



4th MEETING

Philosophy, Democracy and Conversation

December 3 - 5, 2025

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WEDNESDAY 3, December 2025

10:00 – 10:30	OPENING CEREMONY (Room 401)	
10:30 – 12:30	Room 401 <i>Chair: Bill Curtis</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Andrew Moura</i>
10:30 - 11:10	Chris Voparil <i>Lynn University</i> Rorty's Normative Conception of Philosophy	Vicente Pozo <i>Universidad de Los Andes</i> Rorty's Oakeshott: A Postmodernist Bourgeois Conservative?
11:10 - 11:50	Federico Lopez <i>Universidad Nacional de La Plata</i> How to Play Philosophy? H. W. Johnstone's Influence on Rorty's Metaphilosophy	Matthew P. Kundert <i>Independent Scholar</i> Taking Care of Freedom: The Role of Virtues in Democratic Conversation
11:50 - 12:30	Handan Hacer Korkut <i>Independent Scholar</i> Stepping Outside Our Skins	Marco Trucco <i>Universidad Nacional de Córdoba</i> On Pride and Hope: Walt Whitman's influence on Richard Rorty
12:30 – 14:10	LUNCH BREAK	
14:10 – 15:30	Room 401 <i>Chair: Andrea Carriquiry</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Benjamín Troncoso</i>
14:10 - 14:50	Nalliely Hernández <i>Universidad de Guadalajara</i> Science and Democracy: An Overused Analogy?	Daniel L. Pared <i>Universidad de Mar del Plata</i> A Relationship between Thi Nguyen's Echo Chambers and Rorty's Final Vocabularies
14:50 - 15:30	Štěpán Raška <i>Univerzita Karlova</i> Antagonism and Absolutes: Rorty, Patočka, and the Limits of Modern Political Culture	Franco Cardozo <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> On the Use and Abuse of Philosophy for Life
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 17:20	Room 401 <i>Chair: Ana Lucía Valle</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Martin Müller</i>
16:00 – 16:40	Brendan Hogan <i>New York University</i> Systems and philosophy, not systems of philosophy: Fraser, Rorty, and the descriptions that make democratic conversation possible	Marcos Carvalho Lopes <i>Universidade Federal de Jataí</i> Irony, Democracy, and Intellectual Practice: Rorty and Soares in Dialogue
16:40 – 17:20	Pedro Martínez Romagosa <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Rorty on Metaphor: Contributions to a Pragmatist Account of Hermeneutical Injustice	Olaf Kühne <i>Universität Tübingen</i> A neopragmatic approach to (carto)graphic depictions – considerations for a redescription of cartography based on the philosophy of Richard Rorty
17:20 – 18:30	SUSANA DE CASTRO <i>Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro</i> A Feminist Approach to <i>Contingency, Irony and Solidarity</i> : Imagination vs Public and Private Split	
18:40 – 21:30	Empanadas and Wine Reception <i>Chair: Rebeca Pérez León</i> Room 401	

THURSDAY 4, December 2025

10:00 – 12:00	Room 401 <i>Chair: Evelyn Vargas</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Javier Castro Albano</i>
10:00 - 10:40	Tomasz-Łukasz Stanowski <i>Uniwersytet Jagielloński</i> Between Order and Irony: Rorty's Liberal Democracy in the Mirror of Polish Romantic Conservatism	Mauro Santelli <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Rorty and the Metaphorical Animal as a Picture of Who We Are
10:40 - 11:20	Aldir Araujo Carvalho Filho <i>Universidade Federal do Maranhão</i> Achiving Our Country: Rortyan Themes on Brazilian Democracy	Brent Matheny <i>Pennsylvania State University</i> 'Love is the only law': Rorty, Brandom, and Charity
11:20 - 12:00	María Pía Lara <i>Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana</i> An Exercise in Rortian Imagination: The View of an End of a Democratic Experiment	Andrew Moura <i>Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul</i> What Brandom Learned from Rorty - and Beyond: Solidarity in the Space of Reasons
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 – 15:30	Room 401 <i>Chair: Juan Manuel Saharrea</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Handan Hacer Korkut</i>
13:30 - 14:10	Rebeca Pérez León <i>Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey</i> Twenty-First Century Prometheus Externalist Non-Human Semantics and LLM's Agency	Kailuo Wang <i>Independent Scholar</i> Holistic Consensus: A Pragmatic Framework for Agreement in a Post-Metaphysical World
14:10 - 14:50	Bruno Muntaabski <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Meaning and use, inference and metaphor: On Rorty's philosophy of language	Andrea Carriquiry <i>Universidad de la República</i> "Looking Backwards from the Year 2025": An Unfinished Conversation between Rorty and Habermas on Truth and Democracy
14:50 - 15:30	Nuala Szler <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Rorty on Metaphor	Evelyn Vargas <i>Universidad Nacional de La Plata</i> Rorty on Hope in an Age of Cruelty
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 17:20	Room 401 <i>Chair: Federico López</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Marco Trucco</i>
16:00 – 16:40	Javier Castro Albano <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> The Poet and the Logician. Formal Logic in a Rortyan World	Finney Premkumar <i>University of Birmingham</i> Richard Rorty: Making the Public more Intellectual and the Intellectual more Public
16:40 – 17:20	Waldomiro J. Silva Filho <i>Universidade Federal da Bahia</i> Rorty, Conversation and the Epistemology of Conversation	Ana Lucía Valle <i>Universidad Nacional de Tucumán</i> Rorty and Moral Progress: Redescription and Ethnocentrism
17:20 – 18:30	SUSAN DIELEMAN <i>University of Lethbridge</i> Trust in Rorty <i>Chair: Nalliely Hernández</i> Room 401	
18:40 – 19:20	SEDA <i>Sebastián Espósito (guitar) & Daniel Godfrid (piano)</i> Tango Music Show Main hall, ground floor	

FRIDAY 5, December 2025

09:00 – 10:00	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Room 401)	
10:00 – 12:00	Room 401 <i>Chair: Mauro Santelli</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Vicente Pozo</i>
10:00 - 10:40	Juan Manuel Saharrea <i>Universidad Católica de Córdoba</i> Rorty through the Lens of Deweyan Growth: Education, Socialization, and Individualization	Manuel Keri <i>Universidad Nacional de La Plata</i> Rorty and deconstruction
10:40 - 11:20	Federico Penelas <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Irony for All! On a Supposed Right to Self-Creation	Maria Victoria Muñoz <i>Universidad de la República</i> Redescription, Solidarity, and Social Pain: Rorty with Psychoanalysis
11:20 - 12:00	Yvonne Huetter-Almerigi <i>Università di Bologna</i> The vocabulary of agency and personhood	Fred Copley <i>Independent Scholar</i> Rorty, Democracy, and the Status of the Sublime
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 – 15:30	Room 401 <i>Chair: Brendan Hogan</i>	Room 402 <i>Chair: Pedro Martínez Romagosa</i>
13:30 - 14:10	Bill Curtis <i>University of Portland</i> Rorty as Philosophical Entrepreneur: In Defense of “Atmospherics”	Carlin Romano <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> As Rorty Wrote Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature: Memories of a Research Assistant
14:10 - 14:50	Sofía Forte <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Values and Democracy: an inextricable relationship	Marco Antonio Conceição <i>Instituto Federal do Piauí</i> Edna Magalhães do Nascimento <i>Universidade Federal do Piauí</i> Richard Rorty's Metaphilosophy: The Effectiveness of Docudrama Narrative
14:50 - 15:30	Mariano Garreta Leclercq <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Pragmatism and the Epistemic Value of Liberal Democracy	Benjamín Troncoso <i>Universidad de Buenos Aires</i> Vocabularies for pastmaking: for a notion of narrative in Rorty
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 17:20	Room 401 <i>Chair: Yvonne Huetter-Almerigi</i>	
16:00 – 16:40	Martin Müller <i>Universität Tübingen</i> Internal Criticism and Utopian Narrative: Social Criticism According to Richard Rorty	
16:40 – 17:20	Bjørn T. Ramberg <i>Universitetet i Oslo</i> Redescription, Representation, Justice	
17:20 – 18:30	MICHAEL WILLIAMS <i>John Hopkins University</i> Troubles with Truth <i>Chair: Federico Penelas</i> Room 401	
18:40 – 19:00	CONFERENCE CLOSING CEREMONY Fellows Recognition Room 401	