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## Conference: The Form of Science – Philosophy of Science in neo- Kantianism

Place: December 10-12, 2025, [Erika-Weinzierl-Saal](#),  
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

Organized by: Georg Schiemer and Moritz Bodner (University of Vienna, ERC Project: “The  
Formal Turn - The Emergence of Formalism in Twentieth-Century Thought”)

Day 1		Wednesday  December 10, 2025	
09:00 (s.t.) – 09:15	<b>Opening</b>		
09:15 – 10:15	<b>Chiara Krauss Russo (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)</b> “Vaihinger and Darwin: A Counter-Narrative.”		
10:15 – 10:30	Tea/Coffee		
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Martin Kusch (Universität Wien)</b> “Neokantian Formal Sociology around 1900.”		
11:30 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee		
11:45 – 12:45	<b>Elisabeth Widmer (London School of Economics)</b> “Socialism rerevised.”		
12:45 – 15:00	Lunch		
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Charles Braverman (Université de Lorraine)</b> “Can we really identify and characterize a neo-kantianism in the late french XIXth century ? A case study about the links between science and philosophy in philosophical journals.”		
16:00 – 16:15	Tea/Coffee		
16:15 – 17:15	<b>Annie Petit-Musson (Université Paul-Valéry de Montpellier)</b> “Comtian Positivism and Kantianism, Neo-Criticism, Neo-Kantianism: Links and Contestations.”		
17:15 - 17:30	Tea/Coffee		
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Warren Schmaus (Illinois Institute of Technology)</b> “Neocriticism and Scientific Revolutions.”(via Zoom)		



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Day 2 Thursday  December 11, 2025	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Francesca Biagioli (Università degli Studi di Torino)</b> “Forma formata and forma formans: Cassirer's functional account of scientific statements.”
10:00 – 10:15	Tea/Coffee
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Daniel Koenig (Universität Wuppertal)</b> “Cassirer's Critique of Hilbert's Formalism and the Importance of the Mathematical Symbolism.”
11:15 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Georg Schiemer (Universität Wien)</b> “Cassirer on the ideality of mathematics.”
12:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Scott Edgar (Sain Mary's University)</b> “Hermann Cohen on infinitesimal magnitude and the principle of continuity.”
16:00 – 16:15	Tea/Coffee
	<b>33rd Vienna Circle Lecture with Lydia Patton (Virginia Tech, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences)</b> <b>Venue: Aula am Campus der Universität Wien, Hof 1, Eingang 1.11, Spitalgasse 2-4, 1090 Vienna</b>
17:00 – 19:00	<b>Lydia Patton (Virginia Tech, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences)</b> “Testing Scientific Theories.”
19:30	Conference Dinner



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Day 3	
Friday   December 12, 2025	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Charlotte Morel (École normale supérieure - PSL)</b> “Metaphysics and philosophy of science in French Neo-Kantian currents: A cross-analysis through Lotze's reception.”
10:00 – 10:15	Tea/Coffee
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Francesco Pisano (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)</b> “The neo-Kantian background of Poincaré's critique of mathematical logic.”
11:15 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Moritz Bodner (Universität Wien)</b> “French Intuitionism: The 19th Century Background to Brouwer's Philosophy.”
12:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Luigi Laino (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II)</b> “The Fall of Marburg Neo-Kantianism: The case of Elsbach's book Kant und Einstein.”
16:00 – 16:15	Tea/Coffee
16:15 – 17:15	<b>Marco Giovanelli (Università degli Studi di Torino)</b> “Cassirer and the Arithmetization of Physics.”

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45-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes for questions on topics related to the talk.

Venue: Erika-Weinzierl-Saal: <https://event.univie.ac.at/raummanagement/standorte-und-raeume/das-hauptgebaeude/veranstaltungsraeume/erika-weinzierl-saal/>