



Edward Hopper, Automat, 1927 (crop)

The aim of this workshop is to explore the diverse connections between American philosophy and psychology from circa 1900 to the 1930s. Philosophical currents such as idealism (J. Royce, M. W. Calkins, W. E. Hocking), neorealism (R. B. Perry, W. P. Montague, E. B. Holt), critical realism (C. A. Strong, D. Drake, R. W. Sellars), pragmatism (C. S. Peirce, W. James, J. Dewey), and operationalism (P. W. Bridgman) will be examined in relation to psychological schools such as structuralism, functionalism, behaviorism, and Gestalt psychology. The focus of interest includes, among other things, the relationship between perception and environment, the status of consciousness, the mind-body problem, and the role of purposes and interests in cognition.

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Workshop

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Conference Center Erbacher Hof
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Thursday, October 8

Arrival
Conference Center Erbacher Hof

19:30
Get-together
Café am Ballplatz

Friday, October 9

9:00 – 9:30
Matthias Neuber (Mainz)
Welcome

9:30 – 10:15
Gary Hatfield (Pennsylvania)
Russell and Behaviorism: Watson vs. Thorndike

10:15 – 11:00
Lisa Kampen (Radboud)
Psychologism and the Self: Mary Whiton Calkins and Hugo Münsterberg on the Distinction Between Psychology and Philosophy

11:00 – 11:30
Break

11:30 – 12:15

Michael Annacker (Bochum)
Willy-Nilly – the Real and the Given in C. I. Lewis

12:15 – 13:15
Lunch

13:15 – 14:00
Sander Verhaegh (Tilburg)
Logical positivism and American psychology

14:00 – 14:45
Cornelis Menke (Mainz)
Experimental design, randomization and the Economy of Research: Charles S. Peirce and experimental psychology

18:00 – 19:30
Dinner

Saturday, October 10

9:00 – 9:45
Galen Strawson (Austin)
Real direct realism: Charles Augustus Strong

9:45 – 10:30

Claudia Cristalli (Tilburg)
Pragmatism's Psychology: From Functionalism to Values

10:30 – 11:00
Break

11:00 – 11:45
Alexander Klein (Hamilton)
Why Can't You See Your Own Eyes Move in a Mirror? Holt's Experimental Psychology as Pre-History of New Realism

11:45 – 12:45
Lunch

12:45 – 13:30
Uljana Feest (Hannover)
Gordon Allport and the Two Cultures of Personality Research

13:30 – 14:15
Matthias Neuber (Mainz)
Tolman and the Realists

19:00
Dinner
Restaurant Heiliggeist