

# 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



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## Conference venue:

*Palazzo Balbi Cattaneo, Aula Magna | Via Balbi 2*

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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 4<sup>th</sup>

**10.00 – 11.00 Daniele Sgaravatti**

*Words and Origins*

**Coffee Break**

**11.15 – 12.15 Jaime Castillo Gamboa**

*Does the Ontology of Word Rest on a  
Mistake?*

**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*