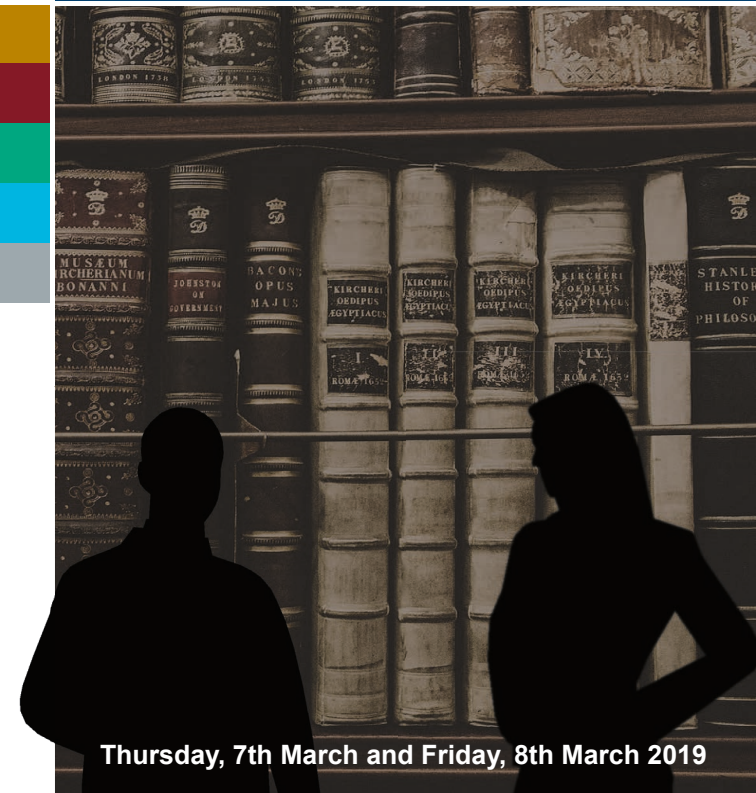




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Epistemic Trust in the Epistemology of Expert Testimony



Thursday, 7th March and Friday, 8th March 2019

Recent approaches in the epistemology of testimony have moved beyond the divide between reductionist and reliabilist theories of knowledge acquisition by the say-so of others. Instead they appeal to concepts such as trust and authority that until then were primarily discussed in areas of practical philosophy. Trust and authority on first sight seem to be promising concepts for explaining cases of epistemic asymmetry such as in relationships between experts and non-experts, but they also motivate the introduction of practical reasons into theories of testimony. While theories of testimony involving epistemic trust are on the one hand well suited to explain the mutual normative expectations of speakers and audiences that stabilize testimonial exchanges, they seem on the other hand to be problematic from an epistemological perspective, as they offer no straight forward way to explaining the rationality of testimonial belief. Alternative approaches to epistemic trust have therefore suggested explaining epistemic trust as a kind of belief based on another person's authoritative reasons. While this seems prima facie more promising from an epistemological perspective, these approaches have difficulties to explain the interpersonal features of trusting relationships. These epistemological debates, which are of philosophical interest in their own right, might also have a bearing on practical problems in the communication and dissemination of scientific knowledge, both, within the sciences and between the scientific experts and non-experts. Therefore, the workshop will also take the epistemological debate as a starting point to examine how theories of epistemic trust can shed light on practical problems of distrust in and misunderstanding of scientific claims.

Thursday, 7th March 2019

- 10:00 Jon Leefmann: Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15 George Christopoulos (Montreal):
A Theory of Trust and Testimony
- 11:00 Eva-Maria Engelen (Konstanz):
Trust in personal testimony contrasted with trust in expert testimony
- 11:45 Coffee Break
- 12:00 Arnon Keren (Haifa):
Reasons for Epistemic Trust and Expert Testimony
- 12:45 Lunch Break
- 14:15 Paul Faulkner (Sheffield):
Trust and Testimony
- 15:45 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Joshua Kellsal (St. Andrews):
The Role of Respect for Epistemic Trust
- 16:45 Tanja Rechnitzer (Bern):
Epistemic Trust and Understanding
- 17:30 Coffee Break
- 17:45 Christoph Jäger (Innsbruck):
Epistemic Authority and Understanding
- 19:15 End First Day
Dinner at Mireo

Friday, 8th March 2019

- 10:00 Jon Leefmann (Erlangen):
Evidence and Recognition in Expert Testimony
- 10:45 Katharina Bernhard (St. Andrews):
Inductive Risk, Pragmatic Encroachment, and Expert Testimony
- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:45 Saana Jukola (Bielefeld):
Casuistic reasoning, standards of evidence, and expertise on elite athletes' nutrition
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Stephen John (Cambridge):
Epistemic trust and the ethics of expert communication: Some problems of perlocutionary knowledge
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:45 Nicola Mößner (Aachen):
On trusting virtual experts
- 16:30 Felix Bräuer (Berlin) / Kevin Baum (Saarbrücken):
Trusting artificial experts
- 17:15 Coffee Break
- 17:30 Wrap Up and Final Discussion
- 18:00 End of Workshop