

Meaning, LLMs and Experience

Paderborn University, May 28-29, 2026

Location: UPB, Building L.3

Workshop, Organized by Suzana Alpsancar, Sebastian Luft & Jacob Rump

Program

Thursday, May 28	Friday, May 29
8:30-9:00: Coffee, Tea & Snacks	9:15-10:15: Paper discussion 6: Mahesh Venkataraman, <i>Beyond Symbol Manipulation: Experience, Trust, and the Phenomenology of Meaning in Human-LLM Interaction</i>
9:00-9:15: Welcome	10:15-10:45: Coffee Break
9:15-10:15: Paper Discussion 1: Roberta Samele, <i>Conceptual Autonomy and World-Relatedness: Hegel and the Grounding Problem in LLMs</i>	10:45-11:45: Paper Discussion 7: Clint E. Hurshman, <i>Values in Conversation: LLMs and Moral Scaffolding</i>
10:15-10:45: Coffee Break	11:45-13:30: Lunch Break
10:45-11:45: Paper Discussion 2: Sabato Danzili, <i>Prompting as Interpretation: Towards a Hermeneutics of AI</i>	13:30-14:30 Paper Discussion 8: Shaoyu Han, <i>Who Is Responsible When AI Speaks? Hate Speech and Automated Ignorance</i>
11:45-13:30: Lunch Break	14:30-15:00: Coffee Break
13:30-14:30: Paper Discussion 3: Quinn Hiroshi Gibson, <i>LLMs and the Experiential Grounds of Meaning and Normativity</i>	15:00-16:00: Paper Discussion 9: Jacob Rump, <i>LLMs and the Ethics of Grasping Meaning</i>
14:40-15:40: Paper Discussion 4: Mark Warren, <i>Parrots in the Space of Reasons.</i>	16:00-16:30: Coffee Break
15:40-16:00: Coffee Break	16:30-18:00: Brief Summary by Suzana Alpsancar, Kai Denker, and Sebastian Luft
16:00-17:00: Paper Discussion 5: Joseph Blanco Katz, <i>LLMs and the Shifting Criteria of Understanding</i>	Final Roundtable Discussion
17:00-18:30: Tour of Paderborn (optional)	
18:30: Banquet	18:00: End of Conference