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Im Rahmen des PHILOSOPHISCHEN KOLLOQUIUMS findet am
Donnerstag, 29. Januar, 18:15 Uhr in G 307 folgender Vortrag statt:

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Anaxagoras' Qualitative Gunk

Are there atoms in the constitution of things? Or is everything made of atomless "gunk", whose proper parts have proper parts? Anaxagoras (5th century B.C.) is the first gunk lover in the history of metaphysics. For him gunk is not only a theoretical possibility that cannot be ruled out in principle (as it is for modern gunk lovers). Rather, it is a view that follows cogently from his metaphysical analysis of the physical world of our experience. What is distinctive about Anaxagoras' take on gunk is not only what motivates the view, but also the particular type of gunk that he develops. It is qualitative gunk, rather than material gunk. Anaxagoras' ontology was developed before matter was "invented". It includes quality tropes only; and they are gunky. The resulting metaphysical view – a world of qualitative gunk – is new, in the sense of being hitherto unexplored; and yet, it is derived from Anaxagoras' writings. Drawing on Anaxagoras' insights, this paper offers a sketch of what an ontology qualitative gunk looks like; it explores what motives it; and it highlights the differences of qualitative gunk from material gunk.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere auch Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.

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