20th Amsterdam Colloquium
16 – 18 December 2015

Information & Programme

ILLC/Department of Philosophy
University of Amsterdam
The 20th Amsterdam Colloquium

The 2015 edition of the Amsterdam Colloquium is the twentieth in a series which started in 1976. Originally an initiative of the Department of Philosophy, the colloquium is now organised by the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC). This booklet provides information about the Colloquium, locations, and programme.

Keynote lectures

The programme of the 20th AC includes seven invited lectures by renowned experts in the field:

- Rick Nouwen (Utrecht University)
- Graham Priest (Graduate Center, CUNY)
- Maribel Romero (University of Konstanz)

Workshop: “Negation: logical, linguistic and philosophical perspectives”
- Laurence R. Horn (Yale University)
- David Ripley (University of Connecticut)

Workshop: “Reasoning in natural language: symbolic and sub-symbolic approaches”
- Mirella Lapata (University of Edinburgh)
- Christopher Potts (Stanford University)

In addition, on Wednesday 16 December the E.W. Beth Foundation organises an evening lecture:

Beth Lecture
- Timothy Williamson (University of Oxford)

Main Venue

The main venue of the Colloquium is the

AMSTERDAM BUSINESS SCHOOL
Plantage Muidergracht 12
1018 TV
Amsterdam

In view of traffic jams, parking problems and parking police, we strongly advice not to get there by car. The easiest way to reach the conference site is by means of public transport, bicycle, or ‘shanks’ mare’ (walking).

Directions

To reach the Amsterdam Business School by public transport proceed as follows. Take tramline 9 (coming from the Central Station) or line 14 and get off at stop ‘Amsterdam Artis’ (you can ask the driver to announce that stop). Next walk
right through ‘Plantage Kerklaan’ and turn left onto ‘Plantage Muidergracht’ (before the water). You should see the venue on the right hand side.

Coming from the city center, you can also take tramline 10, and get off at stop Alexanderplein (near the Muiderpoort). Turn left (over the water), and then the first street left is the Plantage Muidergracht.

We have also prepared a map which shows all locations that are relevant for the Colloquium (see last page).

Registration and Information
All participants are requested to register on Wednesday morning at the registration desk at the Amsterdam Business School. In order to speed up processing, those who have registered beforehand on the website will be handled first.

Social Programme
On Thursday 17 December there will be a welcome reception at Kapitein Zeppos, Gebed Zonder End 5, 1012 HS, Amsterdam.

Suggestions for Lunch and Dinner
Restaurants are widely available around the conference venue and in the city center for lunch and dinner. Particularly convenient for lunch are:

(1) **Agora**
   Roetersstraat 11
   University restaurant. Around the corner from the conference venue. Lots of space.

(2) **Sapori del Mondo**
   Plantage Middenlaan 30a
   Nice Italian panini place.

Dinner in the Netherlands is usually served around 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; many restaurants might not serve meals after 9:00 pm; also keep in mind that eating out in Amsterdam is relatively expensive. A number of recommendations are listed below. The restaurants are roughly ordered by distance from the conference location: the restaurants from (1) to (7) are within 5 minutes walking distance; those from (8) to (10) within 15 minutes, the others within half an hour.

(1) **De Pizzabakkers**
   Plantage Kerklaan 2
   Around the corner from the conference venue. Good pizza restaurant. Also has a few salads on the menu.

(2) **Plancius**
   Plantage Kerklaan 61
   Nice place to sit down opposite the Artis zoo.
(3) **Café Koosje**  
Plantage Middenlaan 37  
From sandwiches to more complete meals. Open for lunch and dinner. Reasonably priced.

(4) **De Groene Olifant**  
Sarphatistraat 510  
Quite a nice pub. Serves pub meals.

(5) **Burgermeester**  
Plantage Kerklaan 37  
Very nice burgerrestaurant. Also vegetarian burgers.

(6) **Kerklaan** (Indian / Surinamese)  
Plantage Muidergracht 69  
Mostly a take-out and delivery place, but has a number of tables and decent food.

(7) **Taman Sari** (Indonesian)  
Plantage Kerklaan 32  
Small and very unpretentious Indonesian restaurant.

(8) **Koffieluijs van de Volksbond** (International)  
Kadijksplein 4  
Simple and good restaurant without pretence. Warm atmosphere. Reasonably priced.

(9) **Asmara** (African)  
Jonas Daniël Meijerplein 8  
East African cuisine without cutlery.

(10) **Bird** (Thai)  
Zeedijk 77  
Good Thai food on the street parallel to the Red Light District.

(11) **Oriental City** (Chinese)  
Oudezijds Voorburgwal 177-179  
Don’t let the ‘touristy’ exterior discourage you. Good for larger groups. If feeling adventurous, ask the waiter/waitress to recommend dishes from the Chinese menu.

(12) **Koh-I-Noor** (Indian)  
Rokin 18  
Very good Indian food.

(13) **De Bolhoed** (Vegetarian)  
Prinsengracht 60  
Good vegetarian food in a beautiful neighborhood.

For more suggestions and reviews see:  
http://en.iens.nl/restaurant/amsterdam/
Programme committees

- General Programme: Robert van Rooij (chair), Franz Berto, Paul Dekker & Henriette de Swart
- Workshop “Negation: logical, linguistic and philosophical perspectives”: Franz Berto, Luca Incurvati, Julian Schlöder
- Workshop “Reasoning in natural language: symbolic and sub-symbolic approaches”: Jakub Szymanik, Willem Zuidema

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Organisation

The Amsterdam Colloquia are organised by the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC) of the University of Amsterdam. The organising committee of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium consists of Floris Roelofsen (chair), Maria Aloni, Thomas Brochhagen, Tamara Dobler, Luca Incurvati, Fenneke Kortenbach, Peter van Ormondt, and Nadine Theiler.
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Till Poppels and Roger Levy  
Lasha Abzianidze  
Fangzhou Zhai, Jakub Szymanik and Ivan Titov  
Chair: Thomas Brochhagen  
Andrea Beltrama  
Yvonne Viesel  
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- Lancaster/Hampshire Hotel, Plantage Middenlaan 48
- Agora University Restaurant
- Sapori Del Mondo
- Venue for the Beth lecture, Wednesday evening, Central University Library, Address: Singel 425, Room: Doelenzaal
- Kapitein Zeppos, venue for Thursday reception
- Copyshop Printerette
- ATM machine
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