Programme

MONDAY, 14 AUGUST

8:30-9:30  Registration and Coffee

9:30-9:40  Introduction

9:40-10:50  Keynote Lecture:
Søren Overgaard, University of Copenhagen, DK
Embodiment and Social Perception

10:50-11:15  Q & A

11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:10  Student Presentation: Jenny Hung
The Metaphysics of Reflexive Awareness

12:10-13:10  Lunch Break

13:10-13:50  Student Presentation: James S. Kintz
Me and You, and You and Me: How a Powers Ontology
Clarifies the Second-Person Relation (and Makes Us So
“Happy Together”)  

13:50-15:00  Discussion Groups

15:00-15:30  Coffee Break

15:30-16:10  Q & A in Plenum

16:10-16:30  Introduction to the Center for Subjectivity Research

16:30-17:30  Reception
Center for Subjectivity Research (Building 16, 1st floor)
TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST

9:30-10:45  Keynote Lecture:
Hanne Jacobs, Loyola University, Chicago, USA
Attention, Reason, and Subjectivity

10:45-11:15  Q & A

11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:10  Student Presentation: Gústav Adolf Bergmann Sigurbjörnsson
Seeking the Limits of Normality: Intersubjectivity, Normality, and Epistemology

12:10-13:10  Lunch Break

13:10-13:50  Student Presentation: Audra Goodnight
Morality, Care, and Second-Person Relations

13:50-14:50  Discussion Groups

14:50-15:20  Coffee Break

15:20-16:00  Q & A in Plenum

16:30-17:30  Harbour Tour in Copenhagen
More information will follow
WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST

9:30-10:45  Keynote Lecture:
David Cerbone, West Virginia University, USA
Ground, Background, and Rough Ground in Phenomenology (and Beyond)

10:45-11:15  Q & A

11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:10  Student Presentation: Paulo Mendes Taddei
Was Dreyfus Ever a Phenomenologist? A First Approach

12:10-13:10  Lunch Break

13:10-13:50  Student Presentation: George Neish
‘Dog Turd Optimality’ and the Indeterminacy of Visual Experience: What Bayesian Predictive Coding Theorists Can Learn from Merleau-Ponty

13:50-14:50  Discussion Groups

14:50-15:20  Coffee Break

15:20-16:00  Q & A in Plenum

19:00  Common Dinner
Restaurant Riz Raz
Kompagnistrædet 20
THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST

9:30-10:45  Keynote Lecture:
Rudolf Bernet, University of Leuven, Belgium
Philosophy and Literature – Literature and Philosophy

10:45-11:15  Q & A

11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:10  Student Presentation: Serena Gregorio
The Inextricability of Understanding and Affectivity and the Narrative Identity Circle

12:10-13:10  Lunch Break

13:10-13:50  Student Presentation: Micol Bez
The Reduction As a Queer Moment: On the Boundaries Between Phenomenology and Politics

13:50-14:50  Discussion Groups

14:50-15:20  Coffee Break

15:20-16:00  Q & A in Plenum
FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST

9:30-10:45  Keynote Lecture:
            Dan Zahavi, University of Copenhagen, DK
            The Minimal Self Revisited

10:45-11:15  Q & A

11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-12:10  Student Presentation: David Castañeda
            Bodily Sameness and Animal Selfhood:
            The Material Grounds for a Minimal Self

12:10-13:10  Lunch Break

13:10-13:50  Student Presentation: Alberto Barbieri
            A Combination Problem for Self-Representationalism?

13:50-14:50  Discussion Groups

14:50-15:20  Coffee Break

15:20-16:00  Q & A in Plenum

16:00-16:15  Concluding Remarks
Søren Overgaard

Søren Overgaard is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Copenhagen. His main research topics are perception, social cognition, and philosophical methodology. He is the author of *Husserl and Heidegger on Being in the World* (2004) and *Wittgenstein and Other Minds* (2007), co-author of *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy* (2013) and co-editor of *The Routledge Companion to Phenomenology* (2011) and *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology* (2017). His articles have appeared in various journals, including *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Continental Philosophy Review, Philosophical Psychology, The Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, and *Synthese*. Søren Overgaard is currently president of the Nordic Society for Phenomenology, and together with Komarine Romdhen-Romluc and David Cerbone, he edits the book series *Routledge Research in Phenomenology*.

*Embodiment and Social Perception*

Social Perception Theory (SPT) claims that it is possible, on occasion, to perceive that others are in pain, angry, intend to kick, or desire another helping of ice cream. According to a thesis that I call ‘Embodiment’, at least some mental states extend all the way to the perceptible surface behaviour. The question I pursue in this talk is whether SPT depends on Embodiment. According to an intuitively plausible view that I label the ‘Dependency Thesis’, SPT does depend in specific ways on Embodiment. I argue that – in the context of the mindreading debate, at any rate – the Dependency Thesis is false. If Embodiment turned out to be false, this would in no obvious way cast doubt on SPT. And if the former turned out to be true, this would not obviously lend any support to the latter.

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Hanne Jacobs

Hanne Jacobs is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago. She is the editor of a series of Husserl's lecture courses on the history of philosophy that was published in the Husserliana Materialien series as *Einleitung in die Philosophie 1916–1920*. She has published articles on topics in phenomenology such as personal identity, attention, intersubjectivity, reflection, and the phenomenological method. Her current research interest is in phenomenological and contemporary theories of consciousness and reason.

Attention, Reason, and Subjectivity

In my talk, drawing on Husserl's phenomenology, I will propose that attention is a mode of consciousness, that it is in this mode of consciousness that we exercise reason, and that our subjectivity distributes our attention. I will also consider what this account of attention and its relation to the exercise of reason and our subjectivity can contribute to some additional discussions on topics at the intersection of philosophy of mind and epistemology, such as epistemic agency and interpersonal disagreement.

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David Cerbone

David R. Cerbone is Professor of Philosophy at West Virginia University. He is the author of Understanding Phenomenology (Acumen, 2006), Heidegger: A Guide for the Perplexed (Continuum, 2008), and Existentialism: All That Matters (Hodder & Stoughton, 2015), as well as numerous articles on Heidegger, Wittgenstein, and the phenomenological tradition. Recent work includes papers in Philosophical Topics; International Journal for Philosophical Studies; and The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology. He is also an editor (along with Søren Overgaard and Komarine Romdenh-Romluc) of the Routledge Research in Phenomenology series.

Ground, Background, and Rough Ground in Phenomenology (and Beyond)

In my presentation, I consider various ways of spelling out the idea that all experience in some way involves a background. I survey a number of examples, both from within phenomenology (Husserl, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty) and without (primarily Wittgenstein, but also John Searle), in order to illustrate both the importance of, and the challenges inherent in, adequately articulating the idea of a background without falsification (roughly, making the background accessible or available as background). The focus of my talk will be Hubert Dreyfus’s Heidegger-inspired notion of a background understanding (of being), which functions, according to Dreyfus, so as to be largely inaccessible to any kind of reflective comprehension or description. Dreyfus’s emphasis on the inaccessibility of the background raises serious questions about the viability of phenomenology on this front, as well as the more general possibility of reflectively criticizing one’s (basic) ways of making sense of things. Drawing upon ideas from the later Wittgenstein, I try to challenge (or deflate) this more mystery-laden conception of the background.

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Rudolf Bernet

Rudolf Bernet (born 1946) is currently Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Leuven (Belgium) and President of the Husserl Archives. He studied philosophy in Louvain and Heidelberg and has a training in Freudian Psychoanalysis. As a guest professor he taught at the universities of Nice, Copenhagen, Rome, Boston College, Stony Brook, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Freiburg i. Br., and Peking (PKU). In 2008 Bernet was awarded the Alexander von Humboldt-Forschungspreis. He has also served as President of the German Society for Phenomenology. His main areas of research are: Phenomenology, Philosophical Anthropology and History of Philosophy with a particular interest in topics related to life and affectivity, time, and art. Bernet’s books include: An Introduction to Husserlian Phenomenology (with I. Kern and E. Marbach) (1993), La vie du sujet (1994), Conscience et existence (2004), Force-Pulsion-Désir (2013). Bernet has also prepared critical editions of Husserl’s posthumous writings on time (1985; 2001) and edited (with D. Welton and G. Zavota) Edmund Husserl: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers (2005). He has written more than 250 articles and is on the editorial board of numerous philosophical and psychoanalytic series and journals.

Philosophy and Literature – Literature and Philosophy

The literary use of language rejuvenates ordinary language by liberating signifiers from their subordination under a subjective meaning that directly refers to external objects. Literature also illustrates, in exemplary fashion, the creative power of imagination and the effective force of fictions. My paper explores, in particular, what personal identity and the meaning of real facts owe to language and to the imagination of possibilities. It further shows how literature undermines a conception of the relation between fact and meaning, actuality and possibility, reality and fiction, truth and semblance in terms of dual oppositions. Literary fictions and narratives can make a real change in the life of writers and readers by unfolding their unrealized personal potentialities, by refining their emotional sensibility, and by distancing them from themselves.

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Dan Zahavi

Dan Zahavi is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Subjectivity Research at the University of Copenhagen. In his systematic work, Zahavi has mainly been investigating the nature of selfhood, self-consciousness, intersubjectivity, and social cognition. He is currently working and publishing on issues related to we-intentionality and group-identification. He is co-editor in chief of the journal Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, and author and editor of more than 20 volumes including Husserl’s Phenomenology (Stanford UP 2003), Subjectivity and Selfhood (MIT Press 2005), The Phenomenological Mind together with S. Gallagher (Routledge 2008/2012), and Self and Other (OUP 2014). His most recent book Husserl’s Legacy will be published with OUP in the fall of 2017.

The Minimal Self Revisited

In my talk, I will first briefly outline the main ideas and motivations behind the introduction of a minimalist notion of self. I will then consider a number of challenges and criticisms that this notion has recently been subjected to. These criticisms all engage in various ways with what might be called the universality question. If it is the case that our experiences are accompanied by a minimal sense of self such that one might talk of the existence of an experiential self, is it then something that holds with necessity, such that it characterizes all experiences however minimal or disordered they might be? Is it something that only holds for normal, adult, experiences? Or might it be something that only holds under rather special circumstances, say, when we reflectively scrutinize and appropriate our experiences?

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