

# ALL-LONDON HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE MEETINGS

**Lent Term 2009**

## ***The LSE Choice Group Seminars***

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## ***The Popper Seminars***

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## ***Contingency and Dissent***

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## ***LSE-UCL Philosophy of Science Seminar***

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Unless otherwise noted, all seminars and events are held in T206 and are open to the public. For updated information online [www.lse.ac.uk/cpnss](http://www.lse.ac.uk/cpnss)

**28 - 29 April 2009**

**CONTINGENCY AND DISSENT IN SCIENCE**

**Scientific Realism Revisited Workshop**

**Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sessions are in Room T206, Lakatos Building, LSE

14.00 – 15.30 *John Worrall* (Philosophy, LSE)  
'Realisms for Sale: entity, experimental, structural (epistemic and ontic), partial, 'full-on' .... But will the real realism stand up please? '

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee

16.00 – 17.30 *Mauricio Suarez* (Philosophy, Complutense University)  
'Fictions, Inference, and Realism '

**17.30 – 18.00 Reception**

**19.00 Speakers' Dinner**

**Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sessions are in Room NABLG09, New Academic Building, LSE

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee

9.00 – 10.30 *Nancy Cartwright* (Philosophy, LSE and UC San Diego)  
'Phenomenological Realism: how bold should we be?'

10.30 – 12.00 *Sherrilyn Roush* (Philosophy, UC Berkeley)  
'Optimism about the Pessimistic Induction'

12.00 – 13.00 Speakers' Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 *Steven French* (Philosophy, Leeds)  
'One Trope or Two: How much metaphysics should the realist take with her tea? '

14:30-15:00 Coffee

15.00 – 16.30 *Bradley Monton* (Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder)  
'What Constructive Empiricism Gets Wrong, and What it Might get Right'

16.30 – 17.30 *GENERAL DISCUSSION*

The workshop is free and open to the public.

To register contact [s.efstathiou@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.efstathiou@lse.ac.uk) with your name and affiliation and 'scientific realism revisited' in the subject line.

Further Details:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CPNSS/projects/ContingencyDissentInScience/srworkshop.htm>

**Wednesday, 6 May 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**David Makinson**

LSE

*Logical Questions behind the Lottery and Preface Paradoxes: Lossy Rules for Uncertain Inference*

**Tuesday, 12 May 2:00-4:00pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Professor Richard Healey**

University of Arizona

TBA

**Tuesday, 12 May 5:00-7:00pm**

**LSE-UCL PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE SEMINAR**

TBA

**Wednesday, 13 May 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

TBA

**Wednesday, 20 May 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Hilary Greaves**

Oxford

*Cognitive Decision Theory*

**Monday, 25 May 5:15-7:00 pm**

**SIGMA CLUB**

**Antony Eagle**

University of Oxford

*Chance and Randomness*

**28 - 30 May 2009**

**THE CHOICE GROUP**

**Preference Change Workshop**

<i>Draft Programme</i>
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**Thursday, 28th May**

13.30 Welcome and Introduction

13.40 **Richard Bradley (LSE)**

*Revising Conditional Preferences*

- 14.30 Coffee Break
- 15.00 **Wlodek Rabinowicz** (Lund)  
*Preference Utilitarianism by Way of Preference Change?*
- 15.50 Coffee Break
- 16.20 **Nick Baigent** (Graz)  
*Consequentialism, Preference and Choice*
- 17.10 Short Break
- 17.20 **Conrad Heilmann** (LSE)  
*Preference Change in the Multiple-Self*
- 18.10 Drinks at George IV
- 19.00 Workshop Dinner (details tba)

### **Friday, 29th May**

- 09.30 Coffee, Tea and Snacks
- 10.00 **Peter Hammond** (Warwick/Stanford)  
*Aberrant Events and Enlivened Decision Trees*
- 10.50 Coffee Break
- 11.20 **Sven Ove Hansson** (Stockholm)  
*Preference Change and Belief Change – What is the Difference?*
- 12.10 Lunch
- 13.30 **Christian List** (LSE)  
*Non-Informational Preference Change, Part 1 (joint work with Franz Dietrich)*
- 14.20 Coffee Break
- 14.50 **Franz Dietrich** (LSE and Maastricht)  
*Non-Informational Preference Change, Part 2 (joint work with Christian List)*
- 15.40 Coffee Break
- 16.10 **Brian Hill** (HEC Paris)  
*TBA*
- 17.00 Short Break
- 17.10 **Krister Bykvist** (Oxford)  
*Well-Being for Changing Selves*
- 18.00 Drinks at George IV  
Dinner (own arrangements)

### **Saturday, 30th May**

- 09.30 Coffee, Tea and Snacks
- 10.00 **Sébastien Konieczny** (CRIL - CNRS Lens)  
*Iterated Belief Revision and Improvement Operators*

- 10.50 Coffee Break
- 11.20 **Katie Steele** (LSE)  
*The Trouble with Modelling Higher-Order Preference*
- 12.10 Short Break
- 12.20 **Luc Bovens** (LSE)  
*The Ethics of Nudge*
- 13.10 ends
- 13.30 Lunch (own arrangements)

Registration is needed for this workshop. Further Details:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CPNSS/projects/ChoiceGroup/PreferenceChange.htm>

**Tuesday, 2 June 2:00-4:00pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Dr Nic Southwood**

Oxford/ANU

*TBA*

**Tuesday, 2 June 4:00-6:00pm**

**LSE-UCL PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE SEMINAR**

*TBA*

**Wednesday, 3 June 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Samir Okasha**

Bristol

*Individuals, Groups, Fitness and Utility: Levels of Selection meets Social Choice Theory*

**8 - 9 June 2009**

**CPNSS GRADUATE CONFERENCE**

**Philosophy of Probability II**

Further Details:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CPNSS/events/GraduateConferences/gradconf09.htm>

**Tuesday, 9 June 4:00-6:00pm**

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*TBA*

**Monday, 15 June 5:15-7:00 pm**

**SIGMA CLUB**

**Tian Yu Cao**

Boston and LSE

*TBA*

**15 – 17 June. Venue: University of Lausanne, Switzerland**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**DGL09: Third Workshop in Decisions, Games & Logic**

at the University of Lausanne. Further Details:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CPNSS/projects/ChoiceGroup/dgl.htm>

**Tuesday, 23 June 2:00-4:00pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Professor Luc Bovens**

LSE

*TBA*

**Tuesday, 23 June 4:00-6:00pm**

**LSE-UCL PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE SEMINAR**

*TBA*

**Wednesday, 24 June 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Ivan Moscatti**

Bocconi and LSE

*Interactive and Common Knowledge in the State-Space Model*

**Tuesday, 30 June 5:00-7:00pm**

**LSE-UCL PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE SEMINAR**

*TBA*

**Wednesday, 1 July 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Jesus Zamora**

Madrid

*Science: the Rules of the Game*