Dear Readers,

here is the last Newsletter for the academic year 2007-8.

It is a great pleasure to be able to say that it has been a very eventful and fruitful year. The two groups are growing and flourishing and in the following pages you will find detailed information about our members’ publications, talks, projects and achievements.

Several of our members have now become Senior Associates, of the IEG, holding postdoctoral and professorial positions in a variety of universities: Patrick Allo, Hilmi Demir, Mark Jago, Giuseppe Primiero, Mehrnoosh Sadrzadeh, Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson, Miguel Sicart and Sonja Smets.

I am also delighted to introduce a new Senior Research Associate of the IEG, Antonino Vaccaro, who is, together with Mariarosaria Taddeo, the recipient of this year INSEIT Fellowship. They will collaborate with the IEG in order to develop their investigations on topics related to computer ethics. Dr Vaccaro’s profile can be found on the web pages of the IEG.

A special thank goes to Matteo Turilli for having re-styled and upgraded the IEG website. Joanna Gillies has replaced Valeria Giardino as the person responsible for drafting the Newsletter and I am very grateful to both.

There are further news but they would be on a more personal note, so I shall leave them for the following pages.

Before closing, let me remind you that, if you are interested in getting in touch with either of the two groups, you may send an email to l.floridi@herts.ac.uk

All my best regards,

Luciano Floridi
Recent Publications

P. Allo


L. Floridi

- In defence of the veridical nature of semantic information, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, 2007, 3.1, 31-41.
- "Artificial Companions and their Philosophical Challenges", E-mentor, 2007, 5.22, 84-86.

S. Gallagher

- with D. McNeill, S. Duncan, J. Cole, and B. Bertenthal, ‘Neither or both: Growth
D. Hutto

- ‘The Narrative Practice Hypothesis: Clarifications and Replies’, 2008, Philosophical Explorations, Special Issue: Alternatives to Theories of Mind, 11 (3), 175-192
- ‘Articulating and Understanding the Phenomenological Manifesto’, 2008, Abstracta 2, 10-19

G. Primiero


M. Sadrzadeh


S. Sequoia-Grayson


M. Turilli

### Appointments

**P. Allo**
Has been appointed (starting fall 2008) as Postdoctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation – Flanders.

**L. Floridi**
Has resigned from the Università degli Studi di Bari and accepted a professorship at the University of Hertfordshire, where he now holds the research chair in philosophy of information.

**G. Primiero**
New 3-years Post-doctoral Position at the University of Ghent (Belgium) under Special Research Found Universiteit Gent (starting 1st October 2008).

**M. Sadrzadeh**

**M. Taddeo**
Fellow for the 2008-09 of the International Society of Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT) [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/cipr/inseit_fellows.htm](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/cipr/inseit_fellows.htm)

### Forthcoming

**P. Allo**
- ‘Reasoning about Data and Information: Abstraction between states and commodities’, Synthese (Knowledge, Rationality, and Action) special issue on the Philosophy of Information and Logic edited by Luciano Floridi and Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson
- ‘Review of Mainstream and Formal Epistemology (V. Hendricks)’, Erkenntnis

**S. Coleman**
- 'Mind under Matter', in the collection 'Mind that Abides', D. Skrbina (ed.), published by Benjamins (Amsterdam) 2008

**L. Floridi**
- [Logical Fallacies as Informational Shortcuts](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10703-008-9062-y), Synthese.
- [Against Digital Ontology](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10703-006-9062-y), Synthese.
- (with Turilli, M.) 'The Ethics of Information Transparency", Ethics and Information Technology.
- (with D'Agostino, M.) [The Enduring Scandal of Deduction. Is Propositional Logic really Uninformative?](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4020-5524-0_1), Synthese.
- [Informational Privacy](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-010-9198-8), Computers & Society.
- [La Filosofia dell'Informazione](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10676-009-9230-8), invited article for Introduzione alla Filosofia, a book edited by Franca D’Agostini (Zanichelli).
S. Gallagher

- ‘Multiple aspects of agency’, New Ideas in Psychology (in press)
- ‘Inference or interaction: Social cognition without precursors’, Philosophical Explorations (in press)

J. Hartz Søraker


D. Hutto

- ‘Misreadings, Clarifications and Reminders: Reply to Read and Hutchinson’, International Journal of Philosophical Studies
- ‘Mental Representation and Consciousness’ in Encyclopedia of Consciousness, Banks W. (ed), Elsevier

M. Jago

- ‘The Conjunction and Disjunction Theses’, Mind
- ‘Logical Information and Epistemic Space’, Synthese
- with N. Alechina and B. Logan ‘Belief revision for rule-based agents’, Synthese

News

L. Floridi

Has been elected Gauss Professor by the Göttingen Academy of Sciences for the academic year 2008-09. Every year, the Göttingen Academy of Sciences (Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen) elects a Gauss Professor (Gauß-Professur der Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen) to honour the memory of the great scientist. The Professorship is usually awarded to "important scientists in one of Gauss' fields of interest", namely astronomy, mathematics or physics. Recipients have included Nobel laureates and famous mathematicians. He is the first philosopher ever to be elected. The Laudatio awards him the Gauss Professorship in recognition of his work on the philosophy of information.

Elected Member of the Executive Board of the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT).
G. Primiero

- 'An Epistemic Logic for Becoming Informed', Synthese special issue: Knowledge, Rationality & Action

M. Sadrzadeh

- with E. D'hondt 'Classical Knowledge for Quantum Security', Proceedings of Joint QPL/DCM Workshop, International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP), ENTCS
- with R. Pucella 'Towards a Concrete Semantics for Announcements', Proceedings of Conference on Logic and Foundations of Games and Decision Theory (LOFT), ILLC, University of Amsterdam
- 'Pregroup Analysis of Persian Sentences', in C. Casadio and J. Lambek (eds.), Computational Algebraic Approaches to Natural Languages, Polimetrica, Milan

S. Sequoiah-Grayson


Edited Books

L. Floridi


G. Primiero


News

M. Jago

Has moved to Macquarie University, Sydney from Nottingham, to start the 3-year ARC project, Rationality and Resource Bounds in Logics for Intentional Attitudes.

S. Sequoiah-Grayson

Passed DPhil defense at the University of Oxford, July 2, 2008. Examiners: Dr Volker Halbach and Prof Johan van Benthem. Thesis Title: Information and Logical Equivalence.
Edited Volumes

P. Allo

• Is editing a special issue of Metaphilosophy dedicated to Luciano Floridi’s contributions to the philosophy of information. Confirmed contributors include: Michael Dunn, John Corcoran, Fred Adams, Sherrilyn Roush, Otavio Bueno, Tim Colburn, Terry Bynum, Richard Volkman, Selmar Bringsjord, Patrick Grim, and Gualtiero Piccinini.

S. Gallagher

• with D. Hutto. Special issue of Philosophical Explorations on Narrative and Theory of Mind.

Conferences and Talks

P. Allo

• ‘Paraconsistency and the Logic of Ambiguous Connectives’, Fourth World Congress on Paraconsistency, Melbourne, July 2008

L. Floridi

• E-CAP 2009, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 July, 2009).
• CEPE 2009, Ionian University (Corfu, Greece, 26-28 June, 2009).
• Keynote speaker, Conference, Catholic University of Lisbon (Lisbon, 23-25 June 2009).
• LA-CAP 2009, National University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, Mexico 21-23 June, 2009).
• NA-CAP 2009, Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana, 14-16 June, 2009).
• Gauss Professor, Göttingen Academy of Sciences (Göttingen, Germany, 5-24 April, 28 June-18 July).
• Invited speaker, Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University (Ankara, 12-15 March 2009).
• Invited speaker, Secrecy and Memory in the Information Era, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto (Porto, Portugal, 15-16 December, 2008).
• Invited speaker, APCAP’08 - Computing and Philosophy Conference, India National Institute of Advanced Studies, (Bangalore, 5-7 December, 2008).
• Invited speaker, St Cross College Colloquia (Oxford, 2 December 2008).

S. Gallagher


Media-Related Activities

L. Floridi

Interview, Nova, monthly magazine of Sole 24 Ore, 8 November 2007.
Interview, D La Repubblica delle Donne, 3 May 2008.
Interview, Style, the monthly magazine of the Corriere delle Sera, July 2008.
INSEIT Member spotlight (in English).

S. Gallagher

Invited speaker, I Encuentro internacional de Expertos en Teorías de la Información (Leon, Spain, 6-7 November, 2008).

Keynote speaker, Presence 2008 (Padova, 16 October 2008).

Invited speaker, AISB-sponsored, one-day invited-speaker symposium on the Turing Test, to coincide with the annual Loebner Prize to be held at the University of Reading (Reading, 12 October, 2008).

Keynote speaker, Philosophy’s Relevance in Information Science, conference organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie, in collaboration with the SIG Philosophy and Informatics (University of Paderborn, Germany, October 3-4, 2008).

Lecture tour, sponsored by the British Academy & the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (September 21-30, 2008).
  - Tuesday 23, morning, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
  - Tuesday 23, afternoon, Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)
  - Friday 26, morning, Renmin University of China
  - Friday 26, afternoon, Peking University
  - Sunday 28, afternoon, Xian Jiaotong University

Presidential address, NACAP’08 - North-American Computing and Philosophy Conference, Indiana University (Bloomington, July 10-12, 2008).

Invited speaker, Session on Research Ethics, ESRC Research Methods Festival (St Catherine’s College, Oxford, 2 July 2008).


Invited speaker, Information Ethics Roundtable, CUNY (Hunter College, CUNY, New York, 9 May, 2008).

Research Seminar, School of Humanities, University of Hertfordshire (de Havilland Campus 10 April, 2008).


Keynote speaker, Fifth International Workshop on Philosophy and Informatics organized by the Department for Philosophy of the University of Kaiserslautern and the Special Interest Group on Philosophy and Informatics of the German Informatics Society (Kaiserslautern, Germany, 1-2 April, 2008).


Research Seminar, Department of Computer Science, University of Hertfordshire (De Haviland Campus, 28 November, 2007).


Invited speaker, Seminar and Lecture, Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen (Göttingen, 9 November, 2007).


Projects

M. Jago
Rationality and Resource Bounds in Logics for Intentional Attitudes, funded by the Australian Research Council for 3 years.
S. Gallagher

- ‘Shared circuits or circuitous sharing: Susan Hurley’s concept of shared cognition’. Memorial Symposium for Susan Hurley (with Ned Block, Alva Noe, Sean Kelly, and Jose Bermudez) APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2008
- ‘Neuroscience, free will and moral responsibility’. Symposium on neuroethics. Department of History and Philosophy of Science. University of Tokyo, 20 November 2008
- ‘Social kinaesthesia’. International Conference on Kinaesthesia and Motion. Tampere Finland, 2-4 October 2008
- ‘Shared intentions’. Philosophy colloquium. Charles University, Prague, 27 September 2008
- ‘Narrative and empathy’. American Psychological Association, Boston, 15 August 2008
- ‘Interaction theory and the science of social cognition’. ESF Collegium and Summer School: Social cognition and social narrative. San Marino University, 7-14 July 2008
- ‘Sensorimotor and metacognitive contributories to the sense of agency’. Sense of Agency: from sensorimotor processing to meta-representation. CNCC Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 28-30 June 2008

J. Hartz Søraker

- ‘The relative value of real and virtual experiences’. The Good Life In a Technological Age (GLITA), University of Twente, Netherlands, 14 June, 2008
- ‘Computer simulation and virtuality – Not the same old stew’. European Computing And Philosophy conference, LIRMM, Montpellier, France, 17 June 2008

Projects

M. Jago

Rationality and Resource Bounds in Logics for Intentional Attitudes, funded by the Australian research Council for 3 years.
‘The relative value of virtual relationships: A critique of objective measures of quality of life in virtual communities’. Internet Research 9.0 (AOIR), IT University, Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-18 October 2008

D. Hutto

‘The Narrative Practice Hypothesis’. ESF Collegium and Summer School: Social cognition and social narrative. San Marino University, 7-14 July 2008
‘The Narrative Practice Hypothesis’. Meeting of the Cardiff Branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. University of Cardiff, 14 April 2008
‘Considering Consciousness’, Debate with Dan Dennett, Centre for Philosophical Psychology at the University of Antwerp, Antwerp, 18-19 September 2008
‘The simulating brain’ workshop, Radboud University Nijmegen, 28-29 September 2008

M. Jago

Modal Vagueness, Metaphysics Group, Nottingham
Information and Epistemic Space, Royal Institute of Philosophy Seminar, Nottingham

G. Primiero

International Conference, Colonia 2008
‘Constructive Modalities for Information’. Young Researchers Days, Brussels, 1-2 September 2008
‘A Model for processing Updates with Inconsistent Information’. IV World Congress on Paraconsistency, Melbourne, Australia, 13-18 July 2008
‘Aggregating Collective Judgements by selecting Disagreements’. LOFT08, 8th Conference on Logic and the Foundations of Game and Decision Theory, Amsterdam, 3-5 July 2008
‘Adaptive Arbitration by Variant Counting on Commutative Bases with Weights’. FUSION08, 11th International Conference on Information Fusion Cologne, Germany, 1-3 July 2008
‘Teoria epistemica delle presupposizioni e logica del divenire informati a base costruttivista’. Invited Talk at the Philosophy Department, Universita’ Statale di Milano (Italy), 28 May 2008


M. Sadrzadeh

‘What is the vector space content of what we say? A categorical approach to distributed meaning’. Workshop on Categories, Logic and Foundations of Physics, University of Oxford, August 2008

‘From [pregroup] types to [vector space] meaning’. 50 Years from Syntax Calculus, Meeting on Developments in Mathematical Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Chieti, Italy, July 2008

S. Sequoiah-Grayson

‘Negative Information and Split Negation’. Logica 2008, Hejnice Monastery, Czech Republic, 16-20 June 2008

M. Taddeo

‘From Trust to E-trust: Old Theories and New Problems Solving the Ethical Dilemma of Trust’. Twenty fourth North American Conference on Computing and Philosophy (NA-CAP’08), Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA http://www.ia-cap.org/na-cap08/index.htm, 10-12 July 2008


M. Turilli

