



Department of Philosophy
Department of Economics



WORKSHOP ON CAUSALITY, PROBABILITY AND RATIONALITY

Bologna, May 6-7, 2005

Convenors: MARIA CARLA GALAVOTTI - ROBERTO SCAZZIERI

Institute of Advanced Study, University of Bologna
Villa Gandolfi Pallavicini – Via Martelli, 22-24 Bologna
(Bus 14 A; car park access Via Pallavicini)

Friday, May 6

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PATRICK SUPPES (*Stanford*)
“Causal mechanisms of mental phenomena”

NANCY CARTWRIGHT (*LSE*
and Institute of Advanced Study)
“How to get causes from probabilities: some methods
in econometrics”

ALESSANDRO VERCELLI (*Siena*)
“Granger causality and rational expectations:
an impossible marriage”

1 p.m. Lunch

3.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.

MARGHERITA BENZI (*Genova*)
“Causal networks and contexts”

PETER MENZIES (*Sydney*)
“Reasons and causes: the norms in nature”

6 p.m.

PATRICK SUPPES and NANCY CARTWRIGHT will discuss
with MARIA CARLA GALAVOTTI her volume
Philosophical Introduction to Probability
(Stanford: CSLI, 2005)

Saturday, May 7

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

DOMENICO COSTANTINI (*Bologna*)
“In- and ex- probabilities”

UBALDO GARIBALDI (*Genova*)
“Aggregate behaviour and underlying probabilistic
dynamics”

DAMIEN FENNELL (*LSE*)

“Identification in econometrics and ‘possible’ experi-
ments”

12.30 p.m. Lunch

The workshop is part of the activities of the Research Group on “The identity of modern thought and its crisis”
and of the Focus Group “Dynamics of human knowledge” at the Institute of Advanced Study.