

Meta-Level Reflections on the Scientific Realism Debate

Conference Program

Time June 30 – July 2, 2025

Location Room S 201
University of Bern
Schanzeneckstrasse 1
3012 Bern
Switzerland

Monday, June 30

- 08.45 – 09.00 Welcome Address
- 09.00 – 10.15 **Peter Vickers**, Durham University
Five Epiphanies in the Quest for Scientific Truth
- 10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 11.15 **Chrysi Malouchou Kanellopoulou**, University of Edinburgh
To what Extent does Vickers' Consensus-Based Approach Need Selective Realism?
- 11.15 – 12.30 **Stathis Psillos** (online) & **Kosmas Brousalis**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
The 'Localist' Turn in the Scientific Realism Debate: A Critique
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 14.45 **Ludwig Fahrbach**, University of Cologne
Beyond the Stalemate: New Directions in the Realism Debate
- 14.45 – 15.30 **Yuyou Wu**, University of Leeds
Dissolution or Enrichment? Evaluating the Impact of an Emerging Framework in Cognitive Science on the Scientific Realism Debate

- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Bruno Malavolta e Silva**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul
Deflationary Scientific Realism
- 16.45 – 18.00 **Kyle Stanford**, University of California, Irvine
What's Left of the Scientific Realism Debate?

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- 19.00 – 22.00 Conference Dinner

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Tuesday, July 1

- 09.00 – 10.15 **Leah Henderson**, University of Groningen
What the 'Local' Approach to the Scientific Realism Debate is Good for
- 10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 11.15 **Yukinori Onishi**, Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI
Epistemological Analysis of the Scientific Realism Debate
- 11.15 – 12.30 **Anjan Chakravartty**, University of Miami
Stances, Worldviews, and Philosophical Transformation
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 14.45 **Bobby Vos**, University of Toronto
Explication as a Pathway to Philosophical Progress: The Case of the Scientific Realism Debate
- 14.45 – 15.30 **Bruno Borge**, University of Buenos Aires
Beyond the Impasse: Collaborative Epistemology and the Shared Ground of Realist and Empiricist Stances
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 16.45 **Mahdi Khalili**, University of Bern
Is Stance Voluntarism Useful for Philosophical Debates?

16.45 – 18.00 **Sandy Boucher**, University of New England
The Stance-Dependence of Arguments for Scientific Realism

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Wednesday, July 2

09.00 – 10.15 **Curtis Forbes**
To be (or not to be) a Scientific Realist: Empirical Grounds for Prudential Reasons

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.15 **Sindhuja Bhakthavatsalam**, California State University, Northridge
On Stance-Transcendent Justification of Stance Choice: A Pluralist Perspective

11.15 – 12.45 Panel Discussion

12.45 – 13.00 Closing Remarks