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Déroulement de la mission

Résumé de la communication « Tensed Facts Reshaped » :

We propose a novel perspective on the controversy between the tensed and the tenseless theory of time (a.k.a. the A-theory and the B-theory, respectively), based on an independently motivated theory of quantification in modal contexts. Our analysis leads us to disagree with the B-theory: tensed and tenseless statements differ in *truth-conditions*. We argue that in truth-conditions of temporal sentences – notably sentences involving modalities or similar constructions which by their semantics require considering more than one possible world – two types of ‘identity criteria’ of times are operative, one of which is perspectival by nature and renders the corresponding truth-conditions *tensed*. However, our view also goes against the A-theory: the sense in which there are tensed facts does not warrant acceptance of *ontological tenses*. The two modes in which times may enter into truth-conditions are objective, but they depend on our conceptual framework. They are epistemic rather than ontological by character.

Des autres aspects de la mission :

J’avais l’occasion de rencontrer des collègues de renommée internationale travaillant sur la philosophie du temps.