosophical Research Centre, St Andrews, June.

ANNA-SARA MALMGREN

‘Availability, Goodness, and Argument Structure.’ 48th Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, UNC, October.

‘Availability, Goodness, and Argument Structure.’ Simon Fraser University, October.


‘Availability, Goodness, and Argument Structure.’ Högre Seminariet, University of Göteborg, June.


‘Inference and the Problem of Relevantly Complete Representation.’ University of Notre Dame, April.

‘On Getting Started.’ Symposium on Philosophical Method, Tufts University, February.
ALEJANDRA MANCILLA
‘La Antártica como desafío para las teorías de derechos territoriales.’ Diplomado Antártico, Universidad de Magallanes, Chile, November.

‘What Can the Old Right of Necessity Do for the Contemporary Global Poor?’ University’s Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy and Political Theory, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, October.

‘What Can the Old Right of Necessity Do for the Contemporary Global Poor?’ Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Stockholm, Sweden, October.

‘Injustice in Migration, or the Case for Shared Sovereignty over Mobile Natural Resources.’ MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, UK, September.

‘What Can the Old Right of Necessity Do for the Contemporary Global Poor?’ MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, UK, September.

‘Injustice in Migration, or the Case for Shared Sovereignty over Mobile Natural Resources.’ Association for Legal and Social Philosophy Conference, University of Leeds, UK, July.


‘The Volcanic Asymmetry.’ European Consortium for Political Research, Joint Session on Sharing Natural Resources in Times of Climate Change. Salamanca, Spain, April.

OLE MARTIN MOEN

ANDERS NES
‘On Fore- and Background in Cognitive Phenomenology.’ Yet Another Workshop on Phenomenal Intentionality, Central European University, Budapest, November.

‘Natural Meaning as Norm of Inference.’ Experience, Belief and Mental Action – 2nd Meeting of the European Normativity Network, University of Barcelona, November.


JESSICA PEPPE
Seminar on linguistic reference, King’s College London, November.

‘Reference is a form of acquaintance.’ University of Turku, Finland, October.

‘The Unity of Pronouns in Referential Semantics.’ LPM Workshop on Indexicality in Language and Thought, San Sebastian (Donostia), Spain, September (solo presentation of joint work with Joseph Almog and Paul Nichols).

‘The Unity of Pronouns in Ordinary English.’ Fourth Parma Workshop on Semantics and Pragmatics, Università degli Studi di Parma, Italy, September (presentation of joint work with Joseph Almog and Paul Nichols).


‘Reference is a form of acquaintance.’ Kaplanfest! (in honor of David Kaplan’s 80th birthday), University of California, Los Angeles, May.

THOMAS POGGE
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ØYVIND RABBÅS
‘Virtue, Right Action, and Honour in Aristotle.’ Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Oxford University, May.

‘Virtue, Right Action, and Respect in Aristotle.’ Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University, September.

‘Sophistic Appearances.’ Symposium in honour of Øivind Andersen, Athens, October.

BJORN RAMBERG

MONICA ROLAND
‘What’s So Moral About Love?’ The Inaugural Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of the Emotions (EPSSE), New University of Lisbon, July.
‘Love as Seeing.’ Workshop on Love’s Passion, University of Hertfordshire, September.
‘Love as Seeing.’ Symposium on Love as the Source of Morality, University of Antwerp, October.

PAULA RUBIO-FERNANDEZ
‘Can we forget what we know in a false-belief task? An investigation of the true-belief default.’ The 22nd Meeting of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Noto, Sicily, Italy, September (with Bart Guerts).
‘Colour in referential communication.’ Workshop: Colour in concepts: Representation and processing of colour in language and cognition, University of Düsseldorf, Germany, June.
‘On the so called “false-belief paradox.”’ Workshop: (Re)presenting the speech of others, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, March (with Bart Guerts).

SUSANNA SIEGEL
‘Affordances and the Contents of Perception.’ University of Montreal, November.
‘Inference and Selection Effects.’ NYU/CUNY grad seminar, October.
‘Inference and Selection Effects.’ UMass/Amherst, September.
‘Perceptual Inference and the Rationality of Perception.’ Sanders Seminar, University of Texas/Austin, September.
‘Inferencia y Efectos de Selección.’ UNAM, MÉxico DF, September.
‘Perceptual Inference.’ Keynote address at 4th Annual Edinburgh Graduate Conference in Epistemology, June.
‘Introduccion/Introduction.’ Dialogo Sobre Filosofía en Español, April.
‘The Rational Evaluability of Perceptual Experience.’ Notre Dame, February.
‘The Rational Evaluability of Perceptual Experience.’ University of Birmingham, February.
‘A cuánto es que la pericia puede influir racionalmente en la experiencia perceptual?’ UAM Cuajimalpa, Mexico DF, February.
‘Can Perceptual Experience be Rationally Influenced by Expertise?’ College of Charleston, February.
‘How is wishful seeing like wishful thinking?’ Arizona Ontology Conference, January.

CAJ STRANDBERG
‘Reconsidering the Embedding Problem.’ Stockholm June Workshop in Philosophy, Stockholm University, June.

LEO TOWNSEND
‘Believing groups.’ Aspects of Collectivity conference, Bristol, September.
‘Does collective testimony require collective belief?’ Thinking (About) Groups conference, Copenhagen, October.

SEBASTIAN WATZL
‘Perceptual Guidance.’ Workshop on Normativity in Perceptual Experience, organized by the “Groupe de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur la Normativité”, Montreal, Canada (invited), November.
‘Attention and Consciousness. Appearance, Organization, and Control.’ Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) Symposium on Attention and Experience (invited), September.
‘Subjects and Subjective Character.’ Workshop on the Subjective Structure of Consciousness, Manchester, June.
‘Perceptual Guidance.’ Warwick, UK (invited), May.


Deirdre Wilson

‘Irony, hyperbole, jokes and banter.’ Invited plenary lecture, American Pragmatics Association Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, October.

‘Explaining metonymy’. Keynote speech, Pragmatics workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, October (with Ingrid Falkum).

‘Irony, hyperbole, jokes and banter.’ Invited lecture, NYU Philosophy Colloquium, New York, October.

‘What is the role of meaning in communication?’ Invited lecture, Special Session on the work of Dan Sperber and Deirdre Wilson, Conference on Philosophy of Linguistics, and Language, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, September (with Dan Sperber).

‘Metonymy and relevance’. Invited talk, Workshop on stylistics and relevance theory, University of Middlesex, March (with Ingrid Falkum).


‘Lexical pragmatics and the literal-figurative distinction.’ Invited talk, Philosophy Department, Central European University, Budapest, March.

Juhan Yli-Vakkuri

‘Mirror Thoughts.’ Department of Philosophy, King’s College London, May.

‘Vagueness and Modality.’ Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, April (with Jon Litland).
Accounts 2014*

Revenues** 36,000,000

Expenditures:
- Personnel and indirect costs 25,050,000
- Research and development 2,050,000
- Research activities/operational costs 4,100,000

Sum Expenditures 31,200,000
For Transfer 2015 4,800,000

Budget 2015*

Revenues** 38,500,000

Expenditures:
- Personnel and indirect costs 23,100,000
- Research and development 1,700,000
- Research activities/operational costs 7,800,000

Sum expected expenditures 32,600,000
For Transfer 2016 5,900,000

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‘X-Phi without Intuitions?’ in Intuitions, eds. Rowbottom and Booth, Oxford University Press.

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Couto, Alexandra. 2014.

Falkum, Ingrid L. 2014.

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‘Non-typical subjects and objects in Germanic and Romance.’ In Krystin Bech og Kristine Gunn Elde (eds.): Information Structure and Syntactic Change in Germanic and Romance Languages. Amsterdam: Benjamins. 295-312.

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There were 130 speakers at CSMN events in 2014. 45 (35 %) of these were women.