

Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible III
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It is hard to believe that Bratislava hosted yet another instalment of a conference whose topic included, but did not exhaust, contemporary developments in the metaphysics of modality. *Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible III* was organized by the Institute of Philosophy of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Metaphysical Society and Slovak Philosophical Association. This year was especially “impossible“ due to the more or less recent work of our plenary speakers: Daniel Nolan (Australian National University, Australia) and Mark Jago (University of Nottingham, UK).

As usual, the list of contributors and commentators (henceforth in brackets) indicated that the focus of the conference was on metaphysical, logical, epistemological and methodological problems of modality. The first day started with Andy Yu’s (Oxford University, UK) “*The Indefinite Extensibility of Proposition*” and Andriy Vasylychenko’s (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine) “*Identity and Existence in Intentionally Possible Worlds*” and continued with Sam Cowling’s (Denison University, USA) “*Conceivability Arguments for Haecceitism*” (Jonathan Livingstone-Banks), Peter Marton’s (Clark University, USA) “*Knowing Possibilities and the Possibility of Knowing (A Further Challenge for the Anti-Realist)*” (Igor Sedlár), keynote given by Daniel Nolan entitled “*Conditionals and Curry*”, Karen Green’s (University of Melbourne, Australia) “*Natural Language and Ontological Illusions*” (Darragh Byrne/Naomi Thompson), Igor Sedlár’s (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia) “*Impossible Worlds in Epistemic Logic*” (Peter Marton), Louis deRosset’s (University of Vermont, USA) “*Modal Logic for Contingentist Metaphysics*”, Darragh Byrne’s (University of Birmingham, UK) and Naomi Thompson’s (University of Hamburg, Germany) “*Is the World Really Hyperintensional?*”, Michael De’s (University of Konstanz, Germany) “*Five-dimensionalism*” (Theodore Locke) and Brian Ball’s (Oxford University, UK) “*Modality and Metaontology*” (Amy Karofsky).

The program of the second day commenced with a couple of talks, namely Nikk Effingham’s (University of Birmingham, UK) “*Heterodox Ludovicianism*” (Louis deRosset) and Theodore D. Locke’s (University of Miami, USA) “*Grounding and Impossible Worlds*” (Brian Ball). It then continued with Amy

Karofsky's (Hofstra University, USA) "*The Impossibility of Otherwiseness*" (Sam Cowling), Zsófia Zvolenszky's (Eötvös University, Hungary) "*Inadvertently Created Fictional Characters Are Innocuous*" (Jonathan Nassim), a keynote address by Mark Jago entitled "*Three Roads to the Impossible*", Jonathan Livingstone-Banks's "*Essence and Possibility*", Johannes Bulhof's (McNeese State University, USA) "*The 'Problem' of Alien Properties*" and finished with Cristina Nencha's (Northwest Philosophy Consortium, Italy) "*Essentialism and David Lewis*" (Andriy Vasylychenko).

We've been always thinking about the "Issues" as a conference that fills a certain gap in (at least) the region of central Europe. The experience shows however that it transcends Europe and attracts philosophers from all around the world. That gives us reasons to continue in organizing it and, of course, we will. In fact, we have already started and the reader can check out how it goes at our sites www.metaphysics.sk.

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Errata

The following list involves errors which inadvertently appeared in Duško Prelević's article "Modal Empiricism and Knowledge of De Re Possibilities: A Critique of Roca-Roye's Account" (*Organon F* 22, No. 4, 488-498):

<i>Location</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
p. 489, lines 7-8 from the bottom	"for explaining successfully <i>a posteriori</i> cases"	"for explaining successfully <i>de dicto</i> cases"
p. 489, lines 4-5 from the bottom	" <i>a posteriori</i> and <i>de re</i> reading respectively"	" <i>de dicto</i> and <i>de re</i> reading respectively"
p. 489, lines 3-4 from the bottom	"explaining <i>a posteriori</i> read- ing of necessary <i>a posteriori</i> statements"	"explaining <i>de dicto</i> reading of necessary <i>a posteriori</i> statements"
p. 490, line 2 from the top	"(<i>a posteriori</i> reading)"	"(<i>de dicto</i> reading)"
p. 495, line 22 from the top	"the possibility <i>a posteriori</i> "	"the possibility <i>de dicto</i> "
p. 495, line 23-24 from the top	"knowledge of modality <i>a posteriori</i> "	"knowledge of modality <i>de dicto</i> "

We would like to apologize to the author as well as to the readers for the above mistakes.

Editors