

First Circular for the Parmenides-Workshop
The Forgotten Present
A Quest for a Richer Concept of Time

Munich-Pullach, Germany, April 29th - May 2nd, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

this first circular contains a few additional informations about our workshop. One of the fields of interest of the Parmenides Foundation are Conceptual Foundations of Science, in particular the problem of time, which is why we have chosen this topic. You will find more information about the Foundation on our web site (www.parmenides-foundation.org). We will also set up a web site related to this workshop which will be updated regularly for the most recent informations. I will inform you when this web site is available.

Confirmed Speakers (alphabetical order)

Julian Barbour (South Newington, England)

tba

Angelo Bassi (University of Trieste, Italy)

tba

Michael Drieschner (Ruhr-University Bochum and Munich, Germany)

Present and Future in Quantum Mechanics

Avshalom Elitzur (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Where is Time Going? Some Novel Clues from Quantum Mechanics and Relativity

Domenio Giulini (University of Hannover, Germany)

tba

Basil Hiley (Birbeck, University of London, England)

Time from an Algebraic Theory of Moments

Hans Primas (ETH-Zürich, Switzerland)

tba

Hartmann Römer (University of Freiburg, Germany)

tba

Sorin Solomon (University of Jerusalem, Israel, and ISI, Turin)

Markov Webs and Distributed Causality

From the Foundation:

Thomas Filk (University of Freiburg and Parmenides Foundation, Munich)

Relational quantum events, an extended present, and the non-locality problem in quantum theory

Albrecht von Müller (Parmenides Foundation and LMU, Munich, and SISSA, Italy)

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I am still waiting for some replies, so this list may not be complete yet. I should kindly ask all participants who have not yet provided us with a title of their talk to do so as soon as possible. Furthermore, we would like to make available a brief abstract of each talk in the next circular. Up to now we planned about 60 minutes for each talk including a discussion. This gives every speaker 45-50 minutes for the presentation.

Schedule

For Thursday evening we have planned a small welcome reception in the premises of the Foundation starting around 8 p.m.

The talks are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. On Sunday morning we will have a brief discussion session.

A more detailed plan will be contained in the next circular.

Location

The Workshop will take place in the premises of the Foundation in Pullach where we have a small conference room with overhead, projector, and flip chart. If you need anything else for your talk, please let us know. Furthermore, WLAN will be available in the rooms of the Foundation.

Hotel

All participants will stay at the Hotel Seitner Hof in Pullach, Habenschadenstraße 4 (www.seitnerhof.de/welcome.htm). It takes less than 5 minutes walking time from the S-Bahn station Pullach to the hotel. If you come to Munich by train and you prefer to be picked up at the station in Pullach, the hotel offers a shuttle service. Please, let us know in advance if you want to make use of this service, so we make the arrangements with the hotel. Just inform us about the time your train is scheduled to arrive in Munich main station.

The hotel is within 3 minutes walking distance from the premises of the Foundation where the lectures will take place.

Unfortunately (?), all rooms in the hotel are non-smoking rooms. There is an “open-air lounge” for smokers.

How to get to Pullach

All participants arriving by plane at Munich airport will be picked up at the airport by the driver of the Foundation, Manfred Amslinger, who will bring you to the hotel in Pullach.

In case you arrive by train at Munich main station, please take the S-Bahn S7 (direction Wolfratshausen) to Pullach S-Bahn station. If it says “München + City” on your train ticket, the S-Bahn to Pullach is included. If not, please tell us, we will try to send you a subway ticket. The S7 leaves roughly every 20 minutes and it takes about 18 minutes from Munich main station to Pullach. Munich main station is a terminal station. When you come from the platform and you reach the head end of the station, turn left to the northern side of the station and take the stairs down to the S-Bahn station.

Contact

Whenever you have questions you can contact Sabine Kahl or me by email. On the day of arrival you can also reach us by phone (Sabine Kahl: +49 89 45209 3530 and Thomas Filk: +49 151 17217940).

Map of central part of Pullach

