

# *BUPS*

British Undergraduate Philosophy Society

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Conference  
2008

**Friday 19th - Sunday 21st September 2008**  
*St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge*

Hi there!

This is the information pack for the British Undergraduate Philosophy Society's Annual Conference 2008. In here you will find all the local details you will need before the conference starts.

Our registration desk will open at 10am on Friday 19th September, in St Catharine's, Cambridge. You can turn up any time between then and about 1.30pm. Professor Brewer's keynote starts at 2pm. Once you have registered, you will be able to meet and chat with other attendees and BUPS committee members, grab a coffee and sandwich down the road, or just relax until the papers start. Our rooms will become available shortly after registration, and there will be a secure place for you to leave your bags in the meantime.

Breakfast is included in the accommodation package – any vegetarian or vegan options have been noted; and we'll be wandering to the many nearby delis, cafes and restaurants for lunch and dinner. We cannot offer food as cheaply as they can, so to keep the conference costs down we let people choose their own meals. You won't be short of choice or company! We provide tea, coffee and biscuits during breaks, and there is a bar in the college, which will be open during our evening sessions.

Over the page you will find useful phone numbers for taxis, emergency contact details and a map, with instructions detailing how to get from the major travel points in Cambridge to the college, as well as some frequently asked questions you might find helpful, and a copy of the conference programme.

We'll be finished about 1pm on Sunday, to give everyone plenty of time to get home – but if you'd like to stick around for a chat afterwards, there'll be a few of us clearing up! There'll also be a chance to chat about joining the BUPS committee, if you enjoy the kind of stuff we get up to.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to drop us a line at [info@bups.org](mailto:info@bups.org).

Look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Joe Cunningham (Chair)

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## Local Information

### Emergency contact numbers

St. Catharine's College: 0122 333 8300

Joe Cunningham: 07746214084

Amanda Montgomery: 07846928677

### Taxi cab numbers

Ace Taxis: 0122 346 2020

Andy Cabs: 0122 357 1144

Camtax Taxis: 0122 324 2424

United Taxis: 0122 331 3131

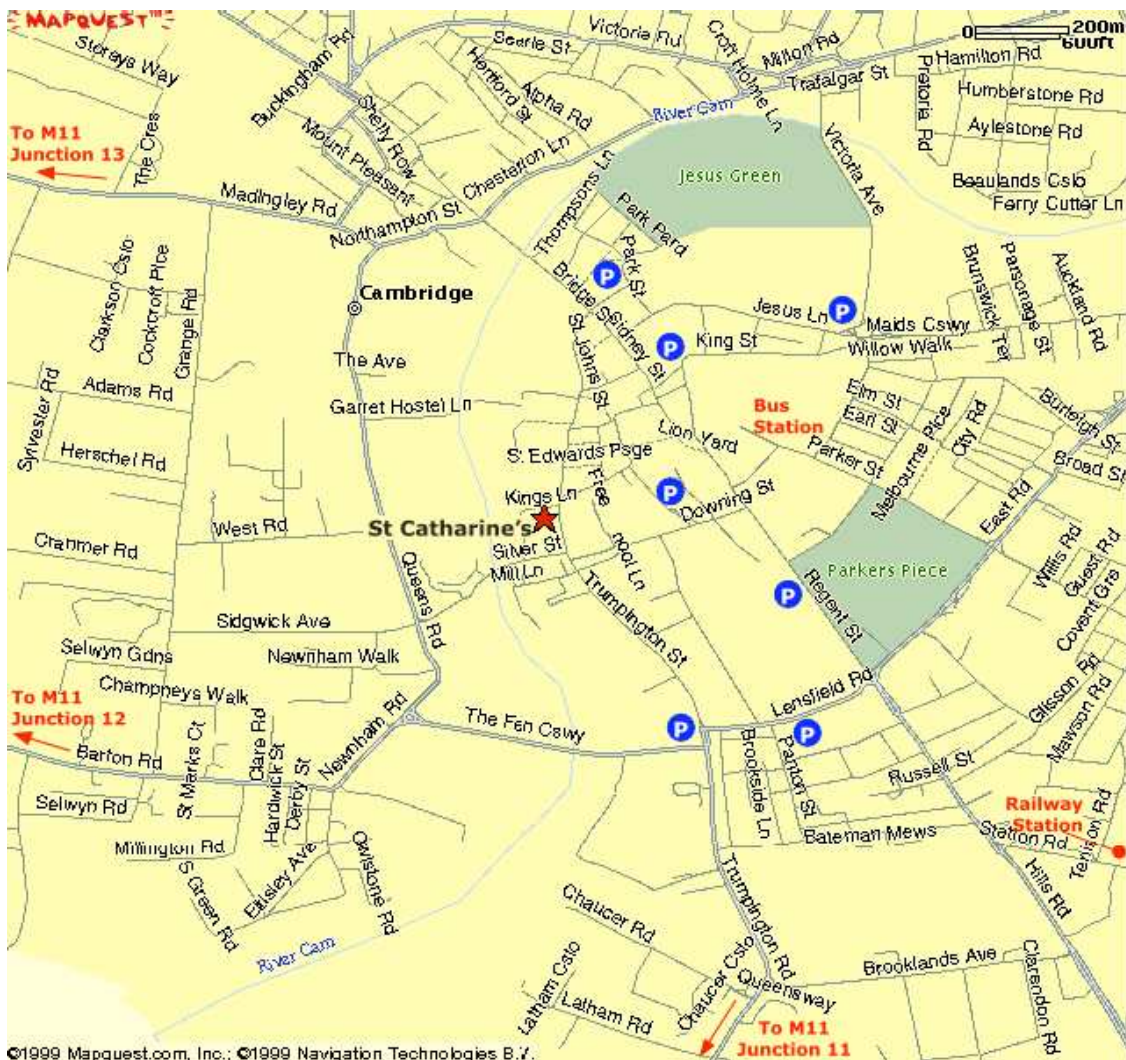
## Food & Drink

Breakfast is included in your accommodation fee if you are staying in college, and has been ordered to match any vegetarian or vegan preferences stated on your registration form. We'll also be providing tea, coffee and biscuits for all attendees at the times indicated on the conference programme, and a fair amount of wine for the reception on Friday night! St Catharine's bar will be open to us on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Please note that you cannot bring alcohol into St. Catharine's for licensing reasons.

## Finding Lunch & Dinner

St Catharine's cafeteria will be open during lunch and dinner for those wishing to eat-in (the prices should be student friendly). Cambridge being a university, there are a plethora of places to eat within walking distance of the colleges, as well as convenience stores for those on a budget.

## Getting there



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**The main entrance to the college is on Trumpington Street.**

### Arriving by Road

From the M11, take either Junction 11 or 12 and follow into Cambridge City Centre (see the Regional Road Links map). Follow the city signs for public parking as parking is not available at St Catharine's (except for loading and unloading and other special circumstances). The above map shows the location of several public parking areas near the College. There are maps posted around the city which will help you find your way back to the College once you park. For more information on parking see the Parking in Cambridge site.

### Arriving by Rail

The University maintains a schedule of Cambridge to London railway timetables with links to other railway route planners. From the Railway Station one can either walk (about one mile) or take a taxi to St Catharine's. The Railway Station is shown on the Cambridge *Around St Catharine's* map. The Cambridge City Council also maintains rail information.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question: Do you have a dress code?**

Answer: No - informal dress is fine, but please make sure you're sporting your (very trendy) name badge at least during the paper sessions (it can also be helpful during socials).

**Q: Are all sessions compulsory?**

A: Out of respect for those who've worked hard to prepare their papers, we do ask that everyone attend each conference session. There's nothing worse than presenting to an empty room!

**Q: Is the schedule fixed?**

A: Yes, and it's a great help if you can make sure you're in the session venue a few minutes before each paper's due to start, as starting late causes subsequent coffee breaks to be significantly shorter (in more serious terms, we're working with a rather tight schedule).

**Q: What's the procedure for each session?**

A: There will usually be a speaker, a respondent and a session chair. The speaker will present their paper, which will be followed by a short prepared response. The session chair will then introduce questions.

**Q: How do I ask a question during a session?**

A: You can indicate to the session chair that you have a question at any time after the respondent has finished speaking. The session chairs will queue up questions a few in advance, noting who wants to speak. So if you've got a question don't be afraid to let the chair know by raising your hand and catching their eye, and they'll come round to you in turn. Please ask your question only when the speaker prompts you to do so. We would also ask that you keep your question short and to the point so that as many people as possible get a chance to speak.

**Q: What if I want to follow up my question at greater length?**

A: If there are other people waiting to ask their question, please bear them in mind. If you can limit yourself to asking, say, one question and one follow-up question or clarification at a time, you'd be giving other people a chance to raise their concerns as well. You can always catch the author during one of the breaks - they'll be around all weekend and will usually be delighted to discuss their work one-on-one. We try to keep the question-and-answer sessions moving, as we want to give everyone a chance to ask their question. That said, if there are no other hands going up towards the end of a paper session, feel free to use the time yourself!

**Q: Can I leave the weekend early?**

A: We strongly discourage leaving early and we especially ask that delegates stay for the AGM. It is during that AGM that a new chair will be elected and we need the AGM to keep BUPS going. This is your society - we'd like everyone to be part of its running.

**Q: Are there any social activities?**

A: Yes! There are some great evening activities planned and meeting other philosophers is one of the things BUPS conferences are about. Of course, presence is not mandatory, but you'd be missing out on a lot if you don't tag along.

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10.00 am - Registration opens

**2.00 pm – Keynote paper: Perception and its objects**

Professor Bill Brewer (Warwick)

*Chair: Joe Cunningham (Heythrop)*

3.30 pm – Coffee

**4.00 pm – Names and definite descriptions**

Simona Aimar (St. Andrew's)

*Respondent: Georgi Gardiner (Edinburgh)*

*Chair: Duncan Crowe (Cambridge)*

4.45-5.15 pm – Break

**5.15 pm – Defending RVE, relativised virtues, and INUS about ‘because of’**

Georgi Gardiner (Edinburgh)

*Respondent: Nakul Krishna (Oxford)*

*Chair: Amanda Montgomery (Dundee)*

6.00-7.30 pm - Break for dinner

**7.30 pm – Philosophy and religious studies subject centre talk & sponsored wine reception**

**Saturday 20th September**

**10.00 am – Are there any good arguments against permitting voluntary euthanasia in law?**

Flora Colledge (Reading)

*Respondent: Jonathan Whiteley (Sheffield)*

*Chair: Edmund Hair (Cambridge)*

10.45-11.15 am – Coffee

**11.15 pm – Naïve realism, disjunctivism, and the argument from illusion**

Akosua Bonsu (Heythrop)

*Respondent: Joshua Siegel (UCL)*

*Chair: Joe Cunningham (Heythrop)*

**12.00 pm – No such thing as art**

Harrison Edwards (Sussex)

*Respondent: Edmund Hair (Cambridge)*

*Chair: Duncan Crowe (Cambridge)*

12.45-2.30 pm - Break for lunch

**2.30 pm – Is Hume’s problem of induction really a problem?**

Roman Duda (Nottingham)

*Respondent: Ryan Perkins (Warwick)*

*Chair: Nakul Krishna (Oxford)*

**3.15 pm – Reliabilism, induction, and clairvoyance**

Michael Ryan Perkins (Warwick)

*Respondent: Joe Cunningham (Heythrop)*

*Chair: Leah Wilkinson (UCL)*

4.00-4.30 pm – Coffee

**4.30 pm – Unhappy humans and happy pigs**

Joshua Seigal (UCL)

*Respondent: Duncan Crowe (Cambridge)*

*Chair: Johnny Whiteley (Sheffield)*

5.15 - 7.00 pm - Break for dinner

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**10.00 am – Are space and time a priori?**

Sam Roberts (Oxford Brookes)

*Respondent: Luke Roelofs (Oxford)*

*Chair: Sophie Erskine (Cambridge)*

**10.45 am – Locke on property: is labour the origin of ownership?**

Luke Roelofs (Oxford)

*Respondent: (TBA)*

*Chair: Amanda Montgomery (Dundee)*

11.30-12.00 am – Coffee

12.00 pm - Closing session

AGM & Election

1.00 pm - Deregister

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