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**Category:** Academic Meeting

**Title:** Applying Peirce: The Second International Conference on Peirce's Thought and Its Applications

**Description:** Research in Charles Sanders Peirce's thought has grown rapidly both within and outside the arena of philosophy on the global level. Peirce's pioneering contributions to philosophy, pragmatism, logic, the theory of signs, philosophy of science and to numerous other fields are currently being explored not only in philosophy but also in other sciences and in art studies.

The second instalment of the Applying Peirce conference, first held in Helsinki in June 2007, brings together Peirce scholars and researchers to explore and discuss Peirce's thought and applications in diverse fields.

The year 2014 marks the centenary of Peirce's death in Milford, Pennsylvania, in 19 April 1914. The meeting takes place in the twin cities of Helsinki and Tallinn, connected by a two-hour ferry ride. The programme consists of workshops and a small selection of contributed papers.

### **Venue**

The conference takes place at Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia (20-21 April) and the University of Helsinki, Finland (22-23 April). The exact locations and registration information will be available on this webpage closer to the conference. N.B. the conference dates have been changed after the initial announcement of the event.

### **The conference organizers:**

- Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen (Chair)
- Mats Bergman (Co-chair)
- Henrik Rydenfelt (Secretary)
- Jean-Marie Chevalier
- Juuso-Ville Gustafsson
- Jelena Issayeva
- Erkki Kilpinen
- Marko Marila
- Amirouche Moktefi
- Jukka Nikulainen
- Sami Paavola

## **Call for Papers**

The organizers invite submissions on any topic in accordance to the theme of the conference. We encourage proposals that explore the applicability of Peirce's thought to current questions and problems in various disciplines across the sciences and the arts that identify the leading edge on Peirce studies. (For a separate call on Peirce and his students see separate call below.) Suitable topics include, but are not limited to, Peirce in connection to

- history of science
- mathematics, logic, diagrams
- abductive reasoning
- communication and rhetoric
- cognitive and computing sciences
- linguistics, semiotics
- fine arts and design
- physics, biology, geology
- psychology, economics, sociology
- anthropology, archaeology

Please send an abstract of 300-500 words to [info@nordprag.org](mailto:info@nordprag.org) by 1 February 2014 (in pdf, rtf or doc format). Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 8 February 2014. A time slot of about 30-35 minutes (including discussion) will be allotted for each paper.

## **Call for Papers: Peirce and His Students**

Tallinn, Estonia, 21 April 2014

It has sometimes been claimed that, unlike many other classical philosophers, Charles Peirce had few or even no intellectual heirs at all. This event intends to establish the extent of relationships between Peirce and his pupils, students, collaborators, successors and inheritors – and to what extent these notions themselves also call for historical and philosophical clarification when it comes to the legacy of a great thinker.

Although having held no permanent academic position, Peirce led the Metaphysical Club and instructed a famous circle of logic and philosophy students at Johns Hopkins University. Moreover, he lectured often, developed correspondence courses, collaborated with a number of scientists, and contributed with his student Joseph Jastrow to what became the field of experimental psychology. His correspondence reveals that many were eager to learn from him, and he designed courses with attention to logic teaching and pedagogy. Thanks to the efforts of Ladd-Franklin and many others, a Peircean

school of logic may have been in the making already in his lifetime. These and many other issues invite a closer investigation of Peirce's legacy as viewed through his students.

Possible topics include:

- Peirce's students at the Johns Hopkins University: John Dewey, Allan Marquand, Christine Ladd-Franklin, Oscar Howard Mitchell, Benjamin Ives Gilman, Joseph Jastrow, Ellery W. Davies, Thorstein Veblen, Josiah Royce, Henry Taber. How do Peirce's teachings show up in their own careers?
- Peirce's influence on his colleagues and collaborators; his place in academia; his own research groups
- The impact of the Metaphysical Club to the development of science and philosophy
- Students in Peirce's correspondence; Peirce's correspondence courses
- Schröder, Ladd-Franklin and other logicians and philosophers pursuing Peirce's logics; the nature of the Peircean lineage in logic
- Peirce's influence on Ramsey and the Cambridge community
- Welby's signifiacs in comparison to Peirce's
- The reception of pragmatism in his lifetime

Submissions (max. one page abstract) should be sent to [peirce.workshop@gmail.com](mailto:peirce.workshop@gmail.com) by 28 February 2014. Notifications by 8 March 2014.

Organisers: Jean-Marie Chevalier (Collège de France) & Amirouche Moktefi (Tallinn University of Technology).

### **Programme**

The following workshops have been planned:

Tallinn, 20-21 April:

- Peirce and His Students (organizers Amirouche Moktefi & Jean-Marie Chevalier)

Helsinki, 22-23 April:

- Abduction (organizer Sami Paavola)
- Social Sciences & Communication (organizer Mats Bergman)
- Pragmati(ci)sm (organizer Henrik Rydenfelt)
- Theorematic Reasoning (organizer Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen)

The conference programme will be available in March 2014.

**Date:** 19/04/2014 to 22/04/2014

**Place:** Helsinki and Tallinn  
**Link:** Conference page