

Department for Analytical Philosophy,
Institute of Philosophy, Academy
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organizes a colloquium on

FICTIONALITY, POSSIBILITY, REALITY,



to be held on April 20–22, 2010,
in the Conference Center of the Institute of Philosophy, Jilská 1, Prague 1

within the interdisciplinary project *Language, Reality, Fiction:
Philosophy and Literary Theory on the Sources and Determinants of Meaning*

The issues discussed at the colloquium will include, among others:

- Fictionality as a joint topic of philosophy and literary theory: arguments in favour and against alternative explications based on the author's intentions, uptake, textual features, truth evaluation.
- The relation between „ordinary“ talk about counterfactual states of affairs and construction of fictional worlds of literature; the conditions under which the logical apparatus of possible worlds is applicable in the latter sphere; correlatively, conditions of applicability of notions defined by means of the notion of possible worlds, like rigid designation or truth-in-fiction; the cross-world relations within the literary work; the interferences of actual world into the fictional world: in particular, the extratextual sources of completion of the fictional worlds and fulfillment of the narrative gaps.
- The role of meanings of sentence-types in generating and structuring knowledge and literary fiction; in particular: distinction between meanings as conceptual formations and their „fulfillment“ by evidence (in cognitive respect) and by images (in the constitution of imaginary world).
- The referential role of expressions in the „ordinary“ discourse and their role in the construction of fictional worlds of literary works; in particular: applicability of alternative theories of descriptions, names and indexicals in the analysis of literary texts.

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