



Fachbereich Philosophie

Fachbereichskolloquium
Wintersemester 2015/16

18:15 bis 19:45, G 307

Im Rahmen des PHILOSOPHISCHEN KOLLOQUIUMS findet am
Donnerstag, 22. Oktober, folgender Vortrag statt:

Prof. Christia Mercer
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Feeling the way to truth: Women, reason, and the development of early modern rationalism

I propose that historians of philosophy rethink core assumptions about seventeenth-century philosophy and that the writings of medieval and early modern women play a much more significant part in that history than has been recognized. Relying on recent scholarship by literary and intellectual historians and my own research on early modern spiritual meditations and the philosophy of Anne Conway (1631–1679), I argue that a major part of the history of philosophy needs to be rewritten. The truth-seeking subject in seventeenth-century “rationalist” epistemologies is like its spiritual predecessor in that it must suffer reorientation before illumination can occur. This reordering of desires and concerns requires fear, doubt, and joy as preparation for reason to set its sights on fundamental truths.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere auch Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.

nächster Vortrag 5.11.
Helen Beebee, University of Manchester
Alternative possibilities and blameworthiness

