

1st Nordic Pragmatism Conference

PRAGMATISM IN SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS

HELSINKI, FINLAND

2.-4. JUNE 2008

The First Nordic Pragmatism conference is arranged by the Nordic Pragmatism Network, which was initiated in 2006 to enable cooperation and exchange of ideas among Nordic philosophers working on issues related to pragmatism, and the Philosophical Society of Finland.

The conference is sponsored by the Helsinki Peirce Research Centre at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Helsinki, and the Ethical Grounds of Metaphysics research project at the Department of Social Science and Philosophy at the University of Jyväskylä.

During the afternoon breaks on Monday and Tuesday, complimentary coffee will be served. Sandwiches and sweets can be purchased at the cafe of Tieteiden talo.

On Monday, 2 June, a Reception hosted by the Rector of the University of Helsinki will take place at the Runeberg Hall of the University Main Building, located on the Senate Square (Unioninkatu 34), beginning at 6 pm.

On Tuesday, 3 June, there is a conference dinner at restaurant Kaisaniemi (Kaisaniemenkatu 6), near Hotel Arthur. Participants will meet at the lobby of Hotel Arthur at 6:30 pm. All Nordic participants are kindly asked to make their reservation when registering to the conference on Monday, 2 June.

Monday, 2 June

9.00

REGISTRATION

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10.00–
10.30

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

10.30–
12.00

SAMI PIHLSTRÖM

UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

Nordic Pragmatism

TOM BURKE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Pragmatism not as Doctrine but as Attitude

DOUGLAS R. ANDERSON

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

Living a Tradition: Pragmatists' Bequest

12.00–
13.30

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LUNCH BREAK

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13.30–
15.00

LARRY A. HICKMAN

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Truth Deflationism and Classical Pragmatism

AHTI-VEIKKO PIETARINEN

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

The Role of Logic in Pragmatism

HENRIK RYDENFELT

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Peirce and James on the Aims of Inquiry

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15.30–
17.00

ILKKA NIINILUOTO

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Facts and Values – A Useful Distinction

EMIL VISNOVSKY

SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

A Pragmatist Approach to Normativity

JENNIFER WELCHMAN

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

A Pragmatic View of the Value of Nature

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18.00

RECEPTION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Tuesday, 3 June

10.00–
12.00

JOHN RYDER & LYUBOV BUGAEVA
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK & ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA
Religion, God and Classical American Naturalism

JOHN SHOOK
CENTER FOR INQUIRY TRANSNATIONAL
Pragmatic Naturalism

ALEXANDER KREMER
UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED, HUNGARY
Richard Rorty on Science, Religion and Politics

TIMO VUORIO
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE
Rorty's Dilemma and Technology

12.00–
13.30

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LUNCH BREAK
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13.30–
15.00

ERKKI KILPINEN
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
What is Pragmatist Theory of Action

TORJUS MIDTGARDEN
UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN
Dewey and Brandom on Meaning and Social Practices

SAMI PAAVOLA
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
Epistemic Practices between Routines and Innovations

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15.30–
17.00

ANTTI GRONOW
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
Integrating the Capabilities Approach with Pragmatism

ARI SUTINEN
UNIVERSITY OF OULU
Aesthetic Subject and Democracy: Meadian and Deweyan approach

JÓN ÓLAFSSON
BÍFRÓST UNIVERSITY, ICELAND
From Pragmatism to Anarchism

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19.00

CONFERENCE DINNER
Restaurant Kaisaniemi
(Kaisaniemenkatu 6)

Wednesday, 4 June

10.00–
12.00

JAMES CAMPBELL
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

How Pragmatism Views Religion

EBERHARD HERRMANN
UNIVERSITY OF UPPSALA

Religion, Truth and Freedom

LEILA HAAPARANTA & HEIKKI J. KOSKINEN
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE & UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Trust, Disbelief and Doubting Belief

ULF ZACKARIASSON
UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Pragmatic Conceptions of Religion and the Question of Adequacy

12.00–
13.30

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LUNCH BREAK
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13.30–
16.00

BUSINESS MEETING

Highlighted on the map
(from left to right)

Hotel Arthur, Helsinki University Main Building, Tieteiden Talo

