WORKSHOP
Exploring the Cosmos: Unraveling Cusanus’ Metaphors
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The works of Nicholas of Cusa (1401 – 1464) distinguish themselves by an extensive range of metaphors spanning from things and circumstances of everyday life and aspects of the natural world to cosmological phenomena and more abstract geometrical and mathematical images. Many of these metaphors challenge the reader due to their often unusual and daring combination of elements which appear to be semantically incongruous or remote from each other.

In the workshop, we want to take up this challenge and further explore both the scope and the particularities of Nicholas’ figurative language. In this attempt, the presented case studies will also serve as test cases to investigate conceptual issues of metaphor analysis, such as the relations of source and target domains and the mapping process.

Thursday, 15th June 2023

10:00–10:15 Welcome + Introduction
Linda Simonis

10:15–10:30 On the CRC 1475 and Subproject C03
Knut Martin Stünkel

10:30–11:30 Cusanus’ Scientific Observations of the Physical World: The Most Direct Metaphorical Approach Toward the Divine
Il Kim

11:30–12:00 Coffee break

12:00–13:00 Problems of the Infinite Line in Nicholas of Cusa
David C. Albertson

13:00–14:30 Lunch break
14:30–15:30  "All likenesses must shatter": Exploding Metaphors, Exploding Texts in Nicholas of Cusa  
Elizabeth Brient

15:30–16:00  Coffee break

16:00–17:00  Presentation of the INF Project and the Thesaurus of Religious Metaphor  
N.N.

17:00–17:30  On the Journal “Metaphor Papers”  
Julia Heinig

18:30  Dinner

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**Friday, 16th June 2023**

10:00–11:00  Wege wagen mit Cusanus: Alchemistische Metaphorik des lateinischen Mittelalters in Rezepten, Dialogen und Predigten des deutschen Denkers des 15. Jhs.  
Witalij Morosow

11:00–11:20  Coffee break

11:20–12:15  Mill, Miller, and Grinding as Theological Comparisons and Metaphors in Cusanus’ Sermones  
Viki Ranff

12:15–13:00  Metaphors of Metabolsims in Cusanus’ Sermons  
Phoenix Savapakarn

13:00–14:00  Lunch break

14:00–14:45  Cusanus’ Every-Day Metaphors  
Knut Martin Stünkel

14:45–15:30  Final Discussion

15:30  End of Conference

* subject to changes
DIRECTIONS

Public Transportation
Take the U35 subway train in the direction of Querenburg/Hustadt from Bochum Hauptbahnhof (central station) and get off at the station Wasserstraße. Cross the street and continue for about 200m in the direction of the train and you will find CERES to your right at Universitätsstraße 90a.

By Car
The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum-Witten, where the auto-bahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs to Bochum Zentrum until you reach the crossroads of Universitätsstraße and Wasserstraße. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 m, until you reach CERES. Parking is possible in front of and behind the building (the barrier will open when you approach).

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