



**Venice International University
Graduate Seminar
Belief Change and Information Exchange:
Current Trends in Epistemic Logic**

**Venice International University
May 18-22, 2026**

Faculty

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Agenda

Monday, May 18

9:00-9.15	<i>Registration</i>
9.15-9.30	Opening and introduction (VIU & Scientific Coordinators)
9.30-10.10	A General Introduction to the Seminar: Issues in Epistemic Logic Fenrong Liu and Wei Zhu
10.10-10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-12.00	Deontic Logic and Information Dynamics Alessandra Marra
12.00-13.00	Myself in 3 minutes
<i>Lunch</i>	
14.15-15.15	Myself in 3 minutes
15.00-16.30	Obligation and Permission as Dependency Chenwei Shi

Tuesday, May 19

9.30-11.00	Social Epistemic Logic Fenrong Liu
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-13.00	Inquisitive Modal Logic Ivano Ciardelli

Lunch

14.15-16.15	<i>Group discussions.</i>
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Wednesday, May 20

9.30-11.00	Many-valued Logics in Belief Suspension Wei Zhu
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-13.00	Sequent Calculi for Dynamic Epistemic Logic Edi Pavlović

Lunch

	Free afternoon
Evening	Social dinner

Thursday, May 21

9.30-11.00	Support Conditionals: Logical and Philosophical Aspects Hans Rott
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-13.00	Epistemic Paradoxes Massimiliano Carrara

Lunch

14.15-16.15	Group Discussions
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Friday, May 22

9.30-11.00	Group presentations
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	Group presentations

Lunch

14.15-15.45	Round-table discussion
15.45-16.00	Final Remarks

Faculty's short bio



Liu Fenrong is Changjiang Distinguished Professor at Tsinghua University, Amsterdam-China Logic Visiting Chair at the University of Amsterdam, Co-Director of the Tsinghua - UvA Joint Research Centre for Logic. Member of Institut International de Philosophie (IIP), Correspondence Member of Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences (AIPS). Her research areas include preference logic, social epistemic logic, game logic, AI logic and the history of logic in China. She has published extensively on these topics, notably, *Reasoning about Preference Dynamics*

(Springer 2011) and *Social Epistemic Logic* (Tsinghua University Press 2023). She is currently editing a *Handbook of the Logical Thought in China*. She is an editor-in-chief of the book series of *Studia Logica Library: Logic in Asia*, an associate editor of *Studia Logica* and *Global Philosophy*, and an editorial board member of *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Topoi*, *History of Humanities*, and other international journals.



Chenwei Shi is an associate professor at Tsinghua University. He obtained his PhD at ILLC from the University of Amsterdam. His research interest includes philosophical logic, formal epistemology and ethics. In his PhD thesis, he developed a framework for logically characterizing relations between belief and argumentation by combining topological semantics and formal argumentation theory, and a framework for analyzing collective belief as tendency towards consensus. Recently, he has been working on several projects, including solving axiomatization problems for logic of relation lifting and boolean modal logic, characterizing a lattice structure behind group knowledge, and a new approach to deontic logic by taking a game theoretic perspective on social norms.



Edi Pavlovic is a postdoctoral fellow at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. He completed his MA in 2012 and his PhD in 2017 at the Central European University (at that time still located in Budapest), both in Philosophy, examining non-standard quantification theories. His interests lie in free logic(s), as well as a myriad of modalities whose intended interpretations have philosophical heft, like "do," "ought," "believe," and "know," which he strives to unify through logical, and especially proof-theoretic, means. He is always trying to gather like-minded philosophers and logicians in the annual Logic in Philosophy conference in Dubrovnik (Ragusa) and summer school of the same name in Rijeka (Fiume), Croatia, organized jointly with Ofra Rechter of Tel Aviv University.

He has previously worked in the project "Modalities and conditionals: Systematic and historical studies" with the PI Sara Negri as a Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Helsinki 2018-2021, investigating logic of agency, as well as epistemic logic. Since 2021 he has been a member of Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), where he is examining all aspects of free logic in the project "Free logics: Variants, unification, and some applications" with PI Norbert Gatzl. In 2025 he had briefly joined University of Bayreuth where he worked on logic of collective agency within the project "Simulating collective agency" with PI Olivier Roy.



Massimiliano Carrara is Full Professor of Logic, FISPPA Department – Padua University (Padua, Italy). Moreover, he is Visiting Professor at the Institut of Philosophy - USI in Lugano (Swiss) where he teaches Logic and Teaching Fellow of Critical Thinking at the Commercial University Bocconi (Milan, Italy). Finally, was for two years Visiting Professor at the Renmin University of China (Peking- China). He is one of the coordinators of the BoBoPa Research Group (Bonn, Bologna and Padua) and mem-

ber of the European Network in Philosophy of Logic. He has been Visiting researcher and Visiting professor of some universities, Visiting scholar at Columbia University – (NY, US) and Graduate Student at Oxford University (UK). He has written articles in philosophy of logic, logic and metaphysics for some international peer-reviewed philosophy and logic journals: *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Applied Logic*, *Journal of Applied non-classical Logics*, *Journal of Logic and Computation*, *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, *Logique et Analyse*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Studia Logica*, *Synthese*, *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *The Monist*, *The Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *The Review of Symbolic Logic*.



Ivano Ciardelli is an associate professor in the FISPPA Department of the University of Padua, where he currently leads the ERC project "Inquisitive Modal Logic". Before moving to Padua, he held positions at the Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation (ILLC) of the University of Amsterdam, and at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP) at LMU Munich, where he also led a DFG Emmy Noether research group. He obtained his PhD from the University of Amsterdam in 2016.

His research interests include logic, philosophy of language, and natural language semantics and pragmatics. He has played a key role in initiating, developing, and promoting the research program on inquisitive semantics. His publications include two monographs, published by Oxford University Press and Springer, and about 25 papers published in top-tier journals in philosophical and mathematical logic, generalist philosophy, and linguistics. He is an associate editor for the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*.



Alessandra Marra is an assistant professor at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), at LMU Munich. Before the assistant professorship, she was a postdoc at the MCMP (2019-2021) and a lecturer within the Philosophy and Economics program at Bayreuth University (2017-2019). She defended her PhD thesis "Deontic Modality in Rationality and Reasoning" at the Tilburg Center for Logic, Ethics and Philosophy of Science (TiLPS), Tilburg University, in 2019. She holds an MSc in Logic from the Institute of Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), University of Amsterdam, and a BA and MA in Philosophy from the University Ca' Foscari Venice.

She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Society of Deontic Logic and Normative Systems, a member of the editorial board of the journal "Semantics and Pragmatics", and a member of the Bayreuth-Prague-Munich joint project "CELIA: Coalition and Epistemic Logic. Intensional Approaches to Groups". She works in normative reasoning and approaches the issue from various angles: philosophical logic (logics for obligations, intentions, plans, reasons), metaethics (subjective vs objective oughts, prima facie vs all-things-considered oughts), semantics (deontic modals, indicative conditionals, and the inference rules governing their interaction), and the intersection between philosophy of logic and epistemology (the normative role that logical principles play for the reasoning of bounded agents like ourselves).



Wei Zhu, Doctor of Philosophy, graduated from Peking University (China), is currently holding the Walter Benjamin Academic Position funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), and is the Principal Investigator for a two-year research project at the University of Regensburg (Germany). She also serves as Associate Editor of the East Asian Journal of Philosophy (sponsored by the Center for Ethical Studies, Renmin University of China) and Cultori della Materia at the University of Padua. Her re-

search interests include belief revision theories, suspension, preference logic, and non-classical propositional logics. Her publications appear in internationally well-recognised journals such as the Journal of Philosophical Logic, Studia Logica, Journal of Logic and Computation, Journal of Applied Logics, and Studies in Logic (《逻辑学研究》). Between 2021 and 2022, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the FISPPADepartment, University of Padua, for two projects (PI: Massimiliano Carrara). In 2023, she won the Fritz-Thyssen Postdoctoral Stipend for her project co-supervised by Hans Rott and Hannes Leitgeb (LMU, Germany).



Hans Rott is Professor of Theoretical Philosophy at the University of Regensburg. He served as editor-in-chief of the journal Erkenntnis from 2001 to 2011, and as a vice president of the Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie from 2003 to 2012. He has been a member of Leopoldina Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften since 2014. His publications include Change, Choice and Inference: A Study of Belief Revision and Nonmonotonic Reasoning (Oxford University Press, 2001); 'Two Dogmas of Belief Revision', The Journal of Philosophy (2000); 'Revision by Com-

parison', Artificial Intelligence (with E. Fermé, 2004); 'A Puzzle About Disputes and Disagreements', Erkenntnis (2015) and 'Difference- Making Conditionals and the Relevant Ramsey Test', Review of Symbolic Logic (2022) and 'Threshold-based Belief Change: Rankings and Semiorders', Australasian Journal of Logic (with E. Raidl, 2023).