

Location, Grounding, and Mereology

Lugano, 2-3 February 2026

Program

Monday, 2 February, Room 1.3

10.15 Greetings and introduction

Chair: **Maoyuan Zhu** (USI)

10.30 *Decompositional Multitude and Multilocation*
Shieva Kleinschmidt (University of Southern California)

11.30 *On the Primitives of Location Theory*
Fabrice Correia (University of Geneva)

12.30 Lunch break

Chair: **Satbhav Voleti** (USI)

14.30 *Redefining Temporal Parthood*
Francisca Silva (University of St Andrews)

15.30 *Location-based Individuation of Composite Systems*
Alessandro Giordani (Catholic University of Milan)

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 *Banach-Tarski and the Material World*
Jacopo Giraldo (University of Padua)

18.00 *Toward an organicist answer to the ground-theoretic general composition question*
Cody Gilmore (University of California, Davis)

19.00 Social dinner



Tuesday, 3 February, Room Multiuso

Chair: **Dani Alnashi** (USI)

09.30 *Multi-location and the functionality of distance*
Damiano Costa (USI)

10.30 *What Unextended Complexes Can't Do*
Christabel Cane (University College London)

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 *Outline of a Theory of Monism*
Claudio Calosi (University of Venice)

13.00 Lunch break

Chair: **Elena Padoan** (USI)

14.45 *Vague Mereology*
Aaron Cotnoir (University of St Andrews)

15.45 *Demonotonicity, Delegation, and Mereotopological Harmony*
Achille Varzi (Columbia University)

16.45 Coffee break

17.00 *Location, Modality, and Realization*
Gabriel Uzquiano (University of Southern California)

Place

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