

A one-day international philosophy workshop
held in association with the British Academy and the Southampton Ethics Centre

‘Constitutivism: Contemporary and Historical Approaches’

Avenue Campus, Room 1097 Building 65, University of Southampton SO17 1BF

Monday 3 April 2017

Programme

The workshop will bring together scholars from the US, UK, and Turkey to explore constitutivism, its historical roots, and contemporary prospects. ‘Constitutivism’ holds that we can justify fundamental normative claims by showing that agents implicitly commit themselves to these claims merely in virtue of acting. How, if at all, can normativity be grounded in the structural features of agency? What must agency be like if it is to support normative grounding? The workshop seeks to explore contemporary approaches to this topic, as well as its historical roots in the work of Kant and others.

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| 10:00 – 11:30 | Paul Katsafanas (Boston University): ‘Can Constitutivism Provide a Response to Nihilism?’ / Response: TBA |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Coffee |
| 11:45 – 13:15 | Daniel Elstein (University of Leeds): ‘Shmagency, Inescapability and Anti-Realist Constitutivism’ / Response: Alex Gregory (University of Southampton) |
| 13:15 – 14:45 | Lunch |
| 14:45 – 16:15 | Jack Woods (University of Leeds): ‘Constructivism, yes! Constitutivism, no! (or probably not, for Humeans and Conventionalists)’ / Response: Ulrike Heuer (University of Leeds) |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Coffee |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Lucas Thorpe (University of Bogazici): ‘What’s wrong with constructivist readings of Kant?’ / Response: Sasha Mudd (University of Southampton) |

This event is free, fully accessible, and open to all. To register, please contact: Tracy Storey at T.P.Storey@southampton.ac.uk

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