The Legacy of Hans Primas
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Hans Primas was a Professor in the Chemistry Department at ETH Zurich from 1962 to 1995, and maintained his research activities until his death in 2014. In these more than 50 years, he worked on the foundations of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, contributed to a number of significant issues in theoretical chemistry, helped to clarify central topics in quantum theory and the philosophy of physics, suggested innovative ways of addressing interlevel relations in the philosophy of science, and introduced cutting-edge approaches in the flourishing young field of scientific studies of consciousness.

His broad range of interests over the years, his deep and detailed knowledge of the exact sciences, his capabilities for successful interdisciplinary research and its results with world-wide impact distinguish him as an extraordinary scientist. It is hard to spot others in the sciences who have been able to integrate conceptual, theoretical, and engineering types of research as profoundly as Primas did.

His work in the five areas of research mentioned above and its present impact will be appreciated in five presentations by noted experts, colleagues, and collaborators of Primas. All speakers are requested to contextualize their presentation to facilitate the mutual dialog between their topics. Confirmed speakers are H. Atmanspacher (Physics, Collegium Helveticum), R. Ernst (Chemistry, ETH Zurich), D. Giulini (Physics, U Hannover), U. Müller-Herold (Chemistry, ETH Zurich), and W. Seager (Philosophy, U Toronto).