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Venue: Thursday, 10 January 2013, 16-18, room GA 04/187.

All interested students, scientists, and scholars are cordially invited to the following talk of the research colloquium:

Prof. Dr. Max Kölbel

(U Barcelona)

Relativism concerning Semantic Content: a survey of issues, and solutions.

I will rehearse recent discussions about the need and coherence of introducing relativistic contents in semantics, i.e. semantic contents that vary in truth-value with factors other than a possible world. I shall motivate and present both a so-called relativist proposal that embraces relativistic contents and a so-called contextualist proposal that tries to avoid such contents. I then offer two areas of application where the contextualist proposal does not work, and I shall also argue that there is independent motivation to accept relativistic contents.