

Perspectives on the scientific study of religion: The search for evidence November 1st - November 2nd 2013 Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University Dean's Conference Room, Building C, 2nd Floor

The view from the philosophy of science: Robert N. McCauley William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor of Philosophy Director of the Centre for Mind, Brain and Culture Emory University

The view from experimental psychology: Cristine H. Legare Assistant Professor of Psychology University of Texas at Austin

Since the inception of the cognitive sciences and their turn to developing the relationship between cognition and culture a great deal of theoretical work has been published. It was evident that sooner or later such theoretical work required empirical and experimental work to test the many hypotheses and predictions generated by the theories on the table. These roundtables focus on the methods required to capture the evidence required to give credibility to the theories and to confirm or disconfirm the predictions. These roundtables are also designed to seek guidance from the philosophy of science in this endeavor.

Timetable

Friday, the 1st November 2013

13:00-13:15 Opening

13:15-14:30 Keynote Lecture – Cristine H. Legare

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-17:00 Round Table 1 (Operationalization)

18:00 Social Evening, Café Atlas (Žerotínovo nám. 6)

Saturday, the 2nd November 2013

10:30-11:45 Keynote Lecture - Robert N. McCauley

11:45-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Round Table 2 (Vertical Integration)