Over the last two decades, cognitive sciences, as well as human sciences in general, have witnessed a considerable paradigm shift with regard to their outlook on the nature of mind, cognition, perception and action. The traditional, computation-based cognitivist outlook on the nature of cognition and functioning of the central nervous system has been gradually surpassed by ‘pragmatically-oriented’ approaches to the study of cognition and action. In their search for philosophical justification of such a paradigm shift, cognitive scientists of the new wave as well as certain philosophers of mind have turned their attention to existential phenomenology and also to classical American pragmatism (Peirce, James, Dewey, Mead). Although there are considerable differences in how Peirce, James, Dewey, and Mead understood the mind, their common ground seems to lie in the belief that mind and consciousness are to be explained in terms of action. For the pragmatists, mind and cognition are ‘servants’ of action, not the other way around. The conference titled ‘Pragmatism and Embodied Cognitive Science’ aims to scrutinize the outcomes of the interaction between different facets of the mind-research and the philosophy of pragmatism. More precisely, we will discuss the contributions made by the pragmatists to new understanding of phenomena like emotions, perception, action, cognition, etc. We will also address the prospects, challenges and limitations which pragmatically-oriented research in cognitive sciences might face in the future.

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**Keynote address:** Pragmatist Cognitive Science
Mark Johnson (University of Oregon, USA)

**Why it has to be Pragmatism? Marrying the Study of Cognition and Philosophical Reflection**
Erkki Kilpinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

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**Pragmatism, Phenomenology, and the Extended Cognition**
Anthony Chemero (University of Cincinnati, USA)

**Pragmatism, Embodiment, and Extension**
Joshua A. Skorburg (University of Oregon, USA)

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**How Visuomotor Neurons Make our World Ready to Hand**
Gabriele Ferretti (University of Urbino, Italy)

**How Do You Do? An Embodied, Action-Oriented Approach to Emotions**
Rebekka Hufendiek (University of Basel, Switzerland)

**The Pragmatic and Embodied Origins of Apprenticeship**
Bill Bywater (Allegheny College, USA)

**Cultural Program (18.00 h - onwards) Visiting the city of Koblenz, dining together possible**
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26 May 2015: Welcome Dinner
Gerhards Genussgesellschaft
Danziger Freiheit 3 (im Blumenhof)
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28 May 2015: Wine tasting
Weingut Schwaab
In der Laach 93
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