Call for Papers:
Intelligibility

University of Alberta Philosophy Graduate and Post-Graduate Conference
May 9-11, 2014
Edmonton, Alberta

We invite submission of papers by graduate students and postgraduates (who have been awarded their PhD no earlier than 2008) to the graduate and post-graduate philosophy conference to be held on May 9-11, 2014 at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

For something to be intelligible is for it to make sense or be afforded an explanation within a certain conceptual framework. Whether something is intelligible then seems both relative and intrinsic to the broader perspective from which we approach it. This makes the notion itself transparent to philosophical reflection. The aim of this conference is to bring intelligibility to the foreground, so that we can examine its nature and role within different discourses.

Papers from both the analytic and continental traditions, as well as from other disciplines and traditions of investigation are welcomed. We especially encourage submissions from women and other groups historically underrepresented in the profession. Possible questions for consideration include, but are not limited to: What are the criteria for intelligibility? Can intelligibility work as an explicit criterion in explaining our relationship to ourselves, others and the world? What makes scientific or philosophical explanations intelligible? What is the role that language plays in considerations of intelligibility? What is the relationship between intelligibility and rationality? What is the relationship between intelligibility and cognitive significance? Does or should intelligibility play a formative role in moral or aesthetic deliberation? Does the very notion of intelligibility hinge on a dubious notion of privileged access? If so, what are the dangers (ethical, political, social) of employing this notion?

Keynote Presentation:

Intelligibility and Ineffability
Dr. Graham Priest
CUNY & Arché: Philosophical Research Centre, St. Andrews

Deadline for submission: **March 7, 2014**

Submission Guidelines: Papers should not exceed 3000 words. They should be prepared for blind review and sent as a PDF file to <u>uofaphilconference@gmail.com</u>. In a separate PDF attachment, please include your name, academic affiliation, e-mail address, paper title, and an abstract of no more than 150 words.

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