

Summer School 2024

Imagination and Perception

Funding: Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme

Venue: Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)

In-Presence Time Period: 03-07 June 2024

Online Time Period: 13-31 May 2024

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ECTS: 3

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As part of the Blended Intensive Programme (BIPs), the University of Parma with Wolfgang Huemer and Andrea Staiti, the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg with Heiner Klemme and John Walsh, and the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz with Philip Berghofer jointly offer their students the opportunity to participate in the Summer School Imagination and Perception.

The Blended Intensive Programme has been officially approved by the EU within the framework of the ERASMUS+ Programme BIPs, which are one of the new and innovative formats of student mobility introduced by the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Programme.

These programmes, jointly developed by multiple higher education institutions, feature advanced and innovative pedagogical approaches that combine short-term face-to-face (physical) mobilities with portions of virtual learning.

BIPs are inherently transnational and transdisciplinary, as curricula are developed and taught together by partner institutions in different countries. The combination of in-person and virtual learning spaces allows students and academics to experience and exchange highly collaborative, challenge-based and research-steeped methods of teaching and learning.

Description of the Project

Perception and imagination are two basic modes of our experience. The relations, interconnections, and differences between them have been the object of sustained philosophical reflection since antiquity and up to our present. While it is commonly accepted that perception has some sort of epistemic reliability and that it grants access to the world, philosophers, starting from the ancient sceptics and famously with Descartes, have questioned the extent of such reliability and in some cases have argued for the necessity to integrate or correct perception drawing on rational and imaginative capacities. As for the imagination, while it bears some undeniable resemblance with perceptual experience and in some cases *imagination* has been used to designate the full scope of sensory experience, it is unclear whether it has any epistemic import. The received view, which harks back to the empiricists, is that the imagination only reshuffles contents that were originally perceived, hence having no bearing on the increment of our knowledge. This view has been challenged by Kant and the German Idealists, who accord the imagination an epistemically robust role, by phenomenology, which considers the imagination vital sources for eidetic insights, and by contemporary analytic philosophy, which often relies on imaginative mental experiments to generate intuitions.

The goal of the summer school is to explore perception and imagination both historically and systematically in order to explore the following questions:

1. Are perception and imagination structurally different?
2. Does the imagination have an epistemic import?
3. Does the power of imagining play a role in our perceptual experience?
4. What is the role of concepts in both perceiving and imagining?
5. What role does the imagination play in aesthetic experience?
6. What are the criteria to distinguish between veridical perception and hallucination or illusion?

7. Are philosophical methods involving the imagination legitimate?
8. What are the problems and prospects of the philosophy of perception and the imagination in the present?

Number of Participants per Institution

The Summer School is aimed at BA, Master's, and PhD students enrolled in one of the partner institutions.

The Blended Intensive Programme is open to a limited number of participants from each partner institution, and to an overall number of students. Each Institution can send a maximum of 10 mobility students:

Erasmus+ partners

- University of Parma (Coordinator): 10 students
- University of Graz, Austria 10 students
- Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg 10 students

Tentative Programme

In-presence week Halle June 03-08, 2024

June 3rd: Arrival, Opening Remarks and Inaugural Dinner

June 4th: Perception and Imagination in Ancient and Modern Philosophy

June 5th: Perception and Imagination in Classical German Philosophy

June 6th: Perception and Imagination in Phenomenology

June 7th: Perception and Imagination in Contemporary Philosophy

June 8th: Final Roundtable and Departure

Online Sessions

DATE TBD: Imagination and Perception: A General Introduction

DATE TBD: Imagination and Perception in Medieval Philosophy

DATE TBD: Imagination and Perception in German Romanticism

DATE TBD: Imagination and Perception: Open Questions and Future Directions (Discussion session)

How to apply

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be enrolled in a Bachelor, Master's, or PhD programme at one of the universities participating in the project. Participation is open to university students enrolled in any discipline related with BIP contents.

Application

Applicants should fill out THE APPLICATION FORM attached by March 29, 2024, and send the required documents to the address protocolodipdisciplineumanistiche@unipr.it or DipDisciplineUmanistiche@pec.unipr.it

The following documents are required to complete the application:

- Copy of ID or passport
- Motivation letter
- Curriculum Vitae (Europass format)
- Transcript of records (certificate of enrolment at the home University with a list of passed exams and grades)
- Any other relevant documents or certifications (non-mandatory, e.g., language certificates, publications, awards, etc.)

Please send ALL documents in a zip file in one email, with the subject line “LAST NAME – BIP APPLICATION”.

Applicants will have to demonstrate their linguistic skills in English.

Selection Criteria and Procedures

Successful applicants will be selected based on previous academic performance and overall strength of the motivation letter (including, but not limited to, a demonstrated interest in the topics of perception and imagination). Applicants will be notified the date for an in-person or online (if required) interview with their local selection committee.

During the interview, the selection committee will also evaluate the applicant’s language skills. Decisions will be communicated within two weeks of application submission, along with further instructions for registration and tips for travel and accommodation.

- Motivation (60 points - based on motivational letter)
- Coherence of BIP program with educational/professional career (30 points - based on Transcript of Records and CV) All students must demonstrate a minimum level of B1 CEFR in English language.
- Language skills (10 points – based on the assessment of conversational and reading abilities and, if applicable, on language certificates).

The minimum score for admission is 51 points.

SELECTION COMMITTEE – UNIVERSITY OF PARMA

The selection will be performed by Selection Committee appointed by the Head of Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Industries and will be composed by 3 members, including the local coordinator of the activities.

At the end of the selection procedure the Selection Committee will draw up the ranked list. The approval decree of the selection procedure and the ranked list will be published on the following website: <http://dusic.unipr.it/it/dipartimento/bandi-e-concorsi>.

Awarding of the fellowship

Within 5 days from publication of the approval decree of the selection procedure the

students must provide a formal declaration of acceptance of the grant, sending a declaration of acceptance to the following address: protocollodipdisciplineumanistiche@unipr.it

If the candidate does not provide declaration of acceptance within a time limit of 5 days, she/he will withdraw his/her entitlement to the grant and it can be awarded to the next candidate in the ranking.

Financial Support

The attendance of the Blended Intensive Programme may be covered by an ERASMUS+ SMS Short Mobility Grant for all mobile students (excluding students from the hosting University). This financial support may only be guaranteed by the selected student's home University. The University of origin of each selected student is fully responsible for the management of the financial aspects of the mobilities in accordance with the provisions of the competent ERASMUS+ National Agency. No financial support is foreseen for Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg students as they will not be travelling for the purposes of participation in this program (non-mobile participants). Please refer to your local coordinator or Erasmus/International Relations Office for any further information related to the financial support made available.

Insurance

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources: UO Internazionalizzazione incoming@unipr.it

Services at the University of Halle

- Use of a seminar room in the interdisciplinary center for the study of European Enlightenment (IZEA) and technological equipment.
- Access to the University library.
- Access to the university café and dining hall.
- Cultural Program

Information for the processing of personal data

Subjects of the treatment

The Data Controller is the University of Parma, based in via Università 12, 43121 Parma, Italy

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Purpose and method of treatment

Pursuant to art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, we inform that this University is the owner of the processing of personal data and that the processing itself will be carried out in compliance with the

European regulation for the purpose of fulfilling the publication obligations pursuant to art. 15 of Legislative Decree 33/2013 and subsequent amendments and additions.

The data may be used and stored exclusively for legal obligations related to the assignment of the grant. The provision of data is mandatory for these purposes. The data will be processed by the University, as owner, in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 in the manner prescribed in the complete information published on the University website.

Proceeding Responsible

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The University of Parma shall abide by provisions in force promoting equal opportunities for women and men, non-discrimination and respect of privacy in processing personal data.

For what not explicitly mentioned in this announcement, the University of Parma shall act in compliance with the regulations in force concerning Italian public selection procedures, when applicable by analogy.

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