



Fachbereich Philosophie

Fachbereichskolloquium

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Donnerstags 17 bis 18:30 Uhr

Raum G 307

Im Rahmen des Philosophischen Kolloquiums findet am **Donnerstag, den 01.12.2022** folgender Vortrag statt:

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Re-Envisioning Freedom: Ethical and Political Agency in our Times of Ecological Disaster

There is widespread consensus that human activity, intensified by capitalist industrialization, is a major factor in the contemporary global ecological disaster. There are strong reasons to think that certain understandings of human agency play a significant role in this. The understandings in question rest on the conviction that humans are ethically superior to nonhumans, which are primarily objects for mastery, manipulation and control. In political theorizing, the predominant conceptions of freedom, which celebrate individual choice and decision, express this conviction. It is manifested in the globally dominant patterns of thinking, behaviour and social practices, especially in Western capitalist cultures. Aiming to develop a fundamentally different framework for contemporary political theorizing as well as everyday social life, I propose a re-envisioning of freedom as a mode of ethical-aesthetic-political agency. I construe freedom ethically, as involving a concern for the good and invited us to imagine an idea of the good that is 'ecologically attuned'. I construe it aesthetically, taking 'aesthesis' to mean affectively based perceptual change through disclosure. I construe it politically in a double sense: as constituted in significant measure within socio-political institutions and as motivated by a concern to change these institutions for the better. By offering a new picture of freedom, and corresponding new vocabulary, I seek to empower humans globally to address the manifold uncertainties and challenges presented by the contemporary ecological disaster.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.

