



# ABILITIES, AGENCY, FREEDOM

22 – 23 JULY 2011

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
TOPOI building, Hannoversche Straße 6

## 22 July

9.30 – 11.00

**Michael Smith, Princeton**

*Beyond Belief and Desire, or: Responsibility  
and Knowledge of Basic Moral Truths*

11.30 – 13.00

**Erasmus Mayr, LMU München**

*Realism about Powers and Freedom of the Will*

15.00 – 16.30

**Stephan Schmid, HU Berlin**

*Freedom and Abilities – An Early  
Modern Rationalist Perspective*

17.00 – 18.30

**Hanna Pickard, Oxford**

*Doing Things Differently:  
Psychopathology and Abilities*

## 23 July

9.30 – 11.00

**John Maier, ANU**

*The Agentive Modalities*

11.30 – 13.00

**Barbara Vetter, HU Berlin**

*Abilities and the Semantics of “Can”*

14.30 – 16.00

**Simona Aimar, Oxford**

*An Aristotelian Response to the  
Vanishing Agents Problem*

16.30 – 18.00

**Markus Schrenk, Köln**

*How the Limits of our Agentive Abilities  
Reveal Nature’s Secret Connection*

18.15 – 19.00

**Round table discussion**

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Participation is free.

Papers will be made available to registered participants prior to the workshop.

To register, e-mail [abilities.2011@gmail.com](mailto:abilities.2011@gmail.com)

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