

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The graduate students of the University of Pittsburgh & Carnegie Mellon University invite submissions to the 20th Annual Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference on:

## Methods & Norms

To be held: March 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2018

Deadline for submissions: January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

Keynote Speaker: Conor Mayo-Wilson

Faculty Speakers: Michael Thompson and Edouard Machery

Submissions of high quality in any area of philosophy will be considered. This year we encourage papers focused especially on the topic of Methods and Norms.

Questions about methods and norms permeate philosophy of science, ethics and meta-ethics, philosophy of mind, epistemology, philosophy of mathematics, philosophical logic, philosophy of language, and experimental philosophy. Are there better and worse methods for coming to truth? Does normativity derive from mind-independent moral facts? Should the methods of philosophical investigation match or take inspiration from science? Are we as philosophers in a position to assess and criticize accepted social, linguistic, and moral norms that govern our day-to-day lives or should we only seek non-debunking theories of such norms? Accounts seeking to answer these and other questions abound in the history of philosophy; starting with Plato and Aristotle, these topics exercised great influence on the thought of philosophers including St. Aquinas, Hume, Kant, and Mill, the Vienna Circle, Popper, Kuhn, and Feyerabend, Davidson and Lewis, Korsgaard, Thompson, and Street. We encourage submissions that explore any issues related to methods and norms.

All submissions must be prepared for blind review. The paper must have no identifying information and must include an abstract of no more than 250 words. Submitted papers must be no more than 4,500 words in length. Submitted papers must be received as .doc, .docx, or .pdf files by January 15th. Accepted papers will be announced in February 2018.

To submit papers, follow instructions at

<https://easychair.org/my/conference.cgi?conf=pcmuc2018;welcome=1;a=13655770>

All questions may be directed to [PittCMUConference@gmail.com](mailto:PittCMUConference@gmail.com)

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