

NON-CONCEPTUAL CONTENT AND METAPHYSICAL IMPLICATIONS: KANT AND HIS CONTEMPORARY MISCONCEPTIONS

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Almost any mainstream reading about the nature of Kant's 'content of cognition' in both non-conceptualist and conceptualist camps agree that 'singular representations' (sensible intuitions) are, at least in some weak sense, object-dependent because they supervene on a manifold of sensations that are given through the disposition of our sensibility and parallel thus the real and physical components of the world (cf. McDowell 1996, Allison 1983, Ginsborg 2008, Allais 2009). The relevant class of sensible intuitions should refer, as they argue, only to empirical and not to pure ones. Kant's transcendental argument creates, however, no implications as to the metaphysics of properties. Neither does he consider the world to be consisted of sensory content simpliciter nor do sensations refer to objects per se. Instead, he provides an all-encompassing pattern for sensible intuitions of any kind through the representation of space as a cognitive map in that an object can be represented if spatial properties are attributed to it. Sensible intuitions of any kind could be referring, that is to say, and can be conceptualized if they are spatial. Consequently and unlike the contemporary philosophy of perception, Kant contrasts sensible intuitions and pure concepts of understanding 'altogether' against one single experience, from which the justification of objects should proceed. In other words, what stands at the core of exposing the content of cognition concerns not the phenomenological status and actuality of sensible intuitions in the sense of 'bits of experiential intake', but the logical structure of possibility of sensible intuitions of any (external or internal) causal background.

The aim of this discussion is to clarify that Kant's transcendental idealism *mutatis mutandis* reviews multiple and diverse kinds of 'data of mind' and cognition in the background, without reducing the content of cognition to metaphysically determined referents as 'matters of fact' and to pure concepts of understanding. Sensible intuitions in the sense of content of cognition vary, most importantly, from unstructured and unjustifiable data of mind including (physical) contents of perception and stuff of mind and also from reflective and intellectual intuitions that are the cognates of the structured complex singular representations. Put it in simple terms, Kant advocates the thesis that 'facts' are objects for concepts if they are already well-founded through the cognitive map of the representation of space.

Challenging Concepts

Debating Conceptualism and Non-Conceptualism in Epistemology and Metaphysics

February, 20-21-22, 2024
University of Padua, Italy
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Bill Brewer
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Bruno Leclercq
Denis McManus
Felice Masi
Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl
Elisabetta Sacchi
Hao Tang

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Letizia Cipriani, Bruno Cortesi, Juliette Courtillé,
Daniel Debarry, Davide Dalla Rosa, Denis
Džanić, Ilaria Ferrara, Till Hoepfner, Dino
Jakusic, Luigi Laino, Antonio Lizzadri, Antonio
Mendicino, Mahyar Moradi, Daniel Neumann,
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Pedrini, Pierre Prodromides, Adrián Solís Peña,
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CHALLENGING CONCEPTS

DEBATING CONCEPTUALISM AND NON-CONCEPTUALISM
IN EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS

Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

9:00 - 10:00 – Registration

10:00 - 10:15 - Opening Words

10:15 - 11:15 - Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

Denis McManus - University of Southampton

Categorical Intuition and Being-in-the-world

11:15 - 11:30 - Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30 - Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

Felice Masi - University of Federico II, Naples

*A Kind of Blue. The Role of Example (and of Exemplification)
in Neo-Husserlian Theory of Concepts*

12:30 - 15:00 - Lunch and Visiting of Palazzo BO

15.00-16.00 - Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

Elisabetta Sacchi - University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan

Is High-Level Perception Conceptual?

16.00-16.15 Coffee Break

16.15-17.30 - Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

Walter Hopp - Boston University

Knowledge, Constitution, and Perception

17.30- 17.45 Coffee Break

17.45-19.00 - Sala delle Edicole (Palazzo del Capitano)

Bill Brewer - King's College of London

The Role of Concepts in Perceptual Objectivity

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Sala Diano, Palazzo Liviano

9:45 - 10:30

Luca Zanetti

University of Bologna
The Epistemology of Existence

10:30 - 11:15

Bruno Cortesi

IUSS of Pavia
Transparent Phenomenal Concepts

AIS 2, Palazzo Capitanio

9:45 - 10:30

Letizia Cipriani

University of Firenze
Mens idea corporis: Spinoza and Third Way

10:30 - 11:15

Dino Jakusic

University of Warwick
(Against) Conceptual Foundationalism – the Cherbury-Locke Debate

11.15-11.30 Coffee Break

11:30-12.30 - AIS 2 (Palazzo del Capitanio)

Hao Tang - Tsinghua University

Attention and Practical Knowledge

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Sala Diano, Palazzo Liviano

14:00 - 14:45

Yichun Sun

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
The Content-Attitude Distinction and Nonconceptual Content

14:45 - 15:30

Daniel Debarry

University of São Paulo
Generality, Particularity, and the Function of Judgment in the Travis-McDowell Debate

AIS 2, Palazzo Capitanio

14:00 - 14:45

Ilaria Ferrara

University of Ferrara
«Beautiful pleases universally without a concept»: the Kantian Aesthetic Approach to Non-conceptualism

14:45 - 15:30

Antonio Mendicino

University of Roma Tor Vergata
What if Kant was Neither Conceptualist nor Non-conceptualist?

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

Sala Diano, Palazzo Liviano

15:45-16:30

Giuseppe Maria Pascoletti

University of Padua
Are Religious Experiences Conceptual? The Conceptuality Debate in Phenomenology of Religion

16:30-17:15

Adrián Solís

University of Barcelona
Concepts and Intentions of Artifacts' Essence: The Production of Negative and Queer Objects

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15:45-16:30

Samuel Vitel

University of Poitiers/University of Ottawa
Conceptual Normativism and Hegel

16:30-17:15

Luigi Laino

University of Federico II, Naples
Are There Only Concepts of Function?

17:15-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-18:30 - AIS 2 (Palazzo del Capitanio)

Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl - University of Graz

Multiple Context-Dependency and Evaluative Experience

9.15- 11.00 Scrovegni Chapel

Sala Diano, Palazzo Liviano

11.30-12.15

Pierre Prodromides

Sorbonne University, Paris

Sortal Concepts, what for? Delineation, Counting, and Epistemic Individuation

12.15-13.00

Davide Dalla Rosa

Goethe University Frankfurt

On Property- and Object-Dependent Theories of Perceptual Demonstrative Thoughts

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11.30-12.15

Mahyar Moradi

Iranian Institute of Philosophy

Non-Conceptual Content and Metaphysical Implications: Kant and His Contemporary Misconceptions

12.15-13.00

Till Hoepfner

FU Berlin

Kantian Experience: Towards a New Foundation for Explaining Propositional and Conceptual Content

13.00-14.30 Lunch

Sala Diano, Palazzo Liviano

14.30-15.15

Antonio Lizzadri

Catholic University of Milan

A Non-Conceptualistic Account of Conceptualism

15.15-16.00

Juliette Courtillé

Sorbonne University, Paris

Does Perception have Non-conceptual Content? About Putnam's Latest Philosophy on This Problem

16.00-16.45

Sofia Pedrini

Ruhr University Bochum

The Conceptual Content of Imagination

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14.30-15.15

Nikos Patelis

University of Patras

Concepts as Categories, Perception as Inference. Is C.S. Peirce a Conceptualist?

15.15-16.00

Denis Džanić

University of Graz

What Kind of Content is Probabilistic Content?

16.00-16.45

Daniel Neumann

Paderborn University

Concepts in Experience: Constituting or Designating Reality?

16.45-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.00 - AIS 2 (Palazzo del Capitanio)

Bruno Leclercq - University of Liège

Semantic Externalism, Semantic Deference and Transparency of Concepts

CONFERENCE VENUES

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