

### PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE CONFERENCE

on the Occasion of the 140th Anniversary of Niels Bohr's Birth

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#### **Program**

October 15 -16, 2025
Hall 2, Rectorate of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
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#### October 15, 2025

**9.20 - 9.30** Conference Opening (all times are EEST (Eastern European Summer Time) GMT/UTC+3)

Moderator: Asst. Prof. Vera Lyubenova

**9.30 - 10.30** Prof. Jan Faye (University of Copenhagen) - *Is Bohr's Philosophy Relevant Today?* (keynote speaker, online)

**10.30 - 11.30** Prof. Anguel Stefanov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) - *The Cognitive Status of the Principle of Complementarity* (keynote speaker)

#### **11.30 - 11.40** Coffee Break

- **11.40 12.10** Dr. Gary Graham (University of Toronto) *Kant, Heisenberg, and the Apple: The Metaphysics of Mediating Objects*
- **12.10 12.40** Noemi Bolzonetti (Utrecht University) *Bohr and Heisenberg: Debate on the*  $\Gamma$ -*Ray Microscope* (online)
- **12.40 13.10** Georgia Forster (The University of Queensland) *Scientific Objectivity with Bohrian Twist* (online)

#### **13.10 - 14.30** Lunch Break

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Julia Vasseva-Dikova

- **14.30 15.00** Dr. Stefano Furlan (Utrecht University) *Wheeler's Bohr: The One Who Sees Further Ahead*
- **15:00 15.30** Prof. Antonino Drago (University "Federico II" of Naples) *The Lack of an Exact Logical Language in the First Builders of Quantum Theory: The Case of Bohr* (online)
- **15.30 16.00** Prof. Partha Ghose (Tagore Centre for Natural Sciences and Philosophy, Kolkata) Context and Complementarity: Formalizing Bohr's Vision through Many-Valued Contextual Logic (online)

#### **16.00 - 16.10** Coffee Break

- **16.10 16.40** Prof. Lilia Gurova (New Bulgarian University) Bohr's Correspondence Principle: A Century of Life of its Own
- **16.40 17.10** Ivo Valkov (Sofia Unoversity) *Is Time an Axiom? Rethinking Its Foundations in Physics and Metaphysics*
- **17.10 17.40** Prof. Hong Deng (Guangzhou University) *A Theory of Rational Completeness and the Default Reference of Space and Time* (online)

#### October 16, 2025

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Boris Grozdanoff

**9.00 - 10.00** Prof. Vesselin Petkov (Minkowski Institute) - *Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Argument, Bohr's Response and in What Sense Quantum Mechanics is Fundamentally Incomplete* (keynote speaker)

**10.00 - 10.30** Assoc. Prof. Victor Atanasov (Sofia University) - Gravitation Is Not Causing the Collapse of the Wave-Function (online)

**10.30 - 11.00** Prof. Ryan Miller (University of St. Thomas) - *No Metaphysical Advantage for Bohmians* (online)

#### 11.00 - 11.10 Coffee Break

**11.10 - 11.40** Abraham Hernández (Universidad de La Laguna) - *Niels Bohr and Rudolf Carnap: Conceptual Frameworks and Scientific Language* (online)

**11.40 - 12.10** Asst. Prof. Vera Lyubenova (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology - BAS) - *Bohr's Epistemological Lesson: How is Sellars's Stereoscopic Image of the World Possible?* 

**12.10 - 12.50** Joshua Jose R. Ocon (University of the Philippines) - *Bohr Saves the Phenomena: Complementarity in Constructive Empiricism* (online)

**12.50 - 13.20** Niccolò Covoni, University of Urbino / University of Italian Switzerland: Relational *Quantum Mechanics and (Soft) Perspectivism* (online)

#### 13.20 - 14.30 Lunch Break

Moderator: Dr. Nikola Pirovski

**14.30 -15.30** Prof. Christopher Fuchs (University of Massachusetts - Boston) - *What would Bohr think of QBism?* (keynote speaker, online)

**15.30 - 16.00** Assoc. Prof. Boris Grozdanoff (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology - BAS) - *Beyond Space and Time: Worldvolume Descriptions of Entangled Quantum Systems* 

**16.00-16.30** Kolyo Dankov (Sofia University) - *Quantum Entanglement: A Historical Perspective and Philosophical Implications* 

#### 16.30 - 16.40 Coffee Break

**16.40 - 17.10** R. Asya Ciftci (McGill Univeristy) - *Weak Measurements and the Epistemic Boundaries of Quantum Reality* (online)

**17.10 - 17.40** Asst. Prof. Dr. Fabien Kunis (Sofia University) - *Quantum Strangeness in the Classroom – Bohr's Philosophy and the Role of AI and STEM in Education* 

#### 17.40 - 17.45 Closing Session

Organizing Team:

Chairs: Prof. DSc. Anguel Stefanov - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) and Asst. Prof. Dr. Vera Lyubenova - IPS - BAS

Members: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boris Grozdanoff - IPS - BAS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Bozhilov - Sofia University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Julia Vasseva-Dikova - IPS - BAS, Dr. Nikola Pirovski - IPS - BAS

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