

Friedrich Waismann (1896–1959) was one of the most gifted students and collaborators of Moritz Schlick. Accepted as a discussion partner by Wittgenstein from 1927 on, he functioned as spokesman for the latter's ideas in the Schlick Circle, until Wittgenstein's contact with this most faithful interpreter was broken off in 1935 and not renewed when exile took Waismann to Cambridge. Nonetheless, at Oxford, where he went in 1939, and eventually became Reader in Philosophy of Mathematics (changing later to Philosophy of Science), Waismann made important and independent contributions to analytic philosophy and philosophy of science (for example in relation to probability, causality and linguistic analysis). The full extent of these only became evident later when the larger (unpublished) part of his writings could be studied. His first posthumous work *The Principles of Linguistic Philosophy* (1965, 2nd edn.1997; German 1976) and his earlier *Einführung in das mathematische Denken* (1936) have recently proved of fresh interest to the scientific community. This late flowering and new understanding of Waismann's position is connected with the fact that he somewhat unfairly fell under the shadow of Wittgenstein, his mentor and predecessor. Central to this international conference about a life and work familiar to few will be unpublished and unknown works on causality and probability. These will be commented on in the conference volume, which will also include a publication of new or previously scattered material and an overview of Waismann's life.

Selected primary literature:

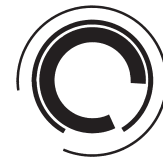
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FRIDAY, October 1

9.00

Brian McGuinness and Friedrich Stadler
Welcome and Introductory Remarks

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Brian McGuinness (Siena)
Friedrich Waismann, Interpreter of Wittgenstein and Critic of Causality

Coffee Break 10.15–10.45

10.45

Joachim Schulte (Zürich)
Waismann as Spokesman for Wittgenstein

11.30

Mathieu Marion (Montréal)
Waismann's Wittgenstein and the Lectures on Causality

Lunch Break 12.30–14.00

14.00

Alexander Bird (Bristol)
Commentary on Marion

14.45

Michael Heidelberger (Tübingen)
Waismann on Causality and Probability

Coffee Break 15.30–16.00

16.00

Radek Schuster (Plzen/Pilsen)
Waismann's Insight into the Connection Between Cause and Effect

16.45

Allan Janik (Innsbruck)
Waismann in Wittgenstein's Correspondence

Heuriger for Speakers: 19.00

SATURDAY, October 2

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Antonia Soulez (Paris)
Open Texture –The Relativity of Meaning

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Josef G. F. Rothhaupt (München)
Wittgenstein's Book 'MS114(II)+MS115(I)' in the Context of the Vienna Circle

11.30

Wolfgang Kienzler (Jena)
Waismann's Conception of Philosophy

Lunch Break 12.30–14.00

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Juha Manninen (Helsinki)
Theses on Waismann

15.30–17.00

Panel Discussion: Friedrich Waismann from Vienna to Oxford
Brian McGuinness, John Lucas (Oxford) and Radek Schuster