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TIME FLOW AND HUMAN MIND

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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

How we shape the world picture? How we bring in order our personal and social experience? What is an essential component of all human plans, arguments and expectations? When answering these questions, the notion of Time plays a crucial role. Namely cognitive representation of time flow provides a basis for answering of all these questions. The goal of the seminar is to present and discuss different studies on time in psychology and philosophy. The different philosophical concepts of time will be presented and analyzed. From psychological perspective the seminar addresses human ability to process temporal information, various models of individual timing mechanism, ability of human mind to develop few cognitive representations of time flow. The different approaches to definition and measurement of subjective present time (now) will be also presented. The concept of Personal Time Perspective will be highlighted and its impact of life-line will be analyzed.



SPEAKERS

Mauro Dorato



Full Professor for the Philosophy of Science at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Rome 3, Italy. Author of the books: *Time and Reality. Spacetime physics and the objectivity of temporal becoming*. CLUEB, Bologna, 1995; *The Software of the Universe. An Introduction to the History and Philosophy of the Laws of Nature*, Ashgate, 2005. Author of the numerous articles on Philosophy of Time, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Science. Member of

the Scientific Board of the journals: *Epistemologia*, *Rivista di Filosofia*, *Colloquium Philosophicum*, Italian journal of cognitive sciences.

Marc Wittmann



Dr. hum. biol. Dr. habil. med., Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Health, Freiburg i. Br., Germany, Associate Professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Germany. Author of the book: *Felt Time*. MIT Press, 2016, and the books on human time processing in German. In the number of experimental studies he is examining the individual timing mechanism, the relationship between the experience of time with cognitive processes

and affect; how the sense of time is modulated in altered states of consciousness such as in meditation or in drug-induced states as well as in neurological and psychiatric conditions.

Oksana Senyk



Doctor of Philosophy, Assistant Professor at the Psychology Department, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine. She studies different psychological roots of students' time perspective. The author of Ukrainian version of Zimbardo Time Perspective Inventory, ZTPI (2012) and Consideration of Future Consequences-14 Scale (CFC-14, in press). Field of interests: subjective time measurement,



time perspective, chronotypes. Currently works on studying the dynamics of time perspective of youth in different regions of Ukraine (in years 2010–2016), in particular the change of time perspective of youth due to the social, economical and political crisis started in Ukraine in 2014. The other branch of work – adaptation of Munich Chronotype Questionnaire (MCTQ) and CSM questionnaire into Ukrainian, which aims to start the researches of chronotypes among Ukrainians.

Oleksiy Polunin



Dr. of Sciences, Professor, Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, Ukraine. Currently he is visiting fellow of FIAL Open Society Foundations Global Dialogues Project at the University of Warsaw, Poland. Author of the book *Experience of time flow by human: the experimental study*, Kyiv, 2011, and the numerous studies on human time processing, features of individual timing mechanism, subjective present time (now), on the role of cognitive representation of time flow in individual decision making and in electoral choice. In his recent research he argues for the mind's ability to develop multiple representations of time flow.

MODERATOR

Szymon Wróbel



Professor of Philosophy at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences and at the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” of the University of Warsaw. He is a psychologist and philosopher interested in contemporary social and political theory and philosophy of language. Author of the seven books in Polish and numerous articles in academic journals. His two latest books *Deferring the Self* and *Grammar and Glamour of Cooperation*. Lectures on the Philosophy of Mind, Language and Action **have been published in 2014.**

