The European project Discovery has two main components: Philosource and Philospace. The Philosource federation contains an extensive, multilingual collection of reliable scholarly editions of philosophical texts, high quality reproductions of primary sources and a rich archive of videos including lectures and interviews featuring leading contemporary philosophers.

On top of this network of web sites lies Philospace, a desktop application that runs on a scholars’ personal computer and, thanks to the use of Semantic Web technologies, allows users to make ontology based annotations and share them with other users or merge them with external sources.

Think of the source as a vast territory ready to be explored, described, and mapped. You can travel and navigate through them at will but you can also design new maps and author guidebooks for others to read and respond to. Philosophy has often been thought of as a journey or exploration. This conference aims to show what this voyage could look like in the 21st century.

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Morning Session
Philosophical Content

9.00–9.20, Paolo D’Iorio (CNRS, Paris, Oxford),
Philosophy in the Cloud: the Philosource Approach

9.20–9.40, Benedetta Zavatta (University of Urbino)
Sharing Semantic Knowledge in Scholarly Communities on the Web

9.40–10.00, Manuel Dries (Philosophy, Oxford)
Nietzsche’s Idea of Nihilism: Ontology-based Semantic Enrichment

10.00–10.40, Alois Pichler (Wittgenstein Archive, Bergen)
Publishing, “Ontologizing” and Semantic Enrichment of
Wittgenstein’s Nachlass on the Web

10.40–11.00, Discussion

11.00–11.15, Coffee 45 rue d’Ulm

11.15–12.00, Cristina Marras / Antonio Lamarra (CNR-ILIESI, Rome)
Daphnet: Classic and Modern Philosophy and the Semantic Web

12.00–12.40, Valentina Gasbarra (RaiNet, Rome)
Sophiavision: Video Interviews with Contemporary Philosophers

12.40–13.00, Discussion

Afternoon Session
Semantic Technologies for the Humanities

14.30–15.00, Christine Madsen (Oxford Internet Institute)
Interoperability and Impact of the Philosource Federation

15.00–15.20, Thierry Poibeau (CNRS-LIPN, Paris)
ScholarWeb

15.20–15.35, Coffee 45 rue d’Ulm

15.35–16.20, Michele Barbera (Net7, Internet Open
Solutions, Pisa)
Talia: A Semantic Web-Powered Digital Library for the Humanities

16.20–16.35, Denis Pitzalis (The Cyprus Institute)
IIPImage: Viewing and Zooming Very High-Resolution Images

16.35–16.50, Discussion

16.50–17.35, Christian Morbidoni (Università Politecnica
delle Marche, Ancona)
Philospace: A Digital Semantic Web Notebook

17.35–18.00, Final Discussion