What is objectivity? And what is objective? How do we manage to disagree with each other if something is objectively there? What’s more, how can we understand our mutual disagreement? What happens when we disagree? How can we deal with disagreement?

The summer school "Philosophical Controversies about Objectivity" intends to offer an in-depth understanding of some important philosophical disputes, both of the past and present, relating to objectivity as well as the necessary analytical tools for a critical investigation of these debates.

Lecturers

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Summer school structure: During the first two days, introductory classes on the topics of philosophical disagreement and on the tools to analyze them shall be provided. From the third day on, there will be morning classes on disputes concerning objectivity in specific philosophical areas (ontology, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, philosophy of logic and language, etc.), and afternoon workshops, during which the students will be required to analyze and discuss the disputes introduced during the morning classes.

A detailed program, including requisite reading materials, will be available by the end of July.

Organizers: Massimiliano Carrara, Andrea Altobrando
Scientific Committee: M. Carrara, T. Yamada, L. Illetterati, A. Altobrando

Location: University of Padova, to be determined
Time: 12-23 September 2016

Registration deadline: 31 August 2016
Max. amount of students: 40
Fees: None
Scholarship: 7 scholarships of 500 euro each will be given to non-residents of Veneto selected by the scientific committee on the basis of their curriculum vitae and letter of motivation (up to 600 words).
Deadline for scholarship applications: 30 June 2016
Communication of selection: 7 July 2016
Target Audience: All levels from Undergraduate to Post-Doc are welcome
Working language: English
Outcomes: The results of the afternoon workshops will be published on a dedicated web page

ECTS: Participation in the Summer School gives 5 ECTS points. The FISPPA Department of the Padua University will provide participants with diplomas on the condition that you are present for a minimum of 70% of the summer school morning lectures, 50% of the afternoon workshops, and fill in an evaluation form on the last day of the summer school.

Accommodation: We will help all participants to find accommodation in Padova (youth hostel, hotel rooms). Participants will be responsible for meals. Internet and library access will be provided.
Side activities: Visits to the historical buildings of the University, to the Padua city center as well as to several main monuments will be organized for all interested participants.

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