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**Summer Institute on *Practical Normativity: Rationality*  
Berlin, 22 August – 2 September 2022**

**Call for Applications**

*OVERVIEW*

*Practical Normativity: Rationality* is the third of three Summer Institutes taking place at Princeton (2018), at ANU (2019), and at Humboldt University Berlin (2022), funded by grants from the Princeton-Humboldt Strategic Partnership and the Australian National University.

These Summer Institutes aim at bringing together faculty and students from all three participating institutions. They cover problems in the general area of practical normativity, the first having focused on *Reasons* and the second on *Morality*. The overarching topic of the 2022 Summer Institute is *Rationality*, which we take to be a heading for all of the following and more: the relationship between rationality and morality; the relationship between rationality and reasons; the relationship between rationality and conceptions of agency; the relationship between rationality and conceptions of what it is to be a human being; Aristotelian, Humean, Kantian, and other historical conceptions of rationality; theoretical vs practical conceptions of rationality; individual vs collective conceptions of rationality; and substantive vs structural conceptions of rationality; deliberation under conditions of uncertainty.

*Practical Normativity: Rationality* will take place at Humboldt University 22 August -2 September 2022. Participation will be by application.

*PARTICIPANTS AND FUNDING*

There are places for up to eight students from Humboldt, and eight from Princeton. As of now, it is, for organizational reasons, open whether ANU students will be able to participate as well, but we certainly hope that this will turn out to be possible. All students accepted are expected to attend the entire Summer Institute. Those eligible to apply will be either MA or PhD students, or, in exceptional circumstances, undergraduates. Those eligible to apply from Humboldt will additionally be HU students of 'Philosophie' or 'Philosophie/Ethik'.

For HU students, participation will count as attending a ‘Hauptseminar’. For students from Princeton, participation will count as taking a PHI 500 level course. For ANU students, participation in the Summer Institute will count towards PHIL8011 *Foundations*.

ANU and Princeton participants will have their travel and accommodation costs fully covered and will have their meals subsidized. There will be a number of meals for all participants and the cost of these will also be fully covered.

### *STRUCTURE*

The Summer Institute will be convened by Thomas Schmidt (Humboldt), and Michael Smith (Princeton), and possibly Nic Southwood (ANU). A number of visiting faculty will present one-off sessions.

The aim is to have the Summer Institute focused on topics and readings that are of most interest to the participating students and faculty. The program will be divided between student presentations on literature; student presentations of their own research; faculty presentations of their own research; mentoring sessions; and one-on-one meetings.

After a welcome event in the evening on Sunday 21 August, there will be two full five-day academic programs (Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August, and Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September) with a free weekend in between. The schedule will be as follows:

Sunday 21 August 2022	WELCOME EVENT IN THE EVENING
Monday 22 August 2022	DAY #1
Tuesday 23 August 2022	DAY #2
Wednesday 24 August 2022	DAY #3 ONE-ON-ONE STUDENT-FACULTY MEETINGS
Thursday 25 August 2022	DAY #4
Friday 26 August 2022	DAY #5
27-28 August 2022	WEEKEND BREAK
Monday 29 August 2022	DAY #6
Tuesday 30 August 2022	DAY #7
Wednesday 31 August 2022	DAY #8 ONE-ON-ONE STUDENT-FACULTY MEETINGS
Thursday 1 September 2022	DAY #9
Friday 2 September 2022	DAY #10
Saturday 3 September 2022	STUDENTS FREE TO DEPART

### *APPLICATIONS*

Applicants must submit: (a) a proposal – half a page single spaced maximum – for a talk about any aspect of *Rationality* that they would be willing to present if selected; (b) the titles and publication details of 3-4 important papers on any aspect of *Rationality* from the current literature about which they would be willing to give a presentation; (c) a letter of motivation – one page single spaced maximum – describing their background and interest in the topic and explaining how they would expect to profit, with regard to their own interests, from participating in the Summer Institute.

These materials must be submitted by email to all three convenors: Nic Southwood, Thomas Schmidt, and Michael Smith. Their email addresses can be found in the letterhead.

On the basis of these proposals, and after consultation with all participating faculty from the three institutions, students will be chosen to participate in the Summer Institute, and a detailed program will be put together. The program will reflect the specific research interests of participating students and faculty.

Applications must be received by Sunday 23 January 2022. Successful applicants will be notified on or shortly after Sunday 6 February 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.



Nic Southwood  
6 December 2021



Thomas Schmidt  
6 December 2021



Michael Smith  
6 December 2021