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"ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE" CONFERENCE ON DAVID LEWIS

June 16-18, 2011
Urbino, Palazzo Albani, Via Timoteo Viti, 10

June 16, 2011

8.30-9.00 Registration
9.00-9.15 Welcome and Introduction

Chair: GINO TAROZZI (University of Urbino)
9.15-10.45 ANDREA BOTTANI (University of Bergamo)
What Temporary Intrinsic Tell Us About Persistence
Discussant: MARIO ALAI (University of Urbino)

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

SESSION: SEMANTICS AND CONVENTION
Chair: VERA TRIPODI (University of Barcelona)

11.15-12.00 MARK CAIN (Oxford Brookes University)
Linguistic Conventions

12.00-12.45 LUCA TUMMOLINI (Ist. di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione, CNR)
Lewis' Convention Revisited: The Epistemic Root of Conventions

12.45-13.30 ALIK PELMAN (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Metaphysics of Pain; Semantics of "Pain"

13.30-15.00 Lunch

Chair: PAOLO STELLARI (University of Milan)
15.00-16.30 SÒNIA ROCA-ROYES (University of Stirling)
Conflation, Primitive Modality, and the Humean Intuition
Discussant: CLAUDIO CALOSI (University of Florence)

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

SESSION: MEREOLGY, PROPERTIES AND PERSISTENCE
Chair: DANIELE SANTORO (LUISS University, Rome)

17.00-17.45 STEPHAN TORRE (University of Barcelona)
Why Immanent Causation is Bad Mereological Glue

17.45-18.30 ANDREA BORGHINI (College of the Holy Cross), GIORGIO LANDO (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)
Natural Properties, Supervenience and Composition

18.30-19.15 GHISLAIN GUIGON (University of Geneva)
Natural Properties in Counterpart Theory

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Chair: VINCENZO FANO (University of Urbino)
9.15-10.45 JOHN COLLINS (Columbia University)
The Parsing of the Possible
Discussant: DANIELE SANTORO (LUISS University, Rome)

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

SESSION: COUNTERFACTUALS
Chair: MARIANNA ANTONUTTI (University of Bristol)

11.15-12.00 MARCO NATHAN (Columbia University)
Lewisian Themes in Molecular Biology

12.00-12.45 SIMONA AIMAR (Oxford University)
Counterfactuals, Overdetermination and Mental Causation

12.45-13.30 BARBARA OSIMANI (Catholic University of Milan, Univ. of Macerata)
Lewis' "Causation as Influence" and Contemporary Accounts of Genetic Causality: How Counterfactual Theories of Causality Account for Some (But Not All) Notions of Biological Information

13.30-15.00 Lunch

Chair: ISABELLA TASSANI (University of Urbino)
15.00-16.30 JOHN DIVERS (University of Leeds)
Lewis - He Himself! - Hn the Analysis of Modality
Discussant: ANDREA BORGHINI (College of the Holy Cross, USA)

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

SESSION: MODALITY AND POSSIBLE WORLDS
Chair: STEFANO VASELLI (University of Rome "La Sapienza")

17.00-17.45 FABIO GADDUCCI (University of Pisa), ALBERTO LLUCH LAFUENTE (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca), ANDREA VANDIN (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca)
A Lewisian Approach to the Verification of Adaptive Systems

17.45-18.30 MAJA KITTEL (Jagiellonian University)
Actualizing Possible Worlds and Mental Content "de se"

18.30-19.15 FABRIZIO CARIANI (Northwestern University)
Between Modal Semantics and Decision Theory

Social Dinner

June 18, 2011

Chair: ADRIANO ANGELUCCI (University of Verona)
9.15-10.45 VINCENZO FANO (University of Urbino)
Recent developments on Lewis' definition of time travel
Discussant: GIULIANO TORRENTO (LOGOS, Universitat de Barcelona - University of Turin)

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

SESSION: CAUSALITY AND TIME
Chair: FRANCESCA ERVAS (Institut Jean Nicod, Paris - University of Cagliari)

11.15-12.00 ANDREA GUARDO (University of Milan)
Time Travel, Foreknowledge and the Phenomenology of Freedom

12.00-12.45 FREDERIK NEF (Institut Jean-Nicod, CNRS-ENS-EHESS)
The Humean Supervenience Thesis and the Metaphysics of Causation

12.45-13.30 MICHAEL DE (University of St Andrews)
A Modal Realist Defense of Presentism

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- SONIA ROCA-ROYES
University of Stirling
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