

International Conference

The Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism - Research and Historiography after 35 Years (2nd Announcement)

Organizers: Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna, and Vienna Circle Society

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Location: Aula, Campus, of the University of Vienna, Court 1

Research and publications on the VC/LE are growing and flourishing for decades. On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the IVC and 90 years after the assassination of Moritz Schlick, the founder of the VC, it seems reasonable to critically assess and re-evaluate the scholarly output on the history and influence of the VC as a collective as well as of individual members.¹ 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 new archival sources with new results and on research projects dealing with Carnap, Gödel, Neurath, and Schlick, in addition to gender and migration studies.

Sections:

1. The Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism as collective phenomena
2. Individual members: From Gustav Bergmann to Edgar Zilsel
3. The Philosophical Periphery: Einstein, Popper, Ramsey, Russell, Wittgenstein etc.
4. The European Context: Berlin, Cambridge, Helsinki, Prague, Paris, Warsaw
5. The “Americanization” and Diaspora: Reception and Influence
6. The Gender Dimension: Women in/of LE
7. The VC/LE in contemporary history and/of philosophy of science and analytic philosophy
8. Neglected research topics

Workshop 1: Exhibitions and movies on the VC and its members

Workshop 2: Running Edition Projects (Carnap, Gödel, Schlick ...)

Workshop 3: Archives and Primary Sources, VALEP

Poster-Session for Junior Scholars (Call for Posters forthcoming)

¹ E.g., as follow up to the collected vlms: *The Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism. Re-evaluation and Future Perspectives*. Ed. by F. Stadler (Kluwer 2003); *The Cambridge Companion to Logical Empiricism*. Ed. by A. Richardson and Th. Uebel (2007); Chr.Limbeck-Lilienau/F.Stadler, *Der Wiener Kreis* (2015); *The Routledge Handbook of Logical Empiricism*. Ed. by Th. Uebel and Chr. Limbeck-Lilienau (Routledge 2022); *The Legacy of the Vienna Circle*. Ed. by Georg Schiemer (Springer 2025). In addition, selected related monographs: David Edmonds (2020), Alan Richardson (2024), Sahotra Sarkar (2025), Christoph Schuringa (2025), Anne Siegetsleitner (2014); Karl Sigmund (2015/17), Friedrich Stadler (2015). Further related publications in 3 book series of the Vienna Circle Institute / Vienna Circle Society: *Vienna Circle Institute Yearbook*, *Vienna Circle Institute Library*, *Veröffentlichungen des Institut Wiener Kreis* with Springer: <https://link.springer.com/series/6669> , <https://link.springer.com/series/7041> , <https://link.springer.com/series/3410/books>.

Institute Vienna Circle: <https://wienerkreis.univie.ac.at/>

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Confirmed speakers:

Francesca Biagioli (Turin)
Anna Brozek (Warsaw)
Hans-Joachim Dahms (Berlin)
Christian Damböck (Wien)
David Edmonds (London)
Eva-Maria Engelen (Berlin)
Massimo Ferrari (Turin)
Juliet Floyd (Boston): 9th Arthur Pap Lecture 2026
Johannes Friedl (Graz)
Janette Friedrich (Geneva)
Maria Carla Galavotti (Bologna)
Michael Heidelberger (Tübingen)
Veronika Hofer (Wien)
Ulf Höfer (Graz)
Hannes Leitgeb (Munich)
Martin Lemke (Rostock)
Alexander Linsbichler (Wien/Linz)
Christoph Limbeck-Lilienau (Wien)
Cheryl Misak (Toronto/Oxford)
Flavia Padovani (Philadelphia)
Alan Richardson (Vancouver): Michael Friedman Memorial Lecture 2026
Günther Sandner (Wien)
Sahotra Sarkar (Austin)
Christoph Schuringa (London)
Anne Siegetsleitner (Innsbruck)
Karl Sigmund (Wien)
Michael Stöltzner (Columbia, SC)
Bastian Stoppelkamp (Wien)
Marta Sznajder (Wien/München)
Adam Tuboly (Budapest)
Sander Verhaegh (Tilburg)
Thomas Uebel (London)
Jan von Plato (Helsinki): 34th Vienna Circle Lecture 2026
Pierre Wagner (Paris)

CALL FOR POSTERS: Junior scholars are invited to send an abstract (not more than 500 words, suitable for blind review, of the proposed poster presentation in conjunction with one of the above listed section topics latest by March 31, 2026 to:

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