

dardnejším spôsobom a ilustrovali to na príklade formalizácie fragmentu TIL pre výrokovú logiku nad totálnymi propozíciami. Naznačili, že analogickým spôsobom by bolo možné vybudovať rôzne zaujímavé fragmenty TIL, čím by sa mohla otvoriť cesta k TIL aj pre širšie publikum (formálnych) logikov.

Bohatý program završil M. Kosterec s témou *Parcialita v TIL*. Parcialita je ďalším z množstva náročných technických problémov, ktorým sa v TIL nevyhýbame, ale usilujeme sa ich riešiť. Prijatie parciálnych funkcií vedie k určitým komplikáciám. Niektoré redukcie známe z iných lambda kalkulov nie sú v TIL všeobecne platné a ani zákony klasickej výrokovkej logiky nemožno prijať bez určitých protiopatrení. Zvyšná časť príspevku sa venovala podivným objektom, ktoré prijatie parciálnych funkcií vpúšťa do ontológie TIL – degenerovaným funkciám, t. j. funkciám, ktoré nie sú definované na žiadnych argumentoch.

Príspevky boli veľmi podnetné a vyvolali búrlivé diskusie, ktoré bolo naozaj ťažké zastaviť. Opäť sa potvrdilo, že Tichého logika je (najmä, no nielen v Čechách a na Slovensku) veľmi živá, vplyvná, inšpiratívna a s nehnúcim nadšením neustále rozvíjaná. S pribúdajúcim počtom stúpcov postupne pribúda aj množstvo preskúmaných oblastí, vyriešených problémov a zaujímavých teórií.

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Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible II

In October 15-16, 2014 the Institute of Philosophy of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Philosophical Society and Slovak Metaphysical Society organized the second *Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible* conference. Again, the conference took place in Bratislava and hosted speakers from all around the world. In contrast with its 2013's predecessor,¹ the conference featured several quite important changes. Firstly, except keynote addresses, the conference was divided into two parallel sessions. Secondly, we announced call for papers instead of call for abstracts what pave the way for the third change: selected papers were pre-read and consequently commented by participants.

After an official opening by the director of the Institute of Philosophy and a frank supporter of such activities, prof. Tibor Pichler, the conference split into two sessions. The first pair of talks was given by Manuel Rebuschi and Dusko Prelevič entitled *Deontic Conventionalism: A Conceptualist Account of*

¹ See *Organon F* 21, No. 1, 138-139 for a full report.

Modalities and Modal Rationalism and Modal Empiricism: A Comparison (commented by Benoit Gaultier), respectively. Daniel von Wachter's *Distinguish Possibility from Consistency* (commented by Steve Steward) and Luke Malik's *Why One Can't Imagine the Impossible* (commented by Plato Tse) prepared a field for the first invited speaker: Takashi Yagisawa. His *S4 to 5D* proposed yet another defence of axiom S4 preserving the absoluteness of possibility, while using objects as extended not only in physical space-time but in logical space too. Next hour belonged to *The Counterfactual Account of Modal Knowledge and the Problem of Constitutive Facts* (commented by Alexandre Billon) by Daniel Dohrn and *Haecceitism and Actuality in Counterpart Theory* (commented by Alessandro Torza) by Michael De. Toby Lovat's *The Principle of Unreason, Facticity and the Law of Non-Contradiction* and Alexandre Billon's *Perspectives and Possibility* followed by Lukas Skiba's *The Modal Fictionalist's Story-Operator, Conditionals, and Incompleteness* (commented by Daniel Dohrn) and Ádám Tamás Tuboly's *Quine and Quantified Modal Logic – Against the Received View* (commented by Janine Reinert) made an excellent end of the first day.

The second day of the conference commenced with a dual *Essence and Impossibility: Ya Shouldn'ta Couldn'ta Wouldn'ta* given by Steve Steward (and commented by Nathan Wildman) and *Williamson on Thought Experiments and Metaphysical Knowledge* by Benoit Gaultier (with Luke Malik as a commentator). Zsófia Zvolenszky's *Artifactualism and Authorial Creation* (commented by Ádám Tamás Tuboly) and Janine Reinert's *Expressive Limitations in Hybrid Approaches to Possible and Impossible Worlds* (commented by Michael De) followed by Anthony Dardis's *Property Instrumentalism* (with Steve Steward as a commentator) and Alessandro Torza's *Speaking of Essence* (commented by Zsófia Zvolenszky) preceded the second invited talk entitled *The Modal Status of Laws: In Defence of a Hybrid View*. In it, Tuomas Tahko proposed a metaphysical view according to which there are both necessary and contingent laws. The next pair of talks entitled *Evaluating Wiggins's Argument for Sortal Essentialism* and *Is Lewis Cotenable with Goodman?* were given by Nathan Wildman and Vladan Djordjević (in that order) featuring Anthony Dardis and Duško Prelevič as commentators (in the very same order). The conference ended with Plato Tse's *From Modal Projectivism to Modal Expressivism* (commented by Vladan Djordjević) and David Liggins's *On the Neo-Aristotelian Challenge to Existence Questions* (co-authored with Chris Daly and commented by Daniel von Wachter).

As the above indicates, *Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible II* attracted a number of excellent philosophers whose papers provoked to interesting comments, gave rise to philosophically very valuable discussions and, last but not least, made the philosophy network even more interwoven. Since that's

the very goal of every philosophy conference, it is not a surprise that we plan to continue in organizing its future temporal stages. Anyone interested in more details regarding the event might also visit metaphysics.sk pages where abstracts, pictures, full program and other information are available.

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