



8th Annual Continental Philosophy Conference 2026

Tracing Genealogy



*University of Warwick, UK
29-30th June, 2026*

Booklet

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This booklet collects all the relevant information for WCPC 2026 Conference “Tracing Genealogy”.

The information presented here should be accurate.

In case of discrepancy, the information on the conference website takes precedence:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/research/activities/postkantian/events/wcpc/>

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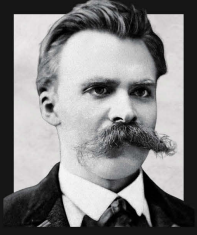
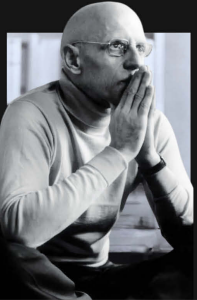

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Tracing Genealogy

Call for Papers issued on behalf of the PKEP, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick

WARWICK CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE	PKEP UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
<h1>TRACING GENEALOGY</h1>	
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS Catarina Dutilh Novaes (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) Alexander Prescott-Couch (University of Oxford)	29-30 JUNE 2026 FROM 09.30 - 18.10 SO.21, SOCIAL SCIENCES
CONTRIBUTING SPEAKERS Giulio M. Cavalli (University of Parma) Wallace Góis (Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo) Cameron Hubbard (University of California, Riverside) Abbas Jamaliarmandi (UNSW Sydney) Rong-Shin Li (National Chengchi University) Julian Ratzliffe (University of Oxford) Ranya Ramrath (University of Oxford) Tuomo Tiihala (University of Vienna) Jan Thimmel (Max Josef Metzger Institute for Dialogue and Reconciliation) Lin Zijie (Sun Yat-sen University)	
REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE SCAN TO RSVP 	
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WCPC

Warwick Continental Philosophy Conference is an annual conference organised by the Postgraduate and Early-Career community of the University of Warwick Philosophy Department. The conference aims to be a meeting point for scholars who understand their work as falling within the purview of 'Continental Philosophy' broadly construed. WCPC operates as a part of the Centre for Research in Post-Kantian European Philosophy at the University of Warwick.

PKEP

The Centre for Research in Post-Kantian European Philosophy at the University of Warwick provides a unique forum for discussion and research in 19th and 20th century European philosophy, including interdisciplinary research with scholars across the humanities and social sciences. It organises regular seminars, workshops and conferences to promote innovative work in the "field of post-Kantian European philosophy and provide a stimulating research environment for MA and PhD students, junior and senior faculty. For our programme of events, please [click here](#).

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Tracing Genealogy

Within Continental Philosophy, genealogy is most associated with Friedrich Nietzsche's psychologising treatments and historicisations of our moral and metaphysical practices and beliefs—and with Michel Foucault's subsequent 'histories of the present' investigations into the contingent development of contemporary institutions, social structures, and the moral, epistemic, or theological discourses with which they are bound up. However, the notion of genealogy is not confined to the Nietzschean tradition. For example, David Hume's 'experimental' inquiries into the origins of religious and causal beliefs, and their anticipations in Xenophanes' scepticism about anthropomorphised theologies—offering more traditional debunking arguments against ostensibly grounded or even common-sense assumptions—are also increasingly considered to come under its methodological umbrella.

Conversely, Bernard Williams, drawing on Locke and Hobbes, develops a vindicatory form of genealogy—that seeks to legitimate our existing ethical virtues by uncovering the genuine moral and political needs they address. More recently, Julian Ratcliffe has labelled a strand of contemporary Anglophone work, associated with figures such as Robert Brandom, Catarina Dutilh Novaes, and Matthieu Queloz, rationalising genealogy. This approach seeks to uncover normative commitments latent within existing conceptual resources, thereby connecting genealogy to Hegelian reconciliation and Carnapian conceptual engineering

These genealogical approaches raise fundamental questions about critique, normativity, historical explanation and philosophical method, questions that remain pressing across both Continental and Anglophone divides.



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Respondents

Day 1

Alexander Prescott-Couch

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The conference will take place in Social Sciences Lecture Hall S0.21.

The University of Warwick is comprised of three campuses: Westwood campus, Central or Main campus and Gibbet Hill campus. They are a short distance apart.

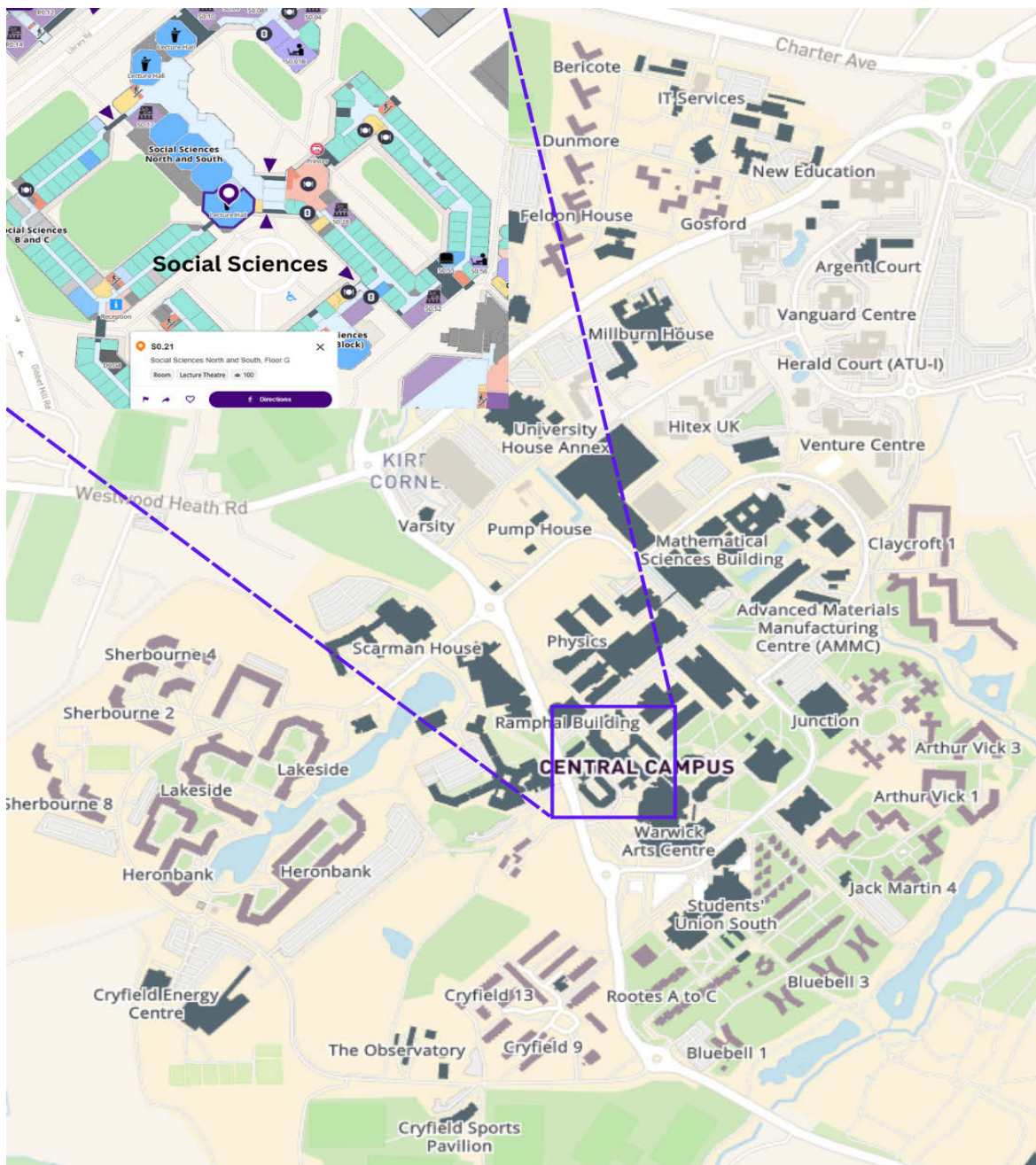
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The bus Interchange is located right next to the Warwick Arts Centre



29 June 9:30 – 9:50	Tracing Genealogy Presentation Coffee welcome	Respondent
9:50 – 10:00	Welcome remarks	Keyu Qiu Rozemin Keshvani
10:00 – 11:00	Li, Rong-Shih , National Chengchi University (Taiwan) “The Playful Agent: Resolving the Problem of the Self in On the Genealogy of Morality”	Simon Courtenage
11:05 – 12:05	Cameron Hubbard , University of California, Riverside “To Have In One’s Power: The Use of Perspectives in Genealogy”	Curie Virág
12:05 – 12:20	Break for coffee	
12:20 -- 13:20	Tuomo Tiisala , University of Vienna Why History Matters to the Evaluation of Concepts	Alexander Prescott-Couch
13:20 – 14:20	Break for lunch	
14:20 – 15:50	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Catarina Dutilh Novaes Professor and University Research Chair at the Department of Philosophy of VU Amsterdam "A genealogy of colonialism in epistemology"	Sam Ronalds
15:50 – 16:05	Break for coffee	
16:05 – 17:05	Julian Ratcliffe , University of Oxford Who’s Afraid of Friedrich Nietzsche? Genealogical Anxiety, Normative Nihilism, and Rule-Following	Johannes Roessler
17:10 – 18:10	Lin Zijie (Sun Yat-sen University) Primitive Accumulation as Genealogy without Reconciliation: On the Disjunction of Logic and History in Capital, Vol. I	David James
18:10 -- late	Closing announcements and thanks Drinks at Radcliffe, followed by Dinner at Drawing Board (TBC)	Oscar Crocker

30 June 9:30 – 9:50	Tracing Genealogy Presentation Coffee welcome	Respondent
9:50 – 10:00	Welcome remarks	Keyu Qiu
10:00 – 11:00	Theo Philibert , Université Grenoble-Alpes “Foreclosing the Future: Prophecy, Parrhesia, and the Genealogy of Futures”	Rozemin Keshvani Tobias Keiling
11:05 – 12:05	Wallace Góis , Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo Courage to Be, Courage of Truth: Ontology, Genealogy, and Political Spirituality at the Intersection of Tillich and Foucault	David Bather Woods
12:05 – 12:20	Break for coffee	
12:20 -- 13:20	Jan Thümmel , Max Josef Metzger Institute for Dialogue and Reconciliation "Mythology as Genealogy in F. W. J. Schelling's Early Writings" Break for lunch	Ying Xue
13:20 – 14:20	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION	
14:20 – 15:50	Alexander Prescott-Couch Associate Professor, Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Lincoln College “Deconstructive Genealogy and the Desire for Stability”	Rozemin Keshvani
15:50 – 16:05	Break for coffee	
16:05 – 17:05	Ronya Ramrath , University of Oxford “Herkunft wie Ursprung: the Limits of Genealogical Critique”	Catarina Dutilh Novaes
17:05 – 18:10	Giulio M. Cavalli , University of Parma “Metaphysics and the Genealogy of Thought: Bradley between (and beyond) Nietzsche and Collingwood”	Oscar Jenkinson
18:10	Parting farewell	Sam Ronalds Shifan Zhou