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## INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON COHERENCE AND DISORDERS OF THE EMBODIED SELF

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## INVITATION

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Heidelberg and the International Conference **'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Coherence and Disorders of the Embodied Self'**. During the last decade, philosophical, psychological and neurobiological approaches to the self have increasingly overcome their disciplinary constraints and entered into a productive dialogue. Different levels of self-awareness such as the 'core' or 'minimal self' and the 'extended' or 'narrative self' have been distinguished and investigated from a phenomenological, developmental and neuro-cognitive perspective. In this context, disorders of self-experience have also attracted growing attention. The concept of embodiment may serve as a crucial junction for integrating these different approaches into a common framework. This idea has inspired the European Marie-Curie Research Training Network "Disorders and Coherence of the Embodied Self" (DISCOS), a consortium of 10 European research facilities which organizes this conference.

The conference is aimed at creating an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas on the themes of embodiment, self-awareness and its disorders. Special emphasis will be placed on

- the interplay of biological and social factors for establishing self-coherence
- the relevance of intersubjectivity and intercorporeality for the development of the self
- neuropsychiatric disorders of the embodied self, their nature and origins
- therapeutic and ethical consequences.

A number of distinguished speakers have been invited for the conference. There will be a schedule of plenary sessions and poster sessions.

We look forward to meeting you in the charming city of Heidelberg and its beautiful surroundings.



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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Abstracts for the conference may be submitted as poster presentation. You are kindly invited to submit an abstract on the relevant topic that you wish to present, preferably, but not necessarily connected to the main topics of the conference stated on page 6-7.

Abstracts for posters must be submitted in English. Please use the form provided on our congress website [www.discos2008.unitt.de](http://www.discos2008.unitt.de). The text should not contain more than 250 words. Please, include the name(s) of the author(s), institution, city and country. Note that authors presenting abstracts must be registered participants. If you have any questions regarding the submission of an abstract please contact us by e-mail to [discos2008@med.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:discos2008@med.uni-heidelberg.de) or else by letter to the Scientific Office.

Abstracts are subject to approval by the Scientific Committee and to final assignment of inclusion into the program as poster presentation. Authors will be notified by e-mail. Therefore it is essential to state your correct e-mail address.

Instructions concerning the presentation can be found in section 'General and Practical Information', page 10.

**DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION: 30.09.2008**

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE I

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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

13.00 OPENING

### PHILOSOPHY

#### WHAT MAKES UP A SELF? SELF COHERENCE AND ITS ORIGINS

- 14:00 Dan Zahavi: Minimal self and narrative self:  
A distinction in need of refinement
- 14:40 Thomas Metzinger: Out of the body and into the mind
- 15:20 Dan Hutto: Composing ourselves:  
Embodied engagements and narrative extension
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 *Alternative Perspective Talk:*  
Yves Rossetti: Origins of the self and the body:  
How do they communicate after brain lesion?
- 17:10 *Structured discussion*
- 19:00 Poster session 1

### FRIDAY MORNING - NEUROSCIENCE

#### BRAIN, CONSCIOUSNESS AND SELF

- 09:00 Steven Laureys: Is there anybody in there?  
Brain function in disorders of consciousness
- 9:40 Vittorio Gallese: Embodied simulation and its role in  
intersubjectivity
- 10:20 Kai Vogeley: Self-consciousness and social cognition
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 *Alternative Perspective Talk*  
Evan Thompson: Embodied self-awareness  
and the "resting state": A neurophenomenological approach
- 12:15 *Structured discussion*
- 13:00 Node Leader Meeting

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE II

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON - DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

#### IS THERE A SELF WITHOUT SELVES?

#### DEVELOPMENT OF SELF AND INTERSUBJECTIVITY

- 14:00 Philippe Rochat: Me and mine in early development
- 14:40 Paul Harris: Trusting the self and trusting the other
- 15:20 György Gergely: Attachment, mentalisation, and  
intersubjectivity: The development of the representational  
affective self.
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 *Alternative Perspective Talk:*  
Thomas Fuchs: Non-representational intersubjectivity
- 17:10 *Structured Discussion*
- 18:30 Poster session 2
- 20:30 Social event

### SATURDAY MORNING - PSYCHIATRY/PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE

#### HOW TO TREAT A SELF. SELF DISORDERS AND THEIR THERAPY

- 09:00 Josef Parnas: The structure of the self as seen  
through the prism of psychopathology of schizophrenia
- 09:40 Peter Fonagy: Treatment outcome of  
mentalisation-based interventions for self-pathology
- 10:20 Gerd Rudolf: The impact of structural functioning  
for the embodied self
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 *Integrative Perspective Talk:*  
Peter Henningsen: Disordered self on many levels -  
any chance for therapeutic integration?
- 12:15 *Structured discussion*
- 13:30 Closing of the conference

## CONGRESS INFORMATION

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### REGISTRATION

Please use the enclosed registration form for your conference registration or register online via Internet at [www.discos2008.unitt.de](http://www.discos2008.unitt.de). Registrations which come in after 09.11.2008 will be processed at the conference counter on site.

### REGISTRATION FEES

<i>Registration and Payment received</i>	<i>Until</i>	<i>From</i>
<i>Post Graduates:</i>	30.09.2008	01.10.2008
	100,00 €	120,00 €
<i>Undergraduates:</i>	60,00 €	80,00 €

*For special funding possibilities for students please look at the website.*

### PAYMENT CONFIRMATION

We recommend paying the registration fee by credit card. We accept VISA-Card or MASTERCARD/EUROCARD. In case you would like to make a bank transfer, kindly use the following details:

Account Holder: University of Heidelberg  
Bank: BW-Bank Stuttgart  
Bank Code: 600 501 01  
Account No: 7421 500 436  
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*Please, enter name of participant only and DISCOS 2008*

### REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Admission to poster sessions
- Conference materials
- Coffee breaks
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception on Thursday, 13 November 2008

**Not included** Social event on Friday, 14 November:

Additional fee 40,00 €, undergraduates reduced fee: 30,00 €

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### CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of the full registration fee, each participant will receive a confirmation of registration and payment. Please present this confirmation at the conference counter as proof of your pre-registration.

### CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION

Delegates unable to attend the conference after submitting a registration form are most welcome to nominate a substitute. If you must cancel your registration your written request must be received by 31.10.2008, to receive a refund less 25 % administrative charge. Refunds will be made as a rule after the conference. After 01.11.2008 no refund can be made for cancellations. Please address your cancellation in writing only to the congress office.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel rooms of various categories are preliminarily blocked for the participants. Please address your requirements to:

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## GENERAL AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English.

### REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DURING THE CONFERENCE

**Thursday, Nov 13: 11.00-17.00**  
**Friday, Nov 14: 8.30-17.00**  
**Saturday, Nov 15: 8.30-12.00**

### POSTER SESSIONS

Posters should be 0.90 m wide and 1.20 m high. The title and authors should appear in bold lettering. The text and illustrations should be readable from a distance of 2 m. There will be two Poster Sessions on Thursday, Nov 13, 19:00 and Friday, Nov 14, 18:30, in which posters will be formally discussed. At least one of the authors should be present at the poster for the duration of the poster session on the designated day.

### COFFEE BREAKS

Coffee and refreshment will be provided (free of charge for registered participants) in the adjacent rooms of the conference hall during the official coffee breaks.

### BANQUET AT PRINZ CARL PALAIS, FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 20:30 H

A banquet will be organised for all participants and their accompanying persons at Prinz Carl Palais. Local food and entertainment will be provided. Price per person: 40,00 € (for undergraduates reduced 30,00 €)

## GENERAL AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### ARRIVAL

Frankfurt International Airport is 90 km away from Heidelberg, Stuttgart Airport 130 km. An airport transfer can be booked via the Heidelberg Convention and Visitors Bureau. Please see contact details above. Heidelberg is integrated in the ICE- and IC-/EC net of the German Railway System.

### CITY OF HEIDELBERG

The conference will be held at the prestigious Old University of Heidelberg. Heidelberg offers not only a unique blend of river landscape, historic town and hillside castle, but also a varied cultural scene. There are more than ten museums, among them the famous Collection Prinzhorn, five theatres as well as the philharmonic hall of the Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra. Heidelberg is also an excellent starting point for cultural excursions to the neighbouring cities of Speyer, Mannheim or Worms, boat trips along the Neckar, or visits to the wine country of the nearby Palatinate, the Odenwald Forest or the Alsace area of eastern France.

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