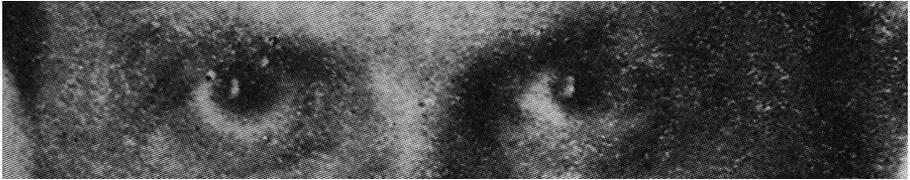


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the 60th Anniversary of Ludwig Wittgenstein's Death

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On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wittgenstein's death the Symposium *Wittgenstein: Personal Belief and Philosophical Problems* will take place in the Research Institute Brenner-Archives. The general theme of this conference is the relationship between the “biographical” and the “philosophical” Wittgenstein. While for some philosophers the knowledge of their lives is required to understand their philosophical work, for other philosophers that knowledge is not necessary. Ludwig Wittgenstein, however, does not fit to either category clearly.

Due to his special way of writing, i.e. mixing biographical and philosophical notes together in one notebook, and due to the fact that he only finished one book *Tractatus logico-philosophicus* himself, the philosophical works of Wittgenstein consist mainly of edited compilations of his notes. And it seems that understanding this compilation requires the study of his life, too. On the other hand most of his “genuine philosophical ideas” do not require a “biographical” backup to be understood.

This symposium should help us making clear what is at stake in this debate.

Furthermore the result of this symposium should also contribute to the general question of the relationship between life and philosophy of philosophers. Wittgenstein is not the only philosopher whose life has had – at least *prima facie* – a deep impact on his philosophy.

## Speakers

Juliet Floyd (Boston)

Gottfried Gabriel (Jena)

Allan Janik (Innsbruck)

Mathieu Marion (Montreal)

Ray Monk (Southampton)

Alois Pichler (Bergen)

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