

PHENOMENOLOGY OF EMPATHY SERIES

Conceptualizations, Pathologies, Gender Implications, and Clinical Applications

International Seminar (on-line) / September 1st, 2023 (08:15-13:15 hrs. CLT)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Masaki O. Abe: Associate Professor at Graduate School of Education, Hokkaido University, Japan. His research work focuses on the elucidation of an intra- and inter-personal motor control mechanism and the establishment of a support system based on the neural mechanism. Mostly, his research focuses on inter-personal motor control, such as joint action, which involves human social interaction, aiming at connecting and applying questions in daily life to interdisciplinary research for motor control and cognitive science, as well as to contribute to the well-being of society by using the results of such research.

Susi Ferrarello: PhD in Philosophy from University of Sorbonne, Paris, France. Currently, she teaches at both the California State University (East Bay) and Saybrook University, USA. She is an expert in ancient and contemporary philosophy, with extensive publishing credits. She has authored several books: “Il progetto etico e l’idea di scienza in Husserl” (Padova, 2010, Libreria Universitaria), “Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity and Values in Edmund Husserl” (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014), and “Practical Intentionality” (Bloomsbury, forthcoming). Her articles include “Values, Normativity and Facts”, “Husserl’s Phenomenology of Validity”, “Practical Intentionality: A balance between Practical and Theoretical Acts”, and “Transcendental and Spiritual Consciousness in Husserl”.

Sara Heinämaa: PhD in Philosophy from University of Helsinki and Professor of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Vice President of the Philosophical Society of Finland and Academy Professor (2017–2021) of the Academy of Finland. Her main areas of research are in phenomenology, existentialism, philosophy of mind, history of philosophy, and philosophical methodology. Her systematic work deals with the phenomena and concepts of embodiment, intersubjectivity, temporality, normality, emotions, and sexual difference. Her work is focused on the philosophies of Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Heidegger, Stein, Beauvoir, Levinas, and Irigaray, but has also contributed to Descartes studies and discussion of classical existentialism. Among her publications are “Toward a Phenomenology of Sexual Difference” (2003) and “Birth, Death, and Femininity” (2010, with Schott, Thorgirsdottir, and Songe-Møller).

Daniel Hutto: PhD in Philosophy from University of York, USA. Senior Professor of Philosophical Psychology and Head of the School of Liberal Arts, University of Wollongong, Australia. His research is a sustained attempt to understand human nature in a way which respects natural science, but which nevertheless rejects the impersonal metaphysics of contemporary naturalism. His recent projects have focused on consciousness, intentionality, and everyday social understanding. He is the author of “The Presence of Mind” (John Benjamins, 1999), “Beyond Physicalism” (John Benjamins, 2000), “Wittgenstein and the End of Philosophy” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), “Folk Psychological Narratives” (MIT Bradford Books 2008) and “Radicalizing Enactivism”, co-authored with Erik Myin (MIT Press, Bradford Books, 2013).

Juan Pablo Kalawski: PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Texas, USA. Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Autonomous University of Chile, Temuco, Chile. Experienced clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, certified by the International Society for Emotion Focused Therapy. He is a founding member and past co-president of the Alba Method Association. He has pioneered the application of the Alba Method in psychotherapy, leading Alba Method workshops in Chile, the United States, and Mexico. His articles include: “Is tenderness a basic emotion?”, “Using Alba Emoting to work with emotions in psychotherapy”, and co-authored with Leonor Irarrázaval “Phenomenological considerations on empathy and emotions in psychotherapy”.

Alva Noë: PhD in Philosophy from Harvard University and Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The focus of his work is the theory of perception and consciousness. In addition to these problems in cognitive science and the philosophy of mind, he is interested in analytic phenomenology, the theory of art, Ludwig Wittgenstein, enactivism, and the origins of analytic philosophy. He is the author of “Strange Tools” (2015), “Varieties of Presence” (2012), “Out of Our Heads” (2009), and “Action In Perception” (MIT Press, 2004). He is the co-editor of “Vision and Mind: Selected Readings in the Philosophy of Perception” (MIT Press, 2002) and the author of “Is the Visual World a Grand Illusion”? (Imprint Academic, 2002).

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Leonor Irrarrázaval: Dr. phil. (in the subject of Psychology) from University of Heidelberg, Germany (in cooperation with University of Chile and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile). Experienced clinical psychologist and psychotherapist. She currently is responsible researcher of the FONDECYT Initiation project "Phenomenology of Empathy: The constitution of Thou- and we-relationships and their pathologies" (Folio 11200138). Her field of research is situated in the interdisciplinarity between psychology, philosophy, and psychiatry, within a conceptual phenomenological framework. In her research, she incorporates ethical aspects, such as the experience of vulnerability in mental illness and, more recently, empathy and its alterations, including a gender perspective. Adjunct member of the Chilean Society of Psychiatry, Neurology and Neurosurgery SONEPSYN, where she collaborates in the Working Group "Psychopathology, Philosophy and Humanities".