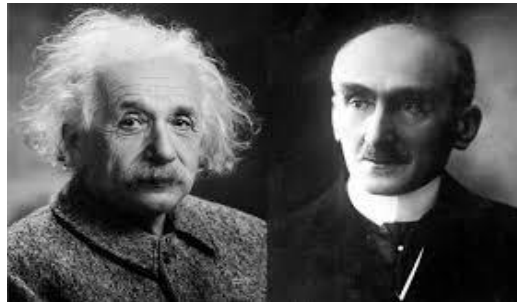


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January 16-17, 2019 - University of L'Aquila (viale Nizza, 14)

CLAUDIO CALOSI (University of Geneva)

1. Lecture: *Relativity and the Metaphysics of Time* - January 16, h. 16.00 - 19.00 – Room 1 A
2. Talk: *Relativity and the Metaphysics of Persistence* - January 17, h. 10.00 -13.00 – Room 1 F



ABSTRACT - Relativistic Metaphysics

Part I: Relativistic Time

In the talk, I review the classic relativistic argument in favor of eternalism, roughly the view that there is no ontological distinction between the tenses. I also offer a sophisticated variant of the argument that is untouched by recent attempts to undermine it.

Part II: Relativistic Persistence

In the talk I first present a rigorous formulation of different metaphysics of persistence in relativistic spacetimes. I then address whether relativistic physics favors one metaphysics of persistence over another. I argue that the relativistic argument is not conclusive, yet it puts considerable pressure on different variants of endurantism, roughly the view that objects persist by being wholly present at each time of their existence.