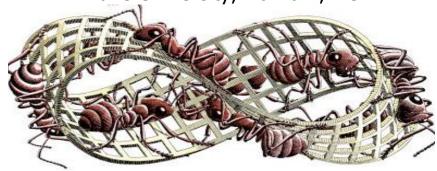
7th Annual Conference in Philosophy and Biology

Cooperative Alliances in the History of Life: Aggregation, Individuation, and the Major Evolutionary Transitions

April 11th – 13th, 2008

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Purpose:

This conference will explore the common genetic, developmental, and ecological factors associated with the origins of complex individuality at all levels of the biological hierarchy, particularly in relation to the major evolutionary transitions.

How has evolution addressed the levels of selection problems that are inherent to cooperative alliances in the history of life? Are there any universal principles that govern the transitions to complex multicellular or colonial life? The goal is to shed light on the contingencies and regularities associated with the emergence of complex individuality.

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