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Enjoy the newsletter and Happy Holidays!

Kristina

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
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All members of the ASSC are invited to submit items for inclusion in the newsletter that
are of potential interest to the general membership to Kristina Musholt
(kmusholt@gmail.com) by no later than the 10th of the month (subject: ASSC newsletter).

Items should be in the form of ONE paragraph of plain ASCII text no longer than 200
WORDS, and should be of general relevance to the MAINSTREAM ACADEMIC study
of consciousness. Attachments will not be accepted. The submitting author must be a
current member of the ASSC. Submissions that do not meet these requirements may be
rejected without further correspondence.

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ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION
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1. ASSC-12: ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SYSTEM NOW OPEN!
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/submission.htm

The ASSC12 abstract submission system is now open. We invite you to submit your abstracts to our system before the deadline on Feb. 1st. Speakers are invited to talk on any topic relevant to the scientific study of consciousness. Submissions that include anthropological, evolutionary, physiological, psychological, philosophical, or computational perspectives are all welcome. Submissions for both posters and talks will be accepted (please specify preference). Any person may present only one submission, but may be co-author on more than one. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, to be followed by a ten-minute discussion period. If you have any difficulties in submitting your proposal, or any other questions regarding the meeting, please contact assc12@ym.edu.tw.

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2. ASSC-12: STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS ONLINE
Student Financial Assistance Application ONLINE
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/financial_aid.htm

ASSC12 hopes that no-one will be prevented from attending the meeting due to financial considerations. We will provide up to USD 500 support for 20 students with accepted talk or poster presentations by picking the best papers according to our ranking system. Please keep in mind that each student can only apply once after submitting an abstract, and only before Feb. 15, 2008. The financial support will be given in the form of reimbursement at the time you attend ASSC12. The application for financial assistance is available at the ASSC12 Registration & Abstract System.

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3. ASSC-12: Tutorial Proposals Deadline ends today!
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Further information: http://www.ym.edu.tw/assc12/news-4.htm

One of the aims of ASSC12 is to allow researchers to gain a background in areas that they may know little about. Towards that end a number of tutorials are planned. Some participants in the conference would be very interested in learning about technical matters such as fMRI or other important brain imaging techniques. Others might enjoy a seminar on a philosophical topic, or a tutorial on relevant matters in cognitive psychology or linguistics. Tutorial presenters are expected not to present just their own material, but to give a broader tutorial overview and encourage discussion and debate.
The tutorial proposal submission deadline is Dec. 17, please send in your proposals to Ralph Adolphs (radolphs@caltech.edu) as soon as possible.

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4. ASSC EPRINTS ARCHIVE: THE FIVE "MOST POPULAR" PAPERS OF NOVEMBER 2007
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The Eprint Committee is pleased to announce the five "most popular" papers of November 2007. Overall, we registered 51214 downloads from 79 countries - this is a new record! Please to continue to contribute to this success by uploading your papers to the archive.


Check out the statistics of your paper by month, year, or in total at: http://eprints.assc.caltech.edu/es/index.php?action=cumulative_usage;range=all

We would like to remind you that (in addition to ASSC conference presentations, book chapters, and theses) we only accept open-access or PRE-COPY-EDITED versions of papers that have been published in PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS.

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NON-ASSC EVENTS AND INFORMATION
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1. RUDOLF CARNAP LECTURES 2008 - PROF. ALVA NOE (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA/BERKELEY) AND GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN PHILOSOPHY FEBRUARY 13-15 2008, INSTITUTE FOR PHILOSOPHY, RUHR-UNIVERSITAET BOCHUM
Rudolf Carnap Lectures 2008 - „Perception, Action, and Understanding“ Presented by Prof. Alva Noe:
- Wednesday February 13th, 10 c.t.-12 Room IBZ Lecture 1: Conscious Reference
- Wednesday February 13th, 15 c.t.-17 Room IBZ Lecture 2: Magic realism and the limits of intelligibility
- Thursday February 14th, 10 c.t.-12 Room IBZ Lecture 3: Perception without representation
- Public Lecture: Thursday February 14, 18 c.t.-20 Room HGA 20 Lecture 4: Novel Experiences
- Friday February 15th, 10 c.t.-12 Room IBZ Lecture 5: Presence in Pictures

Graduate Conference - Focus: Philosophy of Mind & Epistemology February 14th, 2008 14 c.t. -18 IBZ:
Selected Graduate Papers from the areas philosophy of mind or epistemology will be presented and discussed. Submissions for the graduate conference should be sent electronically to: Tobias.Schlicht@rub.de. Submission guideline can be found at http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/philosophy/staff/newen. We expect an abstract of 150 words and a full paper in English of less than 5000 words including literature (as Word or PDF-File). Graduates from Bochum will participate in the organisation as host and commentators (Applications from outside Bochum only). Authors of selected papers will receive free accommodation and a 200 Euro Award. Deadline: January 6th, 2008

Registration deadline for the conference is the 31st of January 2008: Christoph Michel (Christoph.Michel@rub.de)

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2. BERLIN SCHOOL OF MIND AND BRAIN PhD PROGRAM: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2008
Corresponding author: Kristina Musholt
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Further information: www.mind-and-brain.de

The Berlin School of Mind and Brain invites applications for its interdisciplinary three-year doctoral program. The focus of the program is on the interface of traditional humanities and behavioral sciences (philosophy, social sciences, linguistics, behavioral and cognitive psychology) with neurosciences (neuropsychology, psychiatry, computational neuroscience, neurobiology). The main research topics are ‘conscious and
unconscious perception’, ‘decision-making’, ‘language’, ‘brain plasticity and lifespan ontogeny’, and ‘mental disorders and brain dysfunction’. Students will be supervised by two professors, one from the ‘mind sciences’ and one from the ‘brain sciences’. Applicants should have a Master’s degree in philosophy, linguistics, psychology, neuroscience, psychiatry, computer science, biology, law, or economics – or another field related to mind/brain research. The application deadline is 15 January 2008. Students wishing to apply will have to present a research proposal which reflects the interdisciplinarity of the graduate program and clearly states the mind/brain aspect of their proposed project. Successful candidates can apply for one of the three-year scholarships (eight scholarships are available). Applications of students who have secured funding already (scholarships, research positions) may be reviewed on a continuous basis throughout the year. Please visit our website www.mind-and-brain.de for more information on the structure of the doctoral program, participating researchers and institutions, admission requirements and the application process. The school is funded by the national Initiative for Excellence.

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3. POSTDOC POSITION "PHILOSOPHY OF MIND" (full-time post, salary level BAT-O IIa) AT THE HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITAET ZU BERLIN/BERLIN SCHOOL OF MIND AND BRAIN
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Code number: DR/077/07

The Berlin School of Mind and Brain invites applications for a three-year Postdoc position at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, starting on 1 February 2008. Area of specialization: Philosophy of Mind or Philosophy and Neuroscience; area of competence: Philosophy of Science, Neuroscience and/or Psychology. A focus on one of the school’s main research topics - 'conscious and unconscious perception’, ‘decision-making’, ‘language’, ‘brain plasticity and lifespan ontogeny’, or ‘brain disorders and mental dysfunction’ - is desirable.
The Berlin School of Mind and Brain was established in November 2006 and is funded by the national Initiative for Excellence. Its research focus lies at the interface of the humanities and behavioral sciences with neurosciences. The successful candidate is expected to pursue a project at the interface between philosophy and neuroscience. He or she will be a member of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain and of the Institute of Philosophy at the Humboldt-Universität. He or she will be expected to teach at Master and PhD level (four courses per year) and participate in the school’s activities (see http://www.mind-and-brain.de).

The application package should include a project outline, a letter of interest, a CV, proof of the candidate’s doctoral degree (Xeroxes only!), and two letters of recommendation (in the original). Applications received within four weeks after publication will be assured full consideration. The code number for this position is: DR/077/07. The date of publication is December 12, 2007.

Candidates are requested to send a hardcopy of their application package to Annette Winkelmann, M.A., Managing Director, Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, D-10099 Berlin, or email a PDF version to annette.winkelmann@uv.hu-berlin.de.

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4. NSF-FUNDED 3-year POSTDOC POSITION IN MARTINEZ-CONDE LAB
Corresponding author: Susana Martinez-Conde (smart@neuralcorrelate.com)
Further information: http://smc.neuralcorrelate.com

Research in the Martinez-Conde laboratory focuses on the neural bases of visual perception. An NSF-funded 3-year postdoctoral position is available to study the neural correlates of perceptual stability during visual fixation. Please visit our lab’s website at: http://smc.neuralcorrelate.com

The ideal candidate will have a strong background in psychophysics and/or computational modeling and/or single-neuron recordings and/or functional imaging, as evidenced by first-author publications. Programming experience with Matlab or C is very desirable. Salary will be commensurate with experience. A generous benefits package is offered in addition, including medical, dental, vision, and retirement (with a value equal to 24.7% of the salary).

The Barrow Neurological Institute is a TOP 10 rated clinical neuroscience institute (US News and World Report), and is located in central Phoenix, the 5th largest metropolitan area in the US.

Please send CV and letters of reference to:

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