

**We hereby announce an international workshop:**

## **SUBSTANCE A Critical Re-Evaluation**

**September 26 (Wednesday, 2 pm) – September 28 (Friday, 2 pm), 2018**

**Location:**

*Charity and Education Center Caritas, Popowo-Letnisko, ul. Centralna 6, 07-203 Somianka (by route No. 62: Serock – Wyszaków)*

**Organized by:**

- **University of Augsburg** (represented by Uwe Meixner)
- **University of Innsbruck** (represented by Christian Kanzian)
- **International Society for Formal Ontology** (represented by Mirosław Szatkowski)

**Speakers will include:**

- **Michał Głowala** (University of Wrocław, Poland)
- **Mariusz Grygianiec** (University of Warsaw, Poland)
- **Christian Kanzian** (University of Innsbruck, Austria)
- **Kathrin Koslicki** (University of Alberta, Canada)
- **Uwe Meixner** (University of Augsburg, Germany)
- **Marek Piwowarczyk** (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland)
- **Christoph Rapp** (University of Munich, Germany)
- **Benjamin Schnieder** (University of Hamburg, Germany)
- **Erwin Tegtmeier** (University of Mannheim, Germany)

**What is at issue:**

No concept is more controversial in the history of ontology, and also in the contemporary discussion, than ‘substance’. Whether a given ontology includes substances or rejects them – this basically decides not only what is the framework of categories accepted in the ontology, but also what is the conception of metaphysics it presupposes. For many approaches to metaphysics, substances are indispensable, especially, of course, for Aristotelian-Thomistic approaches.

In our workshop, we will discuss recent attempts to refute substance ontology, as well as strategies to re-establish it with new ontological/formal tools. We will pay special attention to the fact that ‘substance’ is a central topic in philosophy. The acceptance or rejection of substances has farreaching consequences for the philosophy of mind (the key issue here is substance dualism) and other philosophical disciplines, for example, the philosophy of science and the philosophy of nature.

**Further information:**

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