If you enjoyed the Master Class, feel free to join this year’s Carnap Lectures:

Rudolf-Carnap Lectures 2017
Graduate Workshop
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
June 8-10, 2017

Frank C. Jackson
(Australian National University)
Meaning, Perception, and Conceptual Analysis

Call for Papers
We have several slots for presentations by PhD-students and Postdocs. The topic should be related to the main theme of the conference in a loose sense. Papers will be selected based on a blind review process and presenters will be financially supported.

We invite PhD students and postdocs to submit abstracts (max. 3000 words), including their thesis and argument (transparencies, until April 1st, 2017) here: https://easychair.org/conference/?confid=2617.

More info: www.rub.de/philsophy/carnap2017

Rudolf Carnap Lectures 2017

Master Class in Philosophy
Three Lectures by Prof. Dr. Jakob Hohwy
(Monash University, Melbourne)

Predictive Coding and the Mind
Friday, March 3rd – Saturday 4th, 2017
Venue: Ruhr-University Bochum, Building: GA, Room: 04/187

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Lectures
1. How to think about perceptual content and how this delivers „feel“
2. Public Lecture (June 8th, 6pm): The nature of mind: What kind of Materialist should I be?
3. Conceptual analysis for explainers and predictors
4. Two-dimensionalism for Moreaans

Scientific Organization: Francesco Marchi, Albert Newen, Tobias Schlicht (RUB, Institute of Philosophy II), Shaun Gallagher (University of Memphis)
Friday, March 3rd

This lecture explains the basic elements of the prediction error minimization framework and shows how it is proposed to work for perception, for allocation of attention, and for action. The lecture sets out basic notions of inference in terms of approximate Bayes, it looks at the key role of the perceptual hierarchy, and of precisions of prediction errors.

15.00 – 15.40  José M. Araya (Edinburgh): Predictive processing and emotion

15.45 – 16.25  Daniel Williams (Cambridge): Predictive processing and eliminative materialism

16.30 – 17.00  Coffee

17.00 – 18.45  Jakob Hohwy: Prediction error minimization in neuroscience: rubber hand illusion, frequency tagging, and other experiments
This lecture discusses the important task of getting evidence for the prediction error minimization framework. The lecture delves into a couple of experiments that offer support for the framework, and discusses how we approach this task in the Cognition & Philosophy lab at Monash. The talk also briefly opens up some philosophy of science debates about the status of the framework.

Saturday, March 4th

10.00 – 10.40  Krzysztof Dolega (RUB): Predictive processing and the illusory richness of experience

10.40 – 11.20  Wanja Wiese (Mainz): PEM and voluntary shifts of attention

11.20 – 11.45  Coffee

11.45 – 13.25  Jakob Hohwy: Prediction error minimization and the self: Why should any body have a self?
This lecture seeks to showcase the interesting scope of the prediction error minimization framework. In particular, the argument is that a robust, realist notion of self can arise as a natural consequence of the framework. The talk considers developmental aspects of this theory of the self, and looks at the possibility of illusions of the self.

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