Preface

This is the first of two volumes of the proceedings from the 30th International Wittgenstein Symposium in Kirchberg, August 2007. It contains selected contributions from sections 1–3 of the symposium:

- Wittgenstein
- Wittgenstein und die digitale Wende – Wittgenstein and the digital turn
- Informationswissenschaft, Texttheorie und Hermeneutik im digitalen Kontext – Information science, text theory and hermeneutics in the digital context.

The second volume contains selected contributions from sections 4–6 and the symposium workshop:

- Medienphilosophie – Philosophy of media
- Philosophie des Internets / Philosophy of the Internet
- Ethik und politische Ökonomie der Informationsgesellschaft – Ethics and political economy of the information society

- Workshop: Elektronische Philosophie-Ressourcen und Open Source/ Open Access – Electronic philosophy resources and Open Source/Open Access

The digital turn was the focus of this Wittgenstein symposium. For this reason alone, it was only natural to relate Wittgenstein research to a digital context, but even more so since Wittgenstein research and editing seem to have embarked upon digitality earlier than philosophical scholarship surrounding other philosophers.

A hot topic in current digital philosophy and digital applications is computational ontologies. The symposium has demonstrated the great value and provided positive examples of such ontologies, as well as voiced both criticism and caution. The present volume reflects this double aspect.

The philosophy of information has – since its beginnings in the last century – remained an attractive and growing field of research. This volume also contains new contributions in this field, ranging from more (mathematical) information theoretical to humanities and hermeneutical approaches.

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