

The Emergence of New Concepts in Science

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Tacit knowledge, intuition, intuitive heritage are very broad concepts and sometimes too vague to provide for any practical applications (as a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush). Only some of the many possible intuitive factors in science are chosen. Indo-European mythology belongs to the heritage of humanity, but has nothing to do with the mathematical creation of set theory.

It is possible and reasonable to reconstruct *what* is assumed intuitively i.e. as a tacit or a hidden assumption in the informal background always present during scientific creation. Let us call this reconstruction the *reconstruction of the hermeneutical horizon*.

The reconstruction of the hermeneutical horizon is possible e.g. for different mathematical theories in the same historical epoch and in different epochs.

This seminar will discuss the following questions:

- How to find out what is intuitive in the case of scientific change?
- Can intuition vary in time?
- What are intuitive conditions for the emergence of new concepts in science?
- Is it possible to study intuition in depth?

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