The Philosophy Departments at the University of Pretoria and the University of Johannesburg invite scholars working on scientific realism to submit abstracts for a conference on new thinking about scientific realism. The aim of the conference is to reconsider and re-evaluate the status quo of debates about scientific realism and to investigate, articulate and open up the possibilities for realising promises of new directions of thought about scientific realism.

**Format of the conference:**

Our confirmed keynote speaker is Anjan Chakravartty from the University of Notre Dame.

Contributed Sessions & Invited Speakers:

Session 1: General Scientific Realism - Michael Devitt (City University of New York)
Session 2: Truth, Progress, Success and Scientific Realism - Ilkka Niiniluoto (University of Helsinki)
Session 3: Selective Realisms - Steven French (University of Leeds) & Michela Massimi (University of Edinburgh)
Session 4: The Semantic View and Scientific Realism – To be announced
Session 5: Scientific Realism and the Social Sciences - Uskali Mäki (University of Helsinki)
Session 6: Anti-Realism - Kyle Stanford (University of California, Irvine) & Mauricio Suárez – Universidad Complutense de Madrid

A unique feature of our programme: Symposia between leading international scientists and conference participants. Participating scientists include

- Jannie Hofmeyr [Biochemistry, University of Stellenbosch]
- Bruce Rubidge [Paleontology, University of the Witwatersrand]
- Mark Solms [Neuropsychology, University of Cape Town]
- Heribert Weigert [Physics, University of Cape Town]
- Don Ross [Economics, University of Cape Town]

We also plan a conference dinner and a wine tasting event (details to appear soon on the conference website). The conference dinner is included in the conference fee, but the wine tasting will carry an additional fee.

**Abstracts & Important Dates** (Note that there has been a change in dates)

Abstracts of 750-1000 words must be submitted to the conference email address: new.scientific.realism@gmail.com. Please indicate clearly in which session you see your paper as falling. Please prepare abstracts for blind review.

Due date for abstracts: 31 January 2014
Announcement of accepted papers: 3 March 2014
Registration Period: 15 March 2014 – 31 July 2014 (Discount for early registration will be announced in the final CFP.)

**Venue:**
The venue for the conference is the Villa Via Hotel in Gordon’s Bay in the Western Cape (about 45 minutes from Cape Town): [http://www.villa-via.com/](http://www.villa-via.com/). Participants can book accommodation in the hotel, or in one of the guest houses close to the hotel in Gordon’s Bay. More detail with regards to accommodation will be given soon on the conference website.

**Conference Fee:** 1500 ZAR (approximately 115 EUR, 152 USD, 100 GBP according to current exchange rates) Information on possible financial aid to postgraduates and other delegates will be given on the website as soon as possible.

**Conference Website:** [www.newscientificrealism.co.za](http://www.newscientificrealism.co.za) (Under revision, soon to be updated)

We look forward to hosting the conference. We are also planning an exciting publication flowing out of the conference. There will be more details on this on the website in the New Year. Please feel free to contact us for any clarification at [new.scientific.realism@gmail.com](mailto:new.scientific.realism@gmail.com).

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