

## Friday, 23 March 2012

- 14.15 **Geert Keil** (Berlin) / **Ralf Poscher** (Freiburg)  
*Introduction*
- 14.30 **Peter Hucklenbroich** (Münster)  
*Was sind Krankheitsentitäten? Eine wissenschaftstheoret. Rekonstruktion*
- Martin Hoffmann** (Hamburg)  
*Kommentar*
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.30 **Rico Hauswald** (Berlin)  
*Vagueness in Diagnostic Categories. Conceptual Clarifications*
- 18.00 Public Lecture  
**Allen Frances** (Durham)  
*Diagnostic Inflation In Psychiatry: Can We Save ›Normal‹?*
- Panel Discussion: **Allen Frances** (Durham), **Henrik Walter** (Berlin), **Peter Zachar** (Auburn)

## Saturday, 24 March 2012

- 9.30 **Chiara Thumiger, Orly Lewis** and **Philip van der Eijk** (Berlin)  
*The Concept of Gradual Health in Ancient Medicine*
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 **Peter Zachar** (Auburn)  
*Natural kinds and its contrasts: On the vagueness of abstract concepts in psychiatric classification*
- 12.15 Lunch Break

## Saturday, 24 March 2012

- 14.30 **Lara Kutschenko** (Mainz/Paris)  
*Elucidating the Vagueness of Medical Classification Systems*
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Barry Smith** (Buffalo)  
*Disease, and Other Clinical Natural Kinds*
- 17.15 Coffee Break
- 17.30 **Hans-Ludwig Kröber** (Berlin)  
*›Psychische Störung‹ als rechtliche Legitimation für Grundrechtseingriffe*
- Rudolf Jakubowski** (Bochum)  
*Kommentar*
- 20.00 Conference Dinner

## Sunday, 25 March 2012

- 9.30 **Wolfgang Mazal** (Vienna)  
*Notwendigkeit und Vermeidbarkeit: Rechtliche Strategien zur Bewältigung politischer Probleme am Beispiel des Krankheitsbegriffs*
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15 **Ralf Stoecker** (Potsdam)  
*Beyond the Concept of Disease*

## Gradualist Approaches to Health and Disease

Health and disease seem to be fuzzy concepts in that there is no sharp boundary between them. Clear cases exist, but often it is indeterminate whether a particular condition does or does not qualify as a disease. Admitting borderline cases, the terms »healthy« and »ill« are vague. In addition, it seems likely that the concepts of health and disease are family resemblance concepts and thus exhibit »combinatory vagueness«.

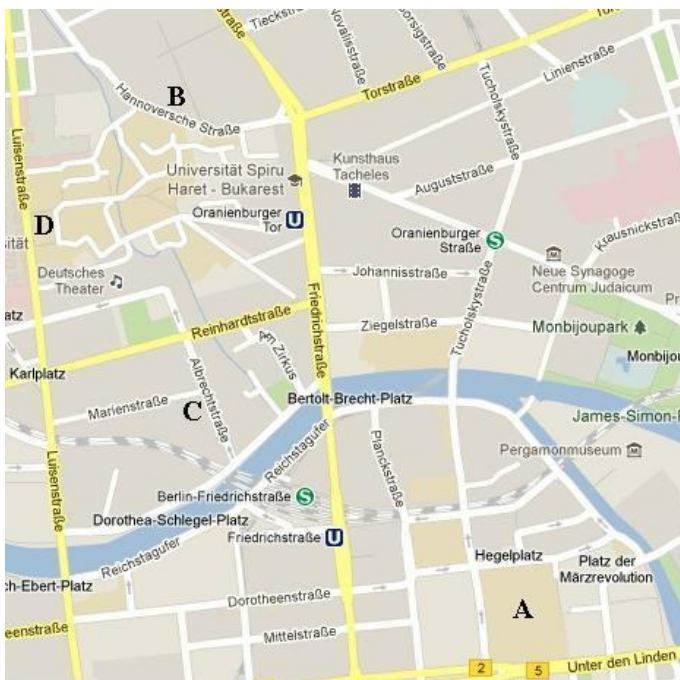
Despite their fuzziness, health and disease play an eminent role in our social and legal practice. To be classified as physically or mentally ill has considerable legal, economic and social consequences. Health insurances will cover medical treatment, an employee will be allowed to stay off work, a defendant may be considered to be of diminished responsibility. However, it is a matter of controversy what degree of impairment should correspond to exactly what sort and extent of exculpation or entitlement.

The conference aims at exploring different aspects of the fuzziness of our disease concept(s) as well as the legal implications. It brings together experts from law, philosophy and medicine and focuses on questions such as:

- In what sense and to what extent are our concepts of health and disease vague?
- What kinds of entities are diseases?
- Do, can, or should our disease concepts capture discrete natural kinds?
- In future revisions of the ICD and DSM classificatory systems, should categorical approaches be supplemented with dimensional approaches?
- Which particular legal challenges arise if being ill is a matter of degree?
- How can we deal reasonably with these challenges?

## Location

Friday	Humboldt-Universität Main Building, Lichthof Ost Unter den Linden 6
Evening lecture (Fr.)	Mind and Brain School, Luisenstr. 56, Festsaal
Saturday	Humboldt-Universität Main Building, Room 3031
Sunday	Humboldt-Universität Topoi-Haus, Hannoversche Str. 6



A Humboldt-Universität, Main Building

B Topoi-Haus

C Hotel Albrechtshof

D Mind and Brain School

## Registration

Registration is free, but space is limited.

If you wish to attend, please send an e-mail to [rico.hauswald@hu-berlin.de](mailto:rico.hauswald@hu-berlin.de) by 10 March 2012.

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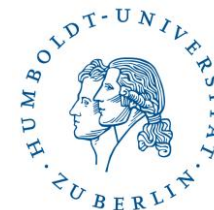
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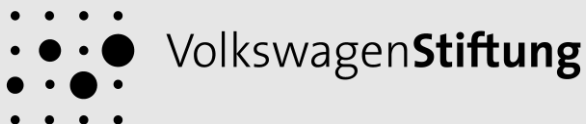
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