



Notre Dame Institute *for*
ADVANCED STUDY

“Conceptions of Truth and the Unity of Knowledge” Conference

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

April 12-14, 2012

Conference Schedule

*All conference sessions are held in the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall.
All conference meals will be served in the Morris Inn.*

Thursday, April 12

08:30 am – Registration and Continental Breakfast

Thursday, April 12 – First Session (9:45 am)

09:45 am – Introductions and Welcome

SESSION CHAIR: Robert J. Bernhard, Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering and Vice President for Research

10:00 am – Speculation and Narration in Mathematics (Laurent Lafforgue, Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques [IHÉS])

11:00 am – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

11:15 am – Could normative insights be sources of normative knowledge? (Allan Gibbard, University of Michigan)

Lunch (12:30 to 2:00 pm, Morris Inn))

Thursday, April 12 – Second Session (2:00 pm)

SESSION CHAIR: Jessica Hellmann, Associate Professor of Biology and 2011-2012 Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

2:00 pm – A Molecular Glimpse at How Mother Nature Can Regulate Our Being (Thomas Nowak, University of Notre Dame)

3:00 pm – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

3:15 pm – What light does biology shed on the social sciences and the humanities? (Francisco J. Ayala, University of California, Irvine)

4:30 pm – Conference Reception (McKenna Hall Atrium)

Dinner (6:00 pm, Morris Inn)

Friday, April 13 – First Session (9:00 am)

SESSION CHAIR: Darcia Narvaez, Associate Professor of Psychology,
University of Notre Dame

09:00 am – Does introspection (a first-person perspective) remain indispensable to psychology? (Osborne Wiggins, University of Louisville)

10:00 am – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

10:15 am – What is the nature of perception? (Zygmunt Pizlo, Purdue University)

11:15 am – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

11:30 am – Intuition and Coherence in the Keystone Loop (Keith Lehrer, University of Arizona / University of Miami)

Lunch (12:30 to 2:00 pm, Morris Inn)

Friday, April 13 – Second Session (2:00 pm)

SESSION CHAIR: Ann W. Astell, Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame

2:00 pm – How is theology inspired by the sciences? (Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame)

3:00 pm – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

3:15 pm – What is the nature of inference? (Robert Hanna, University of Colorado, Boulder)

4:15 pm – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

4:30 pm – Truth in Interpretation (Carsten Dutt, University of Heidelberg)

Dinner (6:00 pm, Morris Inn)

Saturday, April 14 – First Session (9:00 am)

SESSION CHAIR: Susan D. Blum, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

9:00 am – Does law emerge from time, or time from law? (Lee Smolin, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics)

10:00 am – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

10:15 am – How did the Western culture subdivide its various forms of knowledge and justify them? (Vittorio Hösle, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study)

11:15 am – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

11:30 am – How did the Chinese culture organize its forms of historical knowledge? (Nicola Di Cosmo, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ)

Lunch (12:30 to 2:00 pm, Morris Inn)

Saturday, April 14 – Second Session (2:00 pm)

SESSION CHAIR: Donald P. Kommers, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science and Professor of Law, Emeritus

2:00 pm – Historical Truth and the Unity of the Historical Sciences (Aviezer Tucker, University of Texas, Austin [University of Cologne, Germany, spring])

3:00 pm – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

3:15 pm – How does architecture combine imperatives of engineering with an aesthetic vision? (Michael Lykoudis, University of Notre Dame)

4:15 pm – Coffee Break (McKenna Hall Atrium)

4:30 pm – Wrap Up Discussion, Vittorio Hösle