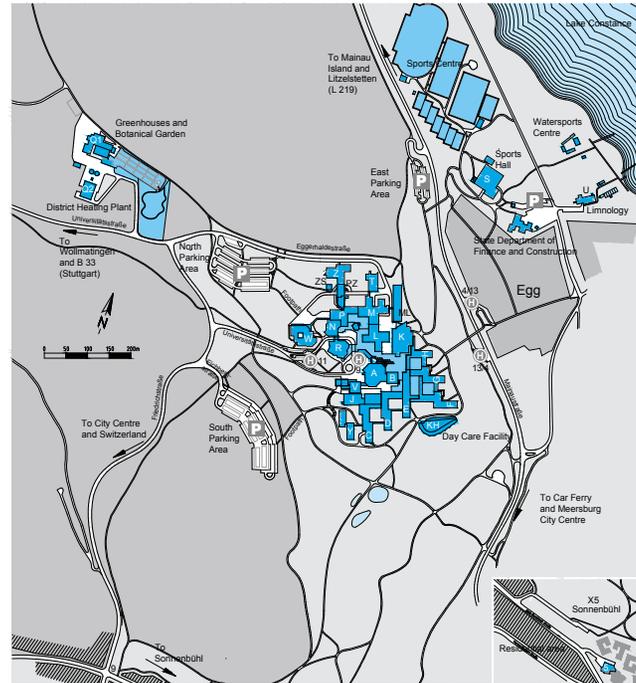


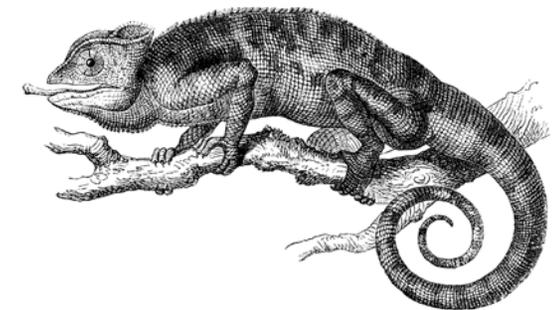
L.A. Paul's treatment of transformative experience has been much discussed in recent decision theory: How can we make rational decisions with respect to cases that we have reason to believe will be life-changing or personally "transformative"? But even beyond decision theory, it seems that the notion of transformative experience might be productively applied to the therapeutic and transformative aspects of the enterprise of philosophy itself. Indeed, from its ancient beginnings to the present day, philosophy is not a purely theoretical endeavor but also has a strong experiential aspect and might even be conceived of as a practice of self-transformation.

This application of transformative experience to the activity of philosophy will be explored at this conference.

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# Philosophical Reasoning as Transformative Experience



**A Conference**  
at the University of Konstanz  
July 24 – 26, 2019

All sessions will be held at room G 201.

Attendance is free.

Registration is not required.

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## Wednesday, July 24

- 14:00–14:15 **Introduction**  
Andrea Lailach/Rico Gutschmidt
- 14:15–15:15 **Imagining Our Own Future Selves:  
On the Nature and Value of Imagination in Transformative Projects**  
Dorothea Debus, University of Konstanz
- 15:15–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–16:45 **Recognition as Transformative Experience**  
Andrea Lailach, University of Konstanz
- 16:45–17:45 **Witnessing and Transformative Experience**  
André Grahle, LMU München
- 19:00 Guided City Walk and Dinner

## Thursday, July 25

- 10:00–11:00 **Moral Knowledge and Transformative Emotions**  
Pei-hua Huang, Monash University
- 11:00–12:00 **What is Gained from a Transformation. A Daoist Perspective**  
Tilo Eilebrecht, Stuttgart
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:30–14:30 **Philosophy as Transformative Practice. A New Approach to Philosophy Education**  
Philipp Thomas, University of Tübingen
- 14:30–15:30 **Bildung and Entbildung. Forms of Transformation of the Mind by Texts**  
Michael Hampe, ETH Zürich
- 15:30–16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00–17:00 **Transformative Experience within Performance Philosophy**  
Alice Koubová, Czech Academy of Sciences and Academy of Performing Arts
- 19:00 Conference Dinner

## Friday, July 26

- 10:00–11:00 **Deweyan Philosophy as a Guidance for Qualitative Experiential Growth**  
Cedric Braun, University of St. Gallen
- 11:00–12:00 **Experiencing Literary Fiction**  
Julia Langkau, University of Fribourg
- 12:00–13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:30–14:30 **Doing Philosophy. Wittgenstein and Hadot on Philosophy as “Discipline”**  
Sidra Shahid, Amsterdam University College
- 14:30–15:30 **Beyond Quietism. Transformative Experience in Pyrrhonism and Wittgenstein**  
Rico Gutschmidt, University of Konstanz
- 15:30–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–16:45 Final Discussion