

"Assertions in fiction are not to be taken seriously: they are only mock assertions... If Schiller's *Don Carlos* were to be regarded as a piece of history, then to a large extent the drama would be false." "Santa Claus does not exist." "[A]n archeological discovery that there were animals with all the features attributed to unicorns in the appropriate myth would not in and of itself constitute proof that there were unicorns." "Sherlock Holmes is smarter than Dr. Watson." "A sentence of the form 'In the fiction f , φ ' is non-vacuously true iff some world where f is told as known fact and φ is true differs less from our actual world, on balance, than does any world where f is told as known fact and φ is not true."

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Philosophy of Language (I): Semantics of Fictional Discourse

October 20-21, 2016
Bratislava (Slovak Republic)

Keynote speakers

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We invite submission for a **30 minute presentation** (followed by 15 minute discussion). Topics of interest might include (but are not limited to):

- *semantics of fictional, mythical and empty names*
- *reference to non-existents*
- *truth in fiction*
- *existence in fiction*
- *fictional entities*
- *fiction and ontology*

An extended abstract of **approximately 1000 words** should be prepared for blind review and include a cover page with full name, institution and contact information. Files can be submitted in pdf or doc(x) and should be sent to philolangba@gmail.com.

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