

## Venue

Berlin School of Mind and Brain  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
(Humboldt Graduate School)  
Luisenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin  
Haus 1, *Festsaal*

## How to get there?



### Public Transport:

The closest stations are 'Hauptbahnhof' (national & local trains, TXL bus from airport Tegel, S-Bahn), 'Oranienburger Tor' (U-Bahn), and 'Friedrichstraße' (S-Bahn and U-Bahn). Bus No 147 stops at 'Luisenstraße/Charité' near our building.

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## Einstein Visiting Fellow Conference:

## "Impure Perception"

23-24 October 2015

## Einstein Meeting

24. October 2015

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## CONFERENCE: IMPURE PERCEPTION

### On Non-Sensory Influence on Sensory Processing

Within philosophy and the cognitive sciences it has been traditionally assumed that perception is “informationally encapsulated”: it was believed that sensory systems could not be influenced by information outside the senses. This view, also known as the “modularity” of perception, has been widely accepted until recently, but some researchers are beginning to challenge the received view. There is evidence that what we see, for example, can be influenced by our emotional states, motor responses, beliefs, and even the language we speak. If so, this has implications for the epistemic authority of perception, the division between mind and body, and the alleged universality of perceptual experience. This conference brings together an international group of researchers who have been at the forefront of this emerging perspective. Psychologists, psycholinguists, and philosophers will explore ways in which perception might be impure.

### PROGRAM

#### Friday, October 23

13.00 – 15.20

1. **Dustin Stokes** (Salt Lake City): Attention and the cognitive penetration of perception
2. **Bence Nanay** (Antwerp): Perception as controlled mental imagery

*Coffee break*

15.40 – 18.00

3. **Anna M. Borghi** (Bologna, Rome): Motor and linguistic contaminations of perception: from object affordances to abstract concepts
4. **Panos Athanasopoulos** (Lancaster): The Whorfian warp: perception through the language glass

*Coffee break*

18.20 – 19.30

5. **Simone Schnall** (Cambridge): cancelled

#### Saturday, October 24

10.00 – 12.30

6. **Sally Linkenauger** (Lancaster): Welcome to wonderland: A body-based approach to the scaling of perceived extents
7. **Jesse Prinz** (New York, Berlin): The social construction of seeing

*End of Conference*

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### EINSTEIN MEETING

The conference will be followed by a meeting of the Einstein Group. The first half of the meeting is open to the public.

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#### Saturday, October 24

14.00 – 16.20 Talks (public)

1. **Hong Yu Wong** (Tübingen): Owning my body
2. **Dustin Stokes** (Salt Lake City): Rich perceptual content and aesthetic properties

*Coffee break*

16.40 – 19.00 Work in progress (not open to the public)

3. **Katrin Heimann** (Aarhus)
4. **Maureen Sie** (Rotterdam)
5. **Katharina A. Helming** (Trier)