

Preface

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

The overall topic of this conference, “Language and World”, can be seen as central to Wittgenstein’s philosophy. When he was once asked by Yorick Smythies what he regarded as the greatest problem in philosophy, Wittgenstein’s answer was “Subject and predicate”.

We have decided to dedicate this first volume solely to Wittgenstein’s philosophy. The four sections only provide a very basic structure. Several contributions easily fit into more than one section. Some of the contributions even might have needed an altogether different heading. The chapter “Wittgenstein’s Nachlass” results from a workshop on new aspects of Wittgenstein’s published and unpublished writings.

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