



Fachbereich Philosophie

Fachbereichskolloquium
Sommersemester 2014

Im Rahmen des PHILOSOPHISCHEN KOLLOQUIUMS findet
am **Donnerstag, 8. Mai**, 18:15 Uhr
in **G 307** folgender Vortrag statt:

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Epicurean Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Pufendorf and Rousseau

The classical legacy in early modern political philosophy has long been identified with Roman law and the philosophy of the Stoics. More recently, attention has turned to the traditional targets of Stoic criticism, the Epicureans, and to the importance for political as well as natural philosophy of the recovery of Lucretius's great Epicurean poem, *De Rerum Natura*.

The talk will explore three elements of the Epicurean heritage: first, the thesis of the mind-dependence or 'conventional' nature of values and political status; second, the thesis that the justice of a law depends on its utility in the circumstances of its application and that laws are legitimised by agreement or contract; and finally, the notion that the history of humanity consists of a succession of stages, driven by technological and social innovation, that implies either continuing progress or degeneration, or both.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere auch Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.

nächster Vortrag:

22.5. Holm Tetens: Descartes, Kripke, Chalmers

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