

**Personalities, Pragmatic Affairs, and Playful Worlds. *On Multiple Realities* 1945-2025**

**VII. Conference of the International Alfred Schutz Circle for Phenomenology and Interpretive Social Science**

Conference Venue: Währinger Straße 29, 1090 Vienna, Austria

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Time	Room HS 01	Room SR 04	Room SR 05
10:45 AM	<b>OPENING:</b> <i>Michaela Pfadenhauer</i> (University of Vienna), <i>Christopher Schlembach</i> (Bertha von Suttner Private University), <i>Alexander Bogner</i> (Austrian Association for Sociology [ÖGS]), <i>Angelika Pofperl</i> (German Sociological Association [DGS] – Sociology of Knowledge), <i>Jochen Dreher</i> (Chair Schutz Circle, History of Sociology [DGS]), <i>Claudia Schutz Gahagan</i> (Honorary Member of the Schutz Circle), <i>Theresa Vollmer</i> (University of Vienna)		
12:00 PM	<p><b>FINITE PROVINCES</b>  <i>Guilia Salzano (Perugia):</i> Operationalizing Lebenswelt: Alfred Schütz, Benita Luckmann, Anne Honer, and the geographies of the Life-World  <i>Stefan Nicolae (Trier):</i> On the cognitive style of ‚finite provinces of meaning‘. Reflections on a sociology of knowledge approach to valuation  <i>Nathalie Zaccai-Reyners (Brussels):</i> What kind of «attention à la vie» is involved in cure or care relations with elderly residents? Investigating care institutions in light of Schutz’s theory of multiple realities</p>	<p><b>PERSON(ALITY)</b>  <i>Gerd Sebald (Erlangen):</i> On the unity of the person. Reflections on the center of multiple realities  <i>Lisa Henke (Mainz):</i> Out of this World: The Faces of Multiple Personalities  <i>Paul Distler (Chemnitz):</i> Dementia and the 'Problem of Personality in the Social World'  <i>Folke Brodersen (Kiel):</i> Organizing Plurality. Multiplying realities of identity, gender and selves?</p>	<p><b>RELEVANCE</b>  <i>Ryohei Kakinuma (Hanyū):</i> On Max Weber’s Concept of “Elective Affinity” in the Social Sciences: From the Viewpoint of Schutz’s Concept of Relevance  <i>Dániel Havrančík (Budapest):</i> Rationality, complexity, relevance. A phenomenological-cybernetic outlook on agency  <i>Siglinde Peetz (Bern):</i> Mapping Relevance: Analyzing Public Scandals in the Digital Age with Schütz’ Relevance Theory  <i>Daniel Gyollai (Copenhagen), Sabrina De Biasio (Pisa):</i> Bartlett meets Schutz and Husserl: Relevance and the horizons of constructive memory</p>
1:45 PM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
2:15 PM	<p><b>FINITE PROVINCES</b>  <i>Michael Barber (St. Louis):</i> The Relationship of Provinces of Meanings to Each Other and Generative Phenomenology  <i>Florian Elliker (St. Gallen), Thomas Eberle (St. Gallen):</i> Realities of Altered States of Consciousness: On Psychedelic Experiences  <i>Jerry Williams (Nacogdoches):</i> Confronting Humanism: The Finite Provinces of Science and Everyday Life</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION</b>  <i>Donovan Barba Reynoso (Mexico City):</i> A Schützian Approximation to the Development of the Stock of Knowledge and Identity of High School Teachers  <i>Komal Yadav (New Delhi):</i> Understanding ‘Success’ &amp; its Everyday Reality – from the Schutz theory of Multiple Realities and Social Constructivist perspective  <i>Malene Engsig Brodersen (Aarhus):</i> Transcendence and Resonance in Education: A Dialogue between Schutzian Phenomenology and Rosa's Sociological Theory  <i>Sona Balasanyan (Vienna/Yerevan):</i> Student Voices: Perception, Experience and Futures of Career Counselling in Armenian and Georgian Universities</p>	<p><b>WAITING</b>  <i>Ingmar Zalewski (Kassel):</i> Imposed Waiting: Thinking Through Schutz in Forced Migration Studies</p> <p><b>PHENOMENOLOGY, INTERSUBJECTIVITY</b>  <i>Meirav Almog (Tel Aviv):</i> The Stranger— Thinking the 'In-between' in Simmel and Schutz  <i>Suchet Kumar (Mohali):</i> Alfred Schutz’s Perspective in Phenomenology Approach: Ideas, Concepts and Methods</p>

4:00 PM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>			<b>CITY WALK A</b> <b>4:00 – 6:00 PM</b> <i>Registration closed.</i>  Starting & end point: lobby at the conference venue.
4:30 PM	<b>„MUSIC BETWEEN, IN OR BEYOND PROVINCES?“</b> <i>Judith Tröndle (Luxemburg), Boris Traue (Luxemburg), Theresa Vollmer (Vienna)</i> <i>Mototaka Mori (Tokyo):</i> VOCALOID and Re-Incarnation – Multiple Transformations of Multiple Realities <i>Andrea Ferretti (Bern), Theresa Vollmer (Vienna):</i> In or Between Provinces? Interruptions in Making Music (Together) <i>Maria Benincá (Porto Alegre):</i> Musical-Pedagogical Action: A conceptual proposal for establishing a dialogue between Alfred Schütz's Theory of Action and Music Education	<b>EMOTION/AFFECT</b> <i>Barna Kovács (Târgu-Mureş):</i> The Emotional Poverty of World Experience  <b>EXISTENTIAL PHENOMENOLOGY</b> <i>Jochen Dreher (Constance):</i> Alienation and the Problem of the Other – Critical Phenomenological Reflections <i>Simon Lafontaine (Brussels):</i> Foreign Understanding in Motility, Dreaming, and Morbidity	<b>SLEEP AND DREAM</b> <i>Malvine Blaesser (Marburg), Svenja Reinhardt (Marburg):</i> Unraveling the Sleepwalker. Investigating meaning-making and the tensions of consciousness <i>Antonio di Chiro (Campobasso):</i> The dream and reality. Alfred Schutz and the phenomenological investigation of the dream dimension <i>Fiona Ambrosi (Mainz):</i> Is this real?	
6:15 PM	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Sophie Loidolt (Darmstadt):</i> Schütz and the Province of Meaning of the Public Sphere			
7:15 PM	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> at the conference venue			

### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time	Room HS 01	Room SR 04	Room SR 05
9:00 AM	<b>CRITIQUE, POLITICS, POWER, CONFLICT</b> <i>Miloš Jovanović (Niš):</i> Conflicted Realities: An Attempt at Schützian Theorising of Symbolic Struggles over Communion in Serbia during COVID <i>Alexis Gros (Jena):</i> A (Schützian) Phenomenology of Ideology: What Is It Like to Have a “False Consciousness”? <i>Georg Harfensteller (Vienna):</i> Decoupling the Political from Politics. On the Emergence of a Substantiating Province of Meaning <i>Michael Hanke (Natal):</i> One of Multiple Realities: the cosmion as a political province of meaning in Alfred Schutz and Eric Voegelin	<b>MEDIA(LITY)</b> <i>Jaya Sarkar (Hyderabad):</i> Multiple Realities in a Technocentric Age: Analyzing Multiplicity in Netflix’s Love, Death & Robots <i>Ekkehard Coenen (Weimar):</i> At the Cinema with Alfred Schütz. On Provinces of Meaning and Their Medial Aspects <i>Vatsal Tewari (New Delhi), Arpita Mishra (New Delhi):</i> Multiple Virtual Realities: Revisiting Schutz's 'On Multiple Realities' in the Age of VR and the Metaverse <i>Mariia Erofeeva (Brussels):</i> On Virtual Lifeworlds: Reexamining Schutz’s Theory in the Context of Immersive Virtual Reality	<b>HISTORY, SELF, MEMORY, IDENTITY</b> <i>Patrik Aspers (St. Gallen):</i> Self as the ontological root of identities <i>Zihan Zhang (Bielefeld):</i> Meaningful Experience and Multiple Realities. A Probable Schützian Contribution to the Representation Theory in Historiography <i>Francis Douville Vigeant (Montréal):</i> Schütz as a Mead reader and the pragmatic implications for his Phenomenological Genesis of the Self <i>Hanna Krocak (Łódź):</i> Memory of a Researcher as a Phenomenological Category. Formative Memories of an Academic Practice Restored in Researchers' Mind, Body and Emotions
10:45 AM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		

11:15 AM	<p><b>CRITIQUE, POLITICS, POWER, CONFLICT</b>  <i>Cheuk Ki Leung (Beijing)</i>: Redressing the Fragmentation of Sociology by Linking Positivism, Hermeneutics, and Critique with Alfred Schutz's Legacies  <i>Ilami Yasna (Warsaw)</i>: Structures of Dangerous Lifeworld: What Would Schutz Say on War?  <i>Yu Mitsuda (Tokyo)</i>: The Well-informed Citizen and the Finite Provinces of Meaning as an Inseparable Pair for Social Critique  <i>Tarushikha Sarvesh (Aligarh)</i>: Navigating Multiple Marginalities: Women's Agency in Conflict Zones Through a Phenomenological Lens</p>	<p><b>MEDIA(LITY)</b>  <i>Nicolai Ruh (Constance)</i>: Exploring Multiple Realities and Human/AI Ontologies with ChatGPT  <i>Ilona Straub (Constance)</i>: Teleoperated Robots and Multiple Realities: Extending Schutz's Framework through Embodied and Technological Mediation  <i>Ajit Singh (Bielefeld)</i>: Joint projecting: the digital materiality of collaborative planning and designing of critical infrastructures</p>	<p><b>HISTORY, SELF, MEMORY, IDENTITY</b>  <i>Muhamad Supraja (Yogyakarta)</i>: Can Schutz's Phenomenology encourage individual-social transformation?  <i>Kochav Koren Nobre Cavalcante (Poznań)</i>: European Figures: conducts of being, having been or becoming European  <i>Anush Yeghiazaryan (Constance)</i>: Thomas Luckmann at the University of Konstanz. On the role and position of a well-known sociologist with rich migration experience at the reform university in a provincial town in southern Germany</p>	
1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>			
2:30 PM	<p><b>CONTEMPORARY ISSUES</b>  <i>Carlos Morujão (Lisbon)</i>: Schutz Philosophy of the Social World and its Relevance for some contemporary Issues  <i>Erik Garrett (Pittsburgh)</i>: Schutz's Pragmatic Notion of Communication in "Multiple Realities"</p> <p><b>RELIGION</b>  <i>Michael Staudigl (Vienna)</i>: Rethinking Religion with Schutz: The religious province of meaning and the dialectics of pragmatic mastery  <i>Jan Strassheim (Tokyo), Yuko Katayama (Tokyo)</i>: The religious cosmos in medieval Christian and Zen Buddhist architectures</p>	<p><b>TYPIFICATION</b>  <i>Mariusz Zemlo (Białystok)</i>: From the rules of cognition to the organisation of the world. Typification in Alfred Schutz terms  <i>Anita Misra Shukla (Noida)</i>: Alfred Schutz Concept of Typification and Multiple Realities: Analyzing Interaction Pattern in Government Institutions in Reference to Noida City  <i>Katharina Miko-Schefzig (Vienna), Cornelia Reiter (Vienna), Karin Sardadvar (Vienna)</i>: Vignettes as Typified Situations: Revisiting Alfred Schütz's Typification in Empirical Studies</p>	<p><b>METHODOLOGY</b>  <i>Carlos Belvedere (Buenos Aires)</i>: How to perform research in macrophenomenology (methodological issues)  <i>Tepei Sekimizu (Tokyo)</i>: Does Research Ethics Subordinate Science to the World of Everyday Life? A Consideration from the Perspective of Multiple Realities and the Concept of Enclave  <i>Besnik Pula (Blacksburg)</i>: Alfred Schutz and the Renewal of Interpretive Social Science  <i>Dagmara Tarasiuk (Łódź)</i>: Extractibirth. Autophenomenography of 'childbirth unfulfilled'</p>	<p><b>CITY WALK B</b>  <b>2:30 – 4:30 PM</b>  <i>Registration closed.</i>  Starting &amp; end point: lobby at the conference venue.</p>
4:15 PM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>			
4:45 PM	<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>			
5:45 PM	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Hubert Knoblauch (Berlin)</i> : <b>Multiple Realities, Effervescence and the Problem of Collectivity</b>			
7:00 PM	<b>GET-TOGETHER at Café Weimar, Währinger Straße 68, 1090 Vienna</b> <i>Registration closed.</i>			

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time	Room HS 01	Room SR 04	Room SR 05
9:30 AM	<b>LITERATURE/NARRATIVES</b> <i>Ralph Sichler (St. Pölten):</i> Transcending the Finite Province of Meaning: Alfred Schutz' Writings on Poetry <i>Jeffrey McCurry (Pittsburgh):</i> The Cost of Everyday Reality? Intersubjectivity, Fantasy, and Commonsense in Don Quixote <i>Masato Kimura (Tokyo):</i> Idol as Enclave: Fandom and Theory of Social Action <i>Anastasiia Zinevych (Jerusalem), Joseph Zislin (Jerusalem):</i> Motifs and motivations: from phenomenology to the medical narratology	<b>TOWARDS LIFEWORLD REINTEGRATION VIA TRANSFORMATIVE PHENOMENOLOGY (Panel Discussion)</b> <b>Valerie Bentz, Barton Buechner, Michael Barber</b> <i>Valerie Bentz (Santa Barbara), James Marlatt (Santa Barbara):</i> Deathworlds and multiple realities: Towards lifeworld reintegration via Transformative Phenomenology <i>Tracy Lefevbre (Santa Barbara):</i> Reframing the Narrative: Problem Setting and Multiple Realities in Adult ADHD Workplace Experiences	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> <i>Daniela López (Buenos Aires):</i> Exploring Moral Landscapes: A Phenomenological Approach to Social Classifications <i>Martin Nitsche (Prague):</i> Strata and Stratification in Schutz's essay "On Multiple Realities" <i>Evandro Camara (Emporia):</i> The Macrophenomenology of Language: Language as Site of Strangeness and Inequality <i>Fouzia Hani (Fes):</i> Gender inequality in Maghreb Arab countries
11:15 AM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11:45 AM	<b>"SPACE, TIME, MEANING: Alfred Schütz's Sociology of Multiple Realities in Dialogue with Art, Play and Literature"</b> <b>Christopher Schlembach (St. Pölten)</b> <i>Ingeborg Helling (Chemnitz):</i> On Multiple Realities and Childrens' Play <i>Reinhold Knoll (Vienna):</i> Walking through the City: A Dialogue with Architecture <i>Christopher Schlembach, Silvia Ungersböck (Vienna):</i> Time, Work and the World of Art	<b>RECOGNIZING THE TRUE SELF IN RESEARCH: MINDFUL INQUIRY AND THE AUTHENTIC NAVIGATION OF THE LIFEWORLD/DEATHWORLD (Panel Discussion)</b> <b>Valerie Bentz, Barton Buechner, Carlos Belvedere</b> <i>Lukia Koliussi (Santa Barbara):</i> Reality Perception and Cross-Contextual Tensions in the Social Media Era: Self-Presentation, Impression Management, and Context Collapse. A Dramaturgical Exploration of Dasein-With-Social-Media <i>Unique Brathwaite (Santa Barbara):</i> Multiple Realities: Understanding the Duality of Racism and Strength in Black Women's Resilience <i>Barton Buechner (Midland &amp; Santa Barbara):</i> Joint inquiry and inter-lifeworld transition: Co-constructing the path across the military/civilian divide <i>Keri Aspegren (Santa Barbara):</i> Life world, We-Relationship and the Search for What is Connectedness	<b>MATERIALITY/BODY</b> <i>Ken Takakusa (Chiba):</i> Body and Materiality in Phenomenological Social Theory <i>Frederike Brandt (Berlin):</i> Coordination between bodies – Reciprocity in Argentine tango <i>Carreras Piero (UCSC / Wuppertal):</i> Cosmological differences and multiple realities <i>Krzysztof Konecki (Łódź):</i> Easter Breakfast – A Wealth of Flavors, A Wealth of Relationships. A Case Study
1:30 PM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		

2:00 PM	<p><b>“LIFEWORLD II: BIOGRAPHIES AND NARRATIVES” – Screening and Discussion of the Documentary Film <i>Hermílio Santos (Porto Alegre)</i></b></p>	<p><b>PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF “MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER” IN BRIDGING BETWEEN LIFEWORLDS (Interactive Experiential Workshop)</b>  <i>Valerie Bentz, Barton Buechner</i>  <i>Barton Buechner, Rik Spann (Amsterdam)</i>: Sound-based interventions: Exploring conversational jazz and improvisation for co-creating healing spaces betwixt and between lifeworlds  <i>Krzysztof Konecki, Valerie Bentz, Evelyn T. Beck</i>: Somatic Engagement: Yogic movements, breath work, and sacred circle dances</p>	<p><b>MATERIALITY/BODY</b>  <i>Anna Kacperczyk (Łódź)</i>: Dumping in the Wild. The Phenomenology of Illegal Garbage Disposal: Typification, Control, and the Social Construction of Illegal Dumps  <i>Jaya Shrivastava (Lucknow), Rima Bardhan (Lucknow)</i>: Menstrual Hygiene Management and Everyday Lived Experiences of Women Slum Dwellers of India  <i>Paul Eisewicht (Münster)</i>: Clubbing with Alfred. On the material representation of belonging to small social life-worlds and their methodological consequences</p>
3:45 PM	<p><b>FAREWELL ADDRESS</b></p>		

**CITY WALK C**  
**4:15 – 6:15 PM**  
*Registration closed.*

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