What Does Wittgenstein Mean?

Two-day Workshop
1st – 2nd June 2009, Centre for Philosophy and Political Economy, University of Leicester School of Management

Description
This two day workshop will provide a space to discuss Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* (TLP). With the TLP Wittgenstein famously believed he had solved all the questions of philosophy. His solution to these questions, his logic, meant that philosophers should, quite simply, shut up. He later came to regret this assertion and the notorious division of early/later Wittgenstein emerged. For many, though, TLP remains a work of major significance – primarily because no one is really sure what Wittgenstein meant. Indeed, the direct proposition form of TLP belies a complex logical construction that has vexed some of the greatest minds.

We will work through each proposition in the TLP in detail, hoping to piece together an understanding of Wittgenstein’s text and his position critical and philosophic literature.

Essential Reading

Background/Introductory Readings


Attendance
Please contact Robert Cluley (rjc48@le.ac.uk) if you wish to attend.