Announcement and Call for Abstracts

Conference on Emotions and Emotion Concepts

in Bern, 29th November - 1st December 2018

It is our pleasure to announce and invite submissions for a three-day conference on Emotions and Emotion concepts which will take place on Thursday, 29th November until Saturday, 1st December, 2018 at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Emotion concepts like happiness and fear are central to (a) communicate, understand and attribute emotions to ourselves and others, and (b) study emotions scientifically. Both philosophers and cognitive scientists rely on a mutual understanding of these concepts when conducting their research: Philosophers, on the one hand, need to make sure their conceptual analyses are informed by and in line with our common-sense understanding of emotion concepts. Cognitive scientists, on the other hand, rely on experimental subjects’ self-report of their emotions when trying to establish emotional correlates and effects in the mind and the body. However, it is not clear how the folk understanding of emotions and the scientific operationalization of emotion terms relate or should relate to each other.

The goal of this conference is to bring together philosophers, linguists, psychologist, and neuroscientists to discuss and develop some avenues for successfully tackling issues regarding:

(1) the nature of emotion,
(2) the structure of emotion concepts,
(3) how folk understanding and scientific operationalization of emotion terms (should) relate to each other.

Call for Abstracts

We invite contributions addressing these and related questions for presentation at the conference. We also invite submissions featuring empirical work or planned experimental studies on emotion concepts. There will be talks by the keynote speakers as well as several selected speakers from the Call for Abstracts.

If you have any questions about the conference, please send an email to rodrigo.diaz@philo.unibe.ch or kevin.reuter@philo.unibe.ch. (Attendance of the conference is free)

If you would like to present your work or ideas, please upload an abstract of around 500 words to our easychair website:
link

Keynote Speakers:
Michael Brady (University of Glasgow)
Olga Pollatos (University of Ulm)
Jesse Prinz (City University New York)
Cristina Soriano (University of Geneva)
Fabrice Teroni (University of Geneva)

Important Dates

Abstracts Submission Deadline: 14th October 2018
Notification of Acceptance: 17th October 2018
Conference Dates 29th November - 1st December 2018

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