The Cultural Constitution of Causal Cognition
Setting the Stage for a Cross-Disciplinary Endeavour

13th – 14th October 2011

13th October: Disciplinary Perspectives on Causal Cognition

9:00 Welcome Address
Ulrike Davy (ZiF Director)

Opening Address
Andrea Bender and Sieghard Beller (convenors)

9:30 Causation and Reliability
David Danks (Carnegie Mellon University)
Chair: Sieghard Beller (University of Freiburg)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Young Children’s Causal Learning from Social Evidence
Tamar Kushnir (Cornell University)
Chair: York Hagmayer (King’s College London)

12:00 Agents and Causes
Michael Waldmann (University of Göttingen)
Chair: York Hagmayer (King’s College London)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 What are we to make of Spontaneous Explicit Attributions of Causation?
Maurice Bloch (London School of Economics)
Chair: Penelope Brown (MPI Nijmegen)

15:00 Force Dynamics as a Generalization over Causation
Leonard Talmy (University of Buffalo)
Chair: Penelope Brown (MPI Nijmegen)

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 The Causality and Agency: Chalk and Cheese?
Keith Stenning (University of Edinburgh)
Chair: Markus Werning (University of Bochum)

17:30 Trauma and Amnesia – A Cultural Creation?
Hans Markowitsch (Bielefeld University)
Chair: Markus Werning (University of Bochum)

18:45 Dinner at ZiF
14th October: **Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries**

9:00   *Cognition goes Social - Promises and Challenges*  
Wolfgang Prinz (MPI Leipzig)  
Chair: Anne Springer (University of Potsdam)

10:00  Coffee Break

10:30  Panel:  
*Obstacles and Options for Cross-Disciplinary Cooperation in the Cognitive Sciences*  
Panellists: Josep Call (MPI Leipzig)  
Markus Knauff (University of Giessen)  
Stephen Levinson (MPI Nijmegen)  
Günther Schlee (MPI Halle/Saale)  
Robert Turner (MPI Leipzig)  
Chair: Anita Schroven (ZiF Bielefeld)

13:00  Lunch

14:30  Plenary Discussion:  
*Causality in Medicine and Magic*  
Chairs: York Hagmayer (King’s College London) and Thomas Widlok (University of Nijmegen)

15:30  Plenary Discussion:  
*Agency, Social Interaction and Causality*  
Chair: Markus Werning (University of Bochum)

16:30  Coffee Break

17:00  Key Note:  
*The Cultural Nature of Causal Cognition*  
Douglas Medin (Northwestern University)  
Chair: Andrea Bender (University of Freiburg)

19:30  Dinner at *Wernings Weinstube*  
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