

Workshop on Traces and Engrams: Philosophical and Neuroscientific Perspectives on Memory

Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 17–20 February 2026

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

15:00–19:00 **Kourken Michaelian (Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes)**

Masterclass on the Philosophy of Memory

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

9:30–10:45 **Sarah Robins (Purdue University)**

Are Engrams Memory Traces?

11:00–12:15 **Jonathan Najenson (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)**

Tracing Persistence

12:15–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:00 **José Carlos Camillo (Université de Genève)**

Memory Traces, Systems Consolidation, and Memory Systems

15:15–16:00 **Lucía González Arias (LOGOS)**

Gluing the Past Back Together: Episodic Memory, Implicit Attitudes, and the Accuracy Framing Problem

16:15–17:30 **Andrea Blomkvist (University of Glasgow)**

Inaccessible Memory Engrams

19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 19 February 2026

9:30–10:45 **Nikola Andonovski (Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes)**

On the Discreteness of Memory Traces

11:00–12:15 **Markus Werning (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)**

Remembering Without (Representational) Memory: Why Minimal Traces Are Sufficient for Episodic Memory

12:15–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:00 **Francesca Righetti (Université Grenoble Alpes) and Katja Crone (TU Dortmund)**

What Is the Role of Memory Traces in Generic Autobiographical Memory?

15:15–16:00 **Nathália De Ávila (Universität zu Köln)**

Implicit Body Memory in Panic Disorder: Toward a 4E Integration of Trace Minimalism

16:15–17:30 **Markus Werkle-Bergner (Max Planck Institute for Human Development)**

Memories in Developing Brains

19:00 Conference Dinner

Friday, 20 February 2026

9:30–10:45 **Sen Cheng (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)**

Reconciling Spatial Representations in the Hippocampus with Memory Traces and Engrams

11:00–11:45 **Jay Richardson (Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes)**

Compositional Storage

11:45–13:45 Lunch

13:45–14:30 **Ken Aizawa (Rutgers University)**

Abduction and Memory

14:45–16:00 **Denis Perrin (Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes)**

A Dispositionalist Approach to Memory Traces