

PHILOSOPHY

CONFERENCES I SHOULD HAVE ATTENDED IN 2008

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Although having travelled this year more than ever before (with 8x Bozen, 2x London, 2x Berlin, 1x Paris, 1x Barcelona, 1x Prague and 1x Washington) there are two important conferences that I missed. Both were aiming at the inner workings of science that interests me more than science itself -which can be a quite boring book keeping task at least where I have been displaced in genetic epidemiology.

The first was [SciFoo 2008](#) (in Mountainview) but fortunately there is so much out there on the web that I don't need to summarize that. BTW I had an interesting discussion 2 days ago with an historian having the main interest in Medieval history who asked about the remains of our generation - a huge byte flood or simply a big hole with nothing in it?

The second conference where I would like to have been: "Science in the 21st Century" (in Waterloo). Fortunately the Science Librarian has compiled an [essential reading list](#). During my recent travels I am carrying still "Dissent over Descent" by Steve Fuller which is much better than anticipated from some blog posts. The Science Librarian reading list gets in part my reading list in 2009. I am adding links to those that I want to read.