

Workshop: The Epistemic Dynamics of Disagreement (October 9-11, 2017)

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Speakers:

- Robert Audi (Notre Dame)
- Nathan Ballantyne (Fordham)
- Dominik Balg (Cologne)
- Peter Brössel (Bochum)
- David Christensen (Brown)
- Jan Constantin (Cologne)
- Julien Dutant (King's College, London)
- Filippo Ferrari (Bonn)
- Thomas Grundmann (Cologne)
- Klemens Kappel (Copenhagen)
- Geert Keil (Humboldt University, Berlin)
- Clayton Littlejohn (King's College, London)
- Alex Marcoci (LSE)
- Nikolaj Jang Lee Linding Pedersen (UIC)
- Chris Ranalli (Cologne)

Discussants:

- Crispin Wright (Stirling)

This conference aims to investigate the epistemology of disagreement from a new perspective. It focuses on the relatively neglected broader epistemic principles underlying peer-disagreement and other kinds of disagreement. Instead of giving theoretically local verdicts on the rational requirements of disagreement and thus to engage in deeply entrenched debates, the goal is to understand disagreement on a more fundamental level and to identify the dynamics of higher-order evidence, deep disagreement, formal considerations, suspension of judgment as a doxastic attitude and defeat that may ground such verdicts. This angle not only offers deeper analyses of the epistemic significance of disagreement, but also breaks the relative isolation from related issues in which the topic has been discussed so far. To this end, influential researchers from Europe and the US will be invited to a three-days workshop at the University of Cologne. It is our hope that they lay the groundwork for important further research in this area. The event is part of the DFG-funded research project "Disagreement in Philosophy", which is a cooperation project between the universities of Cologne and Bonn.

Program

October 09	Title	Speaker
11:45 – 12:00	Opening Address	
12:00 – 13:15	Preserving Independence	David Christensen (Brown)
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 15:45	Non-Conformism and Normative Pluralism	Filippo Ferrari (Bonn) Nikolaj Pedersen (UIC)
16:00 – 17:15	Disagreement and the Mechanics of Higher-Order Defeat	Jan Constantin (Cologne)
17:30 – 18:45	Disagreement and Perception	Peter Brössel (Bochum)
October 10		
10:00 – 11:15	Catching Peer Disagreement in Bayes' Nets	Julien Dutant (London) Alex Marcoci (LSE)
11:30 – 12:45	How to respond rationally to peer disagreement: The Preemption View	Thomas Grundmann (Cologne)
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:15	Escaping the Akratic Trilemma	Klemens Kappel (Copenhagen)
15:30 – 16:45	Live and let Live: Tolerance in the face of Controversy	Dominik Balg (Cologne)
17:00 – 18:15	Rational Disagreement: Structure, Dimensions, and Resolution	Robert Audi (Notre Dame)
October 11		
10:00 – 11:15	Entitlement and the Rational Resolvability of Deep Disagreements	Chris Ranalli (Cologne)
11:30 – 12:45	Novices and Expert Disagreement	Nathan Ballantyne (Fordham)
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:15	Epistemic peerhood in philosophy: a case study	Geert Keil (Berlin)
15:30 – 16:45	On Being Steadfastly Conciliatory	Clayton Littlejohn (London)