

Preface

This is the second of two volumes containing the proceedings of the 32nd International Wittgenstein Symposium in Kirchberg/Lower Austria, August 2009.

The first of these two volumes “Language and World” is solely dedicated to Wittgenstein’s philosophy. Although several of the contributions collected in the present volume do refer to Wittgenstein, the articles published here also tackle central issues that are not directly related to his work. The five sections of this book deal with the following topics: „Theories of the Linguistic Sign“, „Language and Action“, „Language and Consciousness“, „Language and Metaphysics“, „Reality and Construction“. An additional interdisciplinary workshop was dedicated to Wittgenstein and literature. Wittgenstein himself saw close similarities between poetry and philosophy and was not willing to draw a distinction between the two. Furthermore his influence on literature and the arts is still very strong.

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