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*Abstract*

Rudolf Carnap's *Der logische Aufbau der Welt* famously builds a construction of the world starting from an "autopsychological" basis involving structures of phenomenal similarity. In a letter to Moritz Schlick in 1927, Carnap suggested that he might write a second volume of the *Aufbau* that starts from a physical basis instead. Carnap never carried out this project, however. I will argue that the core materials for Carnap's second *Aufbau* (a structuralist analysis of physics and a definition-based reduction of everything else to this structure) can be found in the work of David Lewis, and that this second Carnap-Lewis *Aufbau* might have avoided many of the objections directed at the first.

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## The Lewis-Carnap *Aufbau*

**How Carnap and Lewis might have  
constructed the world again**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
5.00 p.m.

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David Chalmers (NYU):

Conceptual Engineering and Verbal Disputes

University of Vienna, Main Building, Marietta-Blau Saal  
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Wien

No registration is required.

11.00 – 18.00

Philosophical Workshop with David Chalmers

Invited Speakers:

Farbod Akhlaghi-Ghaffarokh (Oxford), Elizabeth Cantalamessa (Miami),  
Mirela Fus (St. Andrews/Oslo), Till Gallasch (Düsseldorf),  
Quentin Pharr (St. Andrews/Stirling), Tomas Wycsocki (Pittsburgh)