

What can we say about words and their metaphysical nature?

The research about words has tended to focus on their linguistic and semantic properties.

Metaphysical reflections about words, by contrast, are deemed to be insufficient. In this conference, we aim to investigate the metaphysical nature of words with:

Prof. **Brian Epstein**

The Metaphysics of Words

Reflections on words and their ultimate nature



University of Genoa, Italy | June 3rd – 4th, 2019

Conference venue:

Palazzo Balbi Cattaneo, Aula Magna | Via Balbi 2

Monday 3rd

9.30 – 10.30 Brian Epstein

Social Ontology

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00

On the Metaphysics of Words

12.00 – 12.30 General discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 Nathalie Morasch

Inquiry Centered Notion of Words

15.00 – 16.00 Tarnowski & Głowacki

Words as communicative tools

Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30 Simon Evnine

Words as artifacts

Words strain,
Crack and sometimes break, under the
burden,
Under the tension, slip, slide, perish,
Decay with imprecision, will not stay in
place,
Will not stay still.

-T. S. Eliot

Lunch venue:

Mentelocale Bar Bistrot, via Balbi 8a

Tuesday 4th

10.00 – 11.00 Daniele Sgaravatti

Words and origins

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.15 Luca Gasparri

Plural Articulations

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 James Miller

How to Misspell Paris

15.00 – 16.00 Wade Munroe

What Did You Just Say

Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30 Mons Andreas Nyquist

On the plurality of words

17.30 – 18.00 Brian Epstein

Closing Remarks