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PART I

1.0 Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of the HOPOS Newsletter. Of special note in this issue is registration information for the upcoming HOPOS Conference in Roanoke, VA. Please see Section II.

As always, we continue to hope that you find this newsletter to be a convenient way to stay abreast of information relevant to scholarship and teaching in the History of the Philosophy of Science.

You will note that in this issue I have begun to include information regarding HOPOS-related pedagogical concerns, reflecting the the inseparability of pedagogy and scholarship. In addition, please pay special attention to Part IV (2.0), where a partial listing of HOPOS related World Wide Web sites appears.

The electronic version of the Newsletter is in four separate parts (including this table of contents as Part I) in order not to stuff your mailbox with overly long messages. All four parts will be mailed at the same time.

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## 2.0 What is HOPOS?

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PART II

1.0 News from HOPOS

1.1 HOPOS Steering Committee News

The HOPOS Steering Committee held its annual Business Meeting in conjunction with the HSS meeting at 12:00 Noon in the main restaurant of

the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis. Nominations for three upcoming vacancies on the Steering Committee were taken, and three new Steering Committee members were elected by the HOPOS membership in the months of November and December. Congratulations to the following newly elected Steering Committee members:

Alan Richardson

George Gale

Warren Schmaus

Finally, we are pleased to announce that David Stump will continue to serve in his role as HOPOS Steering Committee Chair.

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## 1.2 A note from the HOPOS Treasurer

Dear HOPOS Members and Readers:

Dues in support of HOPOS for the calendar year 1996 are now in order and being accepted.

Dues must be paid in U.S. currency.

Please make checks payable to HOPOS, and mail to:

Cassandra Pinnick, Treasurer

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Bowling Green, KY 42101

FAX 502 745-5251

email: [pinnick2@wkuvx1.wku.edu](mailto:pinnick2@wkuvx1.wku.edu)

Thank you for supporting HOPOS.

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JUST A REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO \* CASSANDRA PINNICK, HOPOS TREASURER, AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE. IN THIS WAY, WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS THIS NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE FUTURE. MANY THANKS.

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## 2.0 Recent and Upcoming HOPOS Sponsored Events

HOPOS is holding its first conference in Roanoke, VA April 19-21, 1996. The following is a copy of the registration materials and a tentative schedule of sessions and speakers. Of special note, please see the two keynote speakers, Professors Michael Friedman and Ron Giere.

### REGISTRATION FORM AND (TENTATIVE) SCHEDULE

#### FIRST HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia

April 19-21 1996

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Conference Fee (mandatory for participants and conference visitors):

( ) \$65 HOPOS members (including new members)

and

\$15 HOPOS membership fee for 1996, if not already collected

OR:

\$75 non-members

Includes AM and PM coffee breaks and Conference Reception at Hotel  
Roanoke (Friday 8:00 PM).

Optional \$20 banquet fee

(Conference barbecue banquet and transportation to banquet Saturday  
evening, hosted by Joseph C. and Donna Pitt at Gavagai Hollow (4:00 PM  
forward))

Total enclosed:

Please pay by check or U.S. dollar money order to HOPOS; sorry, but we  
cannot support the expense of maintaining Visa/Mastercard accounts.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Name and institutional affiliation as they should appear on your  
nametag:

Send registration materials to:

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Lodging information: Lodging is not included in the registration fee.  
A block of rooms will be made available at the Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute conference center, the Hotel Roanoke, a historic structure in  
downtown Roanoke. Room rates for the conference are \$55 single occupancy  
and \$75 double, tax included; \$20 for each additional person. Please  
mention the conference and these rates when booking. Tel. (540)  
985-5900 FAX (540) 345-2890.

#### Directions from Airport to Hotel Roanoke:

A courtesy bus runs to the hotel from the airport on the hour and half hour, 24 hours/day. Should one not appear, a telephone call to the hotel should produce one. Transit time is 10 minutes.

#### From the airport by car:

Take Interstate 581 South to Exit 5 downtown. Proceed from the ramp along Williamson Rd., and at first light, turn right onto Wells. The hotel is immediately on your left.

A discount conference rate from April 18-21 of \$40 plus tax for a room with two double beds is also available at the TravelLodge Hotel at 2444 South Lee Highway. The TravelLodge is approximately 15 minutes travel by car from the conference site. Reservations: (540) 992-6700.

Airline information: USAir and Northwest fly into Roanoke airport, as do commuter flights on Delta and United.

#### Schedule:

Friday, April 19

8:30-10:00 Session 1

ROOM A

Christian Perring

The Disunity Of Science: Adolf Meyer's Psychiatry

Gary Hatfield

Psychology As A Natural Science

ROOM B

Zeno Swijtink

The Romantic Conception Of Knowledge In Alexander Von Humboldt

Eric Watkins

Kant's Justification Of The Laws Of Mechanics



Morning break, refreshments provided

10:30-12:30 Session 2

ROOM A

Submitted Panel: Scientific Philosophy, Neo-Kantianism And The

Rise Of Philosophy Of Science

Alan Richardson, Chair

R. Lanier Anderson

Rickert And Dilthey On The Human Sciences

Alan Richardson

Wissenschaftliche Philosophie: A Neglected Theme In German

Philosophy 1870-1936

David Sullivan

Frege, Husserl And The Neo-Kantian Paradigm: Questions Of

Psychologism

ROOM B

Val Dusek

The Feyerabend/Lakatos Debate On Method As Recapitulation Of The  
Brecht/Lukacs Debate In Marxist Aesthetics

Michalis Assimakopoulos

Philosophy Of Science In The Soviet Union Since The 50's

GuroI Irzik

The Scope And Limits Of The Post-Positivist Turn

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-4:00 Session 3

ROOM A

Submitted Panel: Durkheimian Sociology In  
Context

Philosophical

Warren Schmaus, Chair

Robert Alun Jones

L'Ecole Des Choses: Durkheim, Realism, And Rousseau

John I. Brooks III

Great Books And Not-So-Great Books: Durkheim's Rules

Of

Sociological Method And High-School Philosophy In

France

Warren Schmaus

The Positivist Roots Of The Sociology Of Knowledge

Terry F. Godlove, Jr.

Durkheim, Hamelin, And The Kantian Background

ROOM B

Submitted Panel: Renaissance Theory Of Science: Quia  
Propter

And

Quid, Analysis And Synthesis

Eric Palmer, Chair

Donald Morrison

Analysis As A Philosophical Method In Middle And Neoplatonism

John H. Serembus

The Method Of Resolution And Composition Of Robert

Grosseteste

Peter Barker

Demonstration Quia And Propter Quid In The Lutheran  
To

Response

Copernicus

Roger Ariew

Descartes And The Late Scholastics On The Order Of The Sciences

Afternoon break

4:30 Keynote address: Michael Friedman

8:00-10:00 Conference Reception

Saturday, April 20

8:30-10:30 Session 4

ROOM A

David Kaiser

"A Mannheim For All Seasons: Bloor, Merton, And The Roots Of SSK"

Elihu M. Gerson

Methodological Debate In 20th Century American Philosophy: An  
Institutional Perspective

Cassandra L. Pinnick

What's Wrong With The Strong Programme's Case Study Of The "Hobbes-Boyle  
Dispute"?

ROOM B

Barry S. Gower

Conventionalism, Probabilistic Reasoning And Scientific Method

David Stump

Reconstructing The Unity Of Mathematics circa 1900

Madeline Muntersbjorn

On The Representation Neutrality Of Mathematical Reasoning: A Critical  
History Of A Philosophical Thesis

Morning break

11:00-1:00 Session 5

ROOM A

Anne Mylott

Matthias Schleiden And Philosophy Of Biology In J.F. Fries

Chuck Ward

J.H. Woodger's 'Theory Of The Organism'

Gregory Nowak

J.H. Woodger's Axiomatic Biology: The Creation Of A Positivist Science

ROOM B

Maurice A. Finocchiaro

The 'Port-Royal Logic': Informal Logic, Methodological Reflection, Etc.

Saul Fisher

Gassendi's 'Modern' Concept Of Probability And The Nature Of  
Nondeductive Inference

Alan Gabbey

Exercises In Near-Impossibility: Reflections On  
Translating Scientific And Philosophical Texts Of The Past

1:00-2:00 Lunch

Keynote address: Ron Giere

Afternoon break

4:00 Transportation to conference banquet Saturday evening, hosted by

Joseph C. and Donna Pitt at Gavagai Hollow. A \$20 banquet fee above registration fee is required for this event.

Sunday, April 21

8:30-10:30 Session 6

ROOM A

Chair: George Gale

Andrew Reynolds

C.S. Peirce And The Laws Of Thermodynamics

Don Howard

"And I Shall Not Mingle Conjectures With Certainties": On The Intellectual Background To Einstein's Distinction Between Principle Theories And Constructive Theories

Arto Siitonen

Hans Reichenbach's Position In 20th Century Philosophy



ROOM B

Submitted Panel: Interactions Between Mechanistic Physics And Jesuit  
Aristotelian Philosophy In The Seventeenth And Eighteenth Centuries

Helen Hattab, Chair

Helen Hattab

One Cause Or Many?: What Jesuit Philosophy Tells Us About Descartes

Marcus Hellyer

The Jesuit Reception Of Descartes In Seventeenth And  
Eighteenth Century Germany

Cees Leijenhorst

Jesuit Scholasticism And Hobbes's Natural Philosophy: Three Case Studies

Morning break

11:00-1:00 Session 7

ROOM A

George Reisch

Epistemologist, Sociologist...And Censor?--On Otto

Neurath's Index Verborum Prohibitorum

Gary L. Hardcastle

The Science Of Science Discussion Group At Harvard, 1940-41

Chris McClellan

A Modern History Of Empirical Rationalism: From The

Encyclopedia Of 1751 To The Encyclopedia Of Unified Science

ROOM B

Lisa Downing

Locke On Corpuscularianism: Its Status, Uniqueness, Limitations, And

Implications

David K. Nartonis

Voluntarism And Empiricism

S. Paul Tidman

Reid on Scientific Method

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Century Europe,

Devon, England

An International Colloquium marking the Bicentenary of the Foundation

of the "Bibliothèque britannique" entitled "The Transmission of Culture in 18th and 19th-Century Europe" is tentatively planned for Monday, 9 September 1996 through Wednesday, 11 September 1996, at the Dartington Hall Conference Centre, Devon, England. The colloquium is being organized by the Centre for Modern Languages, University of Plymouth.

This Colloquium invites scholars from complementary disciplines to examine the cultural evolution of Western Europe in the periods before and after 1796, date of the foundation in Geneva of the "Bibliothèque britannique", the major source of English works in French translation in Continental Europe until the end of the First Empire.

For further details, please contact Judith Proud at:

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Email [culture@plym.ac.uk](mailto:culture@plym.ac.uk)

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## 1.2 The Nature of Truth (If Any)

The Department of Logic of the Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic is organizing the Prague international colloquium on "The Nature of Truth (if any)," September 17-20 1996, Villa Lanna, V sadech 1, Praha, Czech Republic.

The colloquium continues the series of annual international meetings organized by the Institute of Philosophy, and follows the 1992 Colloquium in Honour of Frege, the 1993 Colloquium on Properties, Propositions, and Facts, the 1994 Colloquium on the Nature of Argument, and the 1995 Colloquium on Objects, Structures and Meanings. The present colloquium will be devoted to the discussion of the concept of truth and the confrontation of different approaches to this concept within the analytical tradition (correspondence theories, coherence theories, disquotational and deflationary theories etc.). The opening lecture of the colloquium will be delivered by Donald Davidson.

Please direct your abstracts, questions, or special requests to:

Jaroslav Peregrin

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www: <http://dec59.ruk.cuni.cz/~peregrin/truth.html>

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## 2.0 HOPOS-Related Upcoming Conferences and Lectures

2.1 Fifth Conference of the International Society for the  
Study of

European Ideas (ISSEI), Utrecht, Netherlands, August 1996

The Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of  
European Ideas (ISSEI) is being held in Utrecht, Netherlands, August 19

- 24, 1996. The conference theme is "Memory and History: European Identity at the Millennium." For more information, please contact:

Prof. Dr. Ezra Talmor

Conference Chair

Department of Philosophy

Haifa University, Mount Carmel

Haifa, Israel 31999

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2.2 CGS Descartes Workshop, March 29-30, 1996, Claremont,  
California

The Claremont Graduate School's Department of Philosophy is sponsoring a two-day workshop on the philosophy of Rene Descartes March 29-30, 1996.

The Friday session is entitled: "Electronic Descartes Workshop:

'Electronic Texts in Philosophy'," and Saturday's theme is: "The Lawful

Universe: Machines, Passions, and Morality." For more information,

please contact: eastonp@cgs.edu.

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2.3 International Conference on the Philosophy of Chemistry



and

Biochemistry and Adjacent Historical Problems, April 1996

The University of Athens is holding an international conference on the Philosophy of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Adjacent Historical Problems, April 4-7, 1996. The conference location is:

University of Athens

Central Building

Old Lecture Hall of the Medical Faculty

Panepistimiou 30

GR-106 79 Athens

For more information, please contact:

Conference Secretary:

Dr. Nikos Psarros

Universität Marburg

Institut für Philosophie

Blitzweg 16

D-35032 Marburg

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Fax: +49 6421 26209

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#### 2.4 Growth of Mathematical Knowledge, Penn State University, 1996

The Growth of Mathematical Knowledge, a conference on the history and philosophy of mathematics, is being held by the Department of Philosophy, Penn State University, April 26-29, 1996. For details, please contact:

Prof. Emily Grosholz  
Philosophy Department  
Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802-5201

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#### 2.5 The Philosophy of Science conference at Dubrovnik, April, 1996

The Philosophy of Science conference at Dubrovnik is being held April 8  
- 13, 1996. Topics include: Theories and Models  
and the Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

For more information, please contact

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<http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/chass/mds/psts.html>

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\* The Journal on Excellence in College  
Teaching

<http://www.lib.muohio.edu/ject/>

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\* The Southern Society for Philosophy and  
Psychology

<http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~sspp>

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\* The International Institute Vienna Circle

<http://www.univie.ac.at/philosophie/ivc/ivc-e.html>

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\* STS Course Materials

Links to 39 different sets of STS course material can be found at:

<http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/chass/mds/psts.html>

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\* Internet Guide to Science Studies Programs

<http://www.umkc.edu/ac/sci-stud>

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\* Science as Culture

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/~psysc/rmy/sac.html>

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## 2.0 What is HOPOS?

HOPOS is an international working group of scholars who share an interest in promoting serious, scholarly research on the history of the philosophy of science and related topics in the history of the natural and social sciences, logic, philosophy, and mathematics. We interpret this statement of shared interest broadly, meaning to include all historical periods and diverse methodologies. We aim to promote historical work in a variety of ways, including the sponsorship of meetings and conference sessions, the publication of special issues of journals, the dissemination of information about libraries, archives, and collections, and, as more ambitious projects perhaps become feasible, the preparation of bibliographies and finding guides.

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