

CAN METAPHYSICS BREAK BRICKS?
A WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL METAPHYSICS,
SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

3-7. April 4-6 pm

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
University of Belgrade

Session 1 (3.4. 4-6pm IFDT)

WHAT IS SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION & WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT IT?

Main reading:

Hacking, Ian. 1999. "Why Ask What?" In *The Social Construction of What?*, 1-34. Harvard University Press.

Optional reading:

Haslanger, Sally. 2012. "Ontology and Social Construction" In *Resisting Reality: Social Construction and Social Critique*, 83 – 112. Oxford University Press.

Session 2 (4.4. 4-6pm IFDT)

**SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION, AMELIORATIVE ANALYSIS, AND CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING
WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?**

Main reading:

Haslanger, Sally. 2000. "Gender and Race: (What) Are They? (What) Do We Want Them To Be?" *Noûs* 34 (1): 31-55.

Optional reading:

Chalmers, David J. 2020. "What Is Conceptual Engineering and What Should It Be?" *Inquiry*: 1-18.

Session 3 (5.4. 4-6pm IFDT)

HOW DO METAPHYSICS EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOCIAL?

THE CURIOUS CASE OF GROUNDING & ANCHORING

Main reading:

Epstein, Brian. 2015. "Grounding and Anchoring." In *The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences*, 74–87. Oxford University Press.

Optional reading:

Epstein, Brian. 2015. "Tools and Terminology." In *The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences*, 61–73. Oxford University Press.

Session 4 (6.4. 4-6pm IFDT)

INTRODUCING META-METAPHYSICS

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE ENGAGE IN SOCIAL METAPHYSICS?

Main reading:

Mikkola, Mari. 2016. "Feminist Metaphysics and Philosophical Methodology: Feminist Metaphysics and Philosophical Methodology." *Philosophy Compass* 11 (11): 661–70.

Optional reading:

Schaffer, Jonathan. 2017. "Social Construction as Grounding; or: Fundamentality for Feminists, a Reply to Barnes and Mikkola." *Philosophical Studies* 174 (10): 2449–65.

Session 5 (7.4. 4-6pm IFDT)

Final presentations

Yorgos Karagiannopoulos (UvA) - **WHAT CAN CLASS ABOLITION TEACH METAPHYSICS?**

Aleksandra Knežević (IFDT) - **UNCOVERING THE METAPHYSICS OF SOCIAL CHANGE**