

PARTICIPANT FORM for the SUMMER SCHOOL

Constructivism and Enaction

A new paradigm for Cognitive Science

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I. – SITUATION

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III. – RESEARCH THEME

One of my principal research areas has been on the role of cognition in human (or some would want to say “intentional”) action and more generally on the nature of agency, including, but not restricted to, human (“intentional”) agency. Some of my recent publications related to these topics are : “Reason, Passion and the Influencing Motives of the Will”, published in *The Blackwell Guide to Hume’s Treatise*, ed. Saul Traiger (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2005) ; “Action, Causation and Description”, published in *A Explicação da Interpretação Humana* (The Explanation of Human Interpretation), ed. João Sâágua (Lisbon: Edições Colibri, 2004); “Agency and Patency: Back to Nature?” published in *Philosophical Explorations* 5:1 (2002); “Cognition, Desire and Motivation: ‘Humean’ and ‘Non-Humean’ Considerations”, published in *Sats - Nordic Journal of Philosophy* 2:2 (2001); and “Rational Ends: Humean and Non-Humean Considerations”, also published in *Sats - Nordic Journal of Philosophy* 1:2 (2000). I have followed with interest the work being done on cognition and action at the Université de Technologie Compiègne and at the University of Sussex, and have been a regular participant in the annual Compiègne Seminar, at which these subjects have been discussed under various rubrics. I have also done related work on perception, being influenced by Reid and Gibson, and find the enaction model to have many persuasive features and to be helpful to me in my research.

III. – VIDEOS AND EXPERIMENTAL MATERIAL

Moments of relaxation might be the occasion to share and show original scientific video documents (not too long) or experimental material (which could be used by all the participants). A video party and an experimental demonstration session have been planned. Could you indicate video or experimental material you would like to present.

Videos :

Experimental demonstration :