

# Phenomenal Consciousness in the Physical World

Academic Conference Centre, Jilská 1, Prague 1

The conference is organised under the auspices of the Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies of the Philosophy Faculty of Charles University, and the Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Science.

Keynote speaker:

## Galen Strawson

“Galen Strawson has the kind of expansive metaphysical imagination that used to be at the heart of philosophy, but which positivism and analysis succeeded for a long while in suppressing.” (Jerry Fodor)

Other confirmed speakers:

Sam Coleman, Katalin Farkas, Philip Goff, Tomáš Hříbek,  
Patrick Lewtas, Michelle Montague, Dan Zahavi

### Aims:

Perhaps the most important challenge for contemporary philosophy of mind is to give a satisfactory account of how phenomenal consciousness can belong to the natural world described by the physical sciences, including the brain sciences. This conference has two aims. Firstly it will explore the coherence and plausibility of various non-reductive approaches to this problem—such as panpsychism, neutral monism and emergentism. Secondly it will focus on the character of phenomenal consciousness itself, posing the question of whether there is a distinctive phenomenology of thought. In keeping with these two aims, the conference will be divided into two sections: “Consciousness and Nature”, and “Cognitive Phenomenology”.

Abstracts are invited of 500 - 1,000 words for contributions in English of roughly 30 minutes to either of these two sections. Inquiries and abstracts should be sent to this address by March 5th, 2014: [consciousness@ff.cuni.cz](mailto:consciousness@ff.cuni.cz)

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