

**ANU-Humboldt-Princeton
Summer Institute on Practical Normativity
17 August - 30 August 2025**

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Those giving presentations on papers from the literature should aim to speak for no more than 25 minutes total. This could be either at the beginning of the session or interspersed between a discussion of different sections of the paper. We encourage you to introduce the paper in a way that reflects your research interests, enabling us to engage in a discussion that helps advance your work.

Participants are expected to have read all of the papers from the literature that will be discussed. These have been emailed to you as attachments, and are available on Canvas.

Those giving talks should aim to speak for no more than 40 minutes.

We ask that all presenters – those presenting on papers from the literature as well as those giving talks – prepare a handout or a PP presentation.

Two days have been set aside for individual meetings of students with professors. These meetings are optional. Students who wish to meet should email to arrange a time.

Sunday 17 August	<i>Evening welcome event</i>
Monday 18 August	
10:30-12:00	Rufus Busse (Humboldt) on Tristram McPherson's "Against Quietist Normative Realism" (<i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 2011)
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Madeleine Roberts (Princeton) on Gideon Rosen's "What is a Moral Law?" (<i>Oxford Studies in Metaethics</i> , 2017)
15:30-17:00	Jonathan Lucas (Humboldt) presents "Reasons and Necessary Means"
Tuesday 19 August	
10:30-12:00	Theo Murray (ANU) presents "Negotiating Relationships"
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>

13:30-15:00	Alexandra Pop (Humboldt) presents “Obligation and Motivation in Trust and Distrust”
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	David North (Princeton) presents “Backgrounding Belief”
Wednesday 20 August	<i>Individual meetings (email for an appointment)</i>
Thursday 21 August	
10:30-12:00	Hannah Theis (Humboldt) presents “The Possibility of a Moralism Standpoint: Viewing Actual Moral Flaws as Artistic Flaws”
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Brigitte Assi (ANU) on Elisabeth Camp’s “Perspectives in Imaginative Engagement with Fiction” (<i>Philosophical Perspectives</i> , 2017)
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Thomas Schmidt (Humboldt) presents “Supererogation and the Structure of Reasons”
Friday 22 August	
10:30-12:00	Corey McCabe (ANU) on Daniel Whiting’s “Against Second-Order Reasons” (<i>Noûs</i> , 2017)
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Jeremy Khoo (Princeton) presents “Conativism and Intellectualism about Sensitivity to Sufficiency”
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Clara Kraft (Humboldt) on Joshua Shepherd’s “Salvaging the ‘Sense of Agency’: Metacognitive Feelings for Flexible Behavioral Control”
17:00-late	<i>Excursion and Mid-Summer Institute Dinner</i>
Saturday 23 August Sunday 24 August	<i>Break</i>
Monday 25 August	

10:30-12:00	Sarah McGrath and Thomas Schmidt chair a discussion of the ideas presented so far
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	João Carvalho (Princeton) on René Descartes' "Meditations on First Philosophy"
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Kilian Schranner (Humboldt) on Susanne Bobzien's "Kant's Categories of Freedom" (1988)
Tuesday 26 August	
10:30-12:00	Pacy Yan (Princeton) presents "Epistemic and Moral Contingency"
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Paul Theo Dreher (Humboldt) on Arianna Falbo's "Should Epistemology Take the Zetetic Turn?" (<i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 2023)
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Jacob Schwartz (Princeton) presents "Are Simpler Normative Theories Better?"
Wednesday 27 August	<i>Individual meetings (email for an appointment)</i>
Thursday 28 August	
10:30-12:00	Sarah McGrath (Princeton) presents "Backgrounding 'Ought'"
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Ned Lis-Clarke (ANU) presents "Money, Markets and Meaning: Are Semiotic Objections to Commodification Sound?"
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Andreas Müller (Bern) presents "Consent and Relevant Information"
Friday 29 August	
10:30-12:00	Leonard Paar (Humboldt) presents "Can a Normative Account of Direction of Fit Improve FA Theories of Value?"

12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Leo Eisenbach (Humboldt) on Rachel Achs and Oded Na'aman's "The Subtleties of Fit: Reassessing the Fit-Value Biconditionals" (<i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 2023)
15:00-15:30	<i>Break for refreshments</i>
15:30-17:00	Sarah McGrath and Thomas Schmidt chair a final discussion of ideas presented at the Summer Institute
17:00-late	<i>Excursion and End of Summer Institute Dinner</i>
Saturday 30 August	<i>Departure</i>