

Fachbereich Philosophie

Fachbereichskolloquium Wintersemester 2018/19

18:15 bis 19:45, G 307

Im Rahmen des Philosophischen Kolloquiums findet am **Donnerstag**, **10. Januar**, folgender Vortrag statt:

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Compatibilism about Chance and Freedom

There are two different ways in which the compatibility of rational agency with deterministic physics might be explained. One is to reject our prima facie conviction that rational control requires the ability to choose and do otherwise. The purpose of this paper is to argue that rational control is possible in a physically deterministic universe, even if its possibility does require such abilities. My strategy to argue for this claim shall rely on a comparison between the ability to do otherwise and chance. Since, in many contexts, chance involves unexercised abilities, arguments for the possibility of chance in a deterministic universe can also be used as arguments for the compatibility of physical determinism and the ability to do otherwise. However, I shall also argue that abilities relevant to rational control do not entail chances. Even if compatibilism about chance and compatibilism about freedom raise kin issues about modality, freedom as a condition of rational control should not be confused with actions' having chances to be performed.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere auch Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.

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