Erasmus Institute of Philosophy and Economics

Causality in the Biomedical and Social Sciences Date: 6-8 October 2010

This year's conference in the Causality in the Sciences (CitS) series focuses on the biomedical and social sciences (including psychology). Papers addressing issues concerning the epistemology, semantics and metaphysics of causality in these sciences will be presented by philosophers as well as scientists.

Particular topics represented at the conference include:

- Causality and evidence: new developments in methods of causal inference, the role of computer simulations, experiments in the social sciences, hierarchies of evidence, evidence-based medicine and social science.
- The notion of cause: monism vs pluralism, contextualism, causal modelling.
- The metaphysics of causation: mechanisms and activities, causality and probability, causal powers, dispositions and capacities.

Keynote speakers

Bill Bechtel (University of California San Diego) Nancy Cartwright (London School of Economics and University of California San Diego) Kevin Hoover (Duke University) Harold Kincaid (University of Birmingham Alabama) Peter Menzies (Macquarie University).

Committees

Causality in the Sciences steering committee: Phyllis McKay Illari (University of Kent), Julian Reiss (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Federica Russo (University of Kent), Erik Weber (Ghent University) and Jon Williamson (University of Kent)

Local organising committee: Ticia Herold, Deren Olgun, Julian Reiss and Jack Vromen (all EUR) .Poster



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