

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

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

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