“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