

The Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism

Research and
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About the Conference

Research and publications on the Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism are growing and flourishing for decades. On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Institute Vienna Circle and 90 years after the assassination of Moritz Schlick, the founder of the Vienna Circle, it seems reasonable to critically assess and re-evaluate the scholarly output on the history and influence of the Vienna Circle as a collective as well as of its individual members. The aim of this conference is to focus on added values and novelties in research and publications as well as from the perspective of theoretical sustainability. A special attention is laid on archival sources with new results and on completed and running research projects dealing with Carnap, Gödel, Neurath, and Schlick, in addition to gender and migration studies.

October 19–21, 2026

Venue

Aula, Campus of the University of Vienna,
Court 1, Entrance 1.11 Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna,
(Conference and Keynotes)

Old Chapel, Campus of the University of Vienna,
Court 1, Entrance 2.8 Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna,
(Poster Session and Art Installation)

Book Display

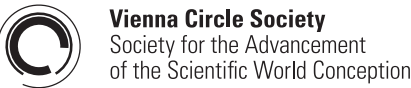
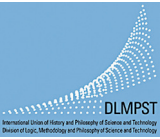
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Monday, October 19, 2026

9.00–9.30 Opening: Georg Schiemer, Friedrich Stadler (Organizers)

9.30–10.10: Hannes Leitgeb (Munich),
Reviving Logical Empiricism

10.15–10.55: Anna Brożek (Warsaw),
Women of the Lvov-Warsaw School and the Relations with the Vienna Circle

10.55-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15–11.55: Sander Verhaegh (Tilburg),
Logical Empiricism’s Americal Legacy

12.00–12.40: Àdám T. Tuboly (Pecs),
Philipp Frank, Ernest Nagel, and the Public Faces of Logical Empiricism

12.40-14.00: Lunch break

14.00–14.40: Maria Carla Galavotti (Bologna),
Ramsey, Probability, and the Vienna Circle

14.45–15.25: David Edmonds (London),
Miss Simpson’s Children

15.25-15.45: Coffee break

15.45–17.10: Poster Session and Art Exhibition (Chapel/Kapelle)

17.10-17.30: Coffee break

17.30–18.10: Karl Sigmund (Vienna),
Stud.phil. Kurt Gödel

18.15–18.55: Eva-Maria Engelen (Berlin),
Kurt Gödel as Philosopher. The Edition of his Philosophical Notebooks

19.00–20.15: Jan von Plato (Helsinki),
34th Vienna Circle Lecture 2026
The Transfiguration of Logic: Wittgenstein to Gödel

Posters:
William Agay-Beaujon (Montpellier)
Sabato Danzilli (Heidelberg)
Samuele Fasol (Trento)
Noah Friedman-Biglin (San José)
Georg Gangl (Ostrava)
Ties van Gemert (Tilburg)
Michael Bennett McNulty (Minneapolis)
Lukas Reichert (Jena)
Reinhold Schwenzner (Jena)
Raffael Velloso (Campinas)
Yasmina Volberg (Stuttgart)
Lefteris Zacharioudakis (Rotterdam)

Art Installation:
Walter Bortolossi (Udine)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

9.00–9.40: Anne Siegetsleitner (Innsbruck),
The Literary Vienna Circle: Literary Styles in Contributions on Morality and Ethics

9.45 –10.25: Christoph Limbeck-Lilienau (Vienna),
The Left/Right Divide in the Vienna Circle. A Historiographic Consideration

10.25-10.45: Coffee break

10.45–11.25: Janette Friedrich (Geneva),
Die Karl Bühler Schule im Wien der 1920er/1930er Jahre: die Bedeutung des Lokalen

11.30–12.10: Veronika Hofer (Vienna),
The Impact of Schlick, Carnap, and Frank on Bertalanffy’s Theoretical Biology

12.10-13.30: Lunch break

13.30–14.10: Hans-Joachim Dahms (Berlin),
The Difficulties of Functionalism in the Vienna Circle

14.15–14.55: Matthias Neuber (Mainz),
Instrumentalism in the Theory of Science: Dewey, Reichenbach, and Carnap

15.00-15.20: Coffee break

15.20–16.00: Flavia Padovani (Philadelphia),
Formalism and Fallibilism: Two Paths in Early Logical Empiricist Methodology

16.05–16.45: Michael Stöltzner (Columbia, SC),
Logical Empiricism and Logical Positivism. Two Modes to Name a Movement

16.45-17.00: Coffee break

17.00–17.40: Martin Lemke (Rostock),
Schlick and the Bridge of Understanding

17.45–18.25: Pierre Wagner (Paris),
History of a Distorted Representation. The View from France in the Second Half of the 20th Century

18.30–19.10: Massimo Ferrari (Torino),
The Internalization of the Vienna Circle: Schlick and Russell

19.15–20.30: Juliet Floyd (Boston), 9th Arthur Pap-Lecture
Susanne K. Langer, Necessity, and Arthur Pap: Research and Historiography

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9.00–9.40: Bastian Stoppelkamp (Vienna) / William Agay-Beaujon (Montpellier),
“Freethought as a New Worldview”. Otto Neurath and the Political Origins of the Ernst Mach Society

9.45–10.25: Günther Sandner (Vienna),
Was Otto Neurath’s Vienna Method Misused? Pictorial Statistics in Austrofascism and National Socialism

10.25-10.45: Coffee break

10.45–11.25: Antonia Soulez (Paris),
The Contribution of Semantic Tradition to the Vienna Circle’s Critique of Language (About Jan Sebestik’s Expression of ‘Prehistory’ of the Vienna Circle

11.30–12.10: Ulf Höfer (Graz),
Rudolf Haller’s Account on Logical Empiricism

12.10-13.30: Lunch break

13.30–14.10: Johannes Friedl (Graz),
Scepticism and Anti-Scepticism in Neurath

14.15–14.55: Alexander Linsbichler (Linz),
Hans Hahn as a Pioneer of Logical Tolerance

15.00-15.20: Coffee break

15.20–16.00: Francesca Biagioli (Torino),
Different Kinds of Implicit Definitions: Schlick, Carnap, and the History of Modern Axiomatics

16.05–16.45: Thomas Uebel (London),
How Many Carnaps Does it Take to Change an Aufbau? Carnap’s Controversial Recollections in the Light of Revisionist Interpretations

16.45-17.05: Coffee break

17.05–17.45: Christoph Schuringa (London),
The Unity of Science in Red Vienna

17.50–18.30: Christian Damböck (Vienna),
Lenin Debunked: What a Socialism Grounded in Logical Empiricism Might Look Like

19.00–20.15: Alan Richardson (Vancouver), 1st Michael Friedman Memorial Lecture,
The Logical, the Methodological, and the Epistemological: Structural Objectivity and its After-Images in Reichenbach and Carnap

20.30: Conference Dinner for Speakers
(Hotel Regina)