

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

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| 10:00–10:15 | Welcome + Introduction
Linda Simonis |
| 10:15–10:30 | On the CRC 1475 and Subproject Co3
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**

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**

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DIRECTIONS

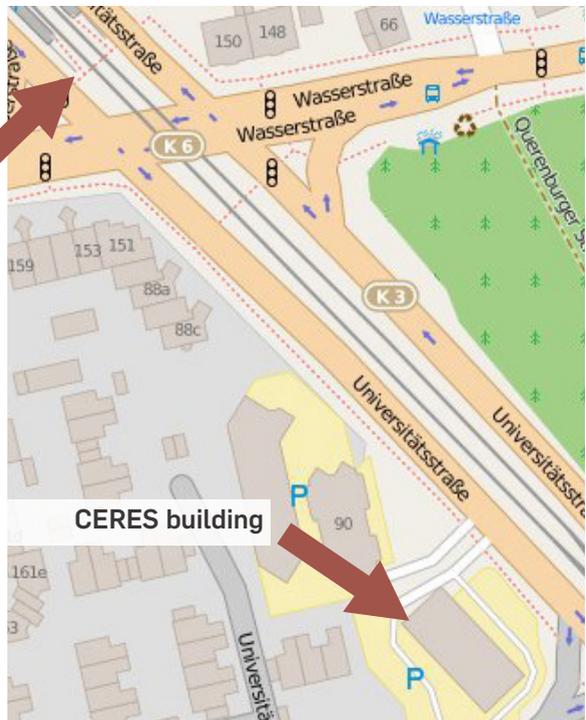
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By Car

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