

Call for Papers: Graduate Conference on *Knowing and Acting*
(July 24-25, 2014, Potsdam University)

The graduate conference concerns two rich philosophical topics: action and knowledge. The purpose of the conference is to elaborate on each of the two topics, and the very relation between two, and to consider their importance for a variety of areas of philosophical inquiry. Our aim will be to reflect on a vast range of philosophical questions, such as whether knowledge and action mutually depend upon each other, to what extent we are dealing with two distinct subject matters that should be kept apart, and as to whether they unite in a common ground and if so, whether this ground lies in reason, self-consciousness or any dispositions.

These questions, amongst others, are not only discussed in contemporary debates – for example within philosophy of perception and philosophy of action – but also point us to various traditions of thought, most of which are associated with Aristotle's metaphysics and ethics or Kant's notion of theoretical and practical use of reason. Further, Wittgenstein's thought on the relationship between use and meaning, Anscombe's notion of practical knowledge and Heidegger's 'being in the world', to mention just a view, might certainly be inspiring, though quite diverse, sources for a fruitful elaboration on the issues at stake.

In general, the interrelation between knowledge and action seems eminently suitable for an overarching discussion and as such it allows for an exchange between graduate students working on distinct topics and fields of philosophy. We invite papers that might pursue the following or related questions, although proposals on different questions of relevance are certainly welcome and encouraged.

- Does practical knowledge count as knowledge? If so, what are the similarities and differences between practical and theoretical knowledge?
- Is acting a form of knowing? Is knowing a form of acting?
- How are justification and knowledge related to each other, if we assume that there is any such a relation?
- Is practical knowledge relevant to self-knowledge?

The conference is co-hosted by the Philosophy Departments at Potsdam University and Chicago University and will be held on July, 24-25, 2014, in Potsdam, Germany. The graduate conference pursues the goal to bring together graduate students from these two departments as well as from Harvard University Philosophy Department and Leipzig University Philosophy Department, to give them the opportunity to present their research to other graduate students. To ensure the format of a workshop, papers will be distributed before the conference and will only be introduced briefly at the conference. Graduate students from the aforementioned Philosophy Departments interested in attending the conference are asked to submit papers (min. 3000 words) to the organizers on a broad range of topics related to the conference theme, which we accept from now till 01/01/2014. No identifying information should appear within the paper itself in order to ensure the impartiality of the blind review committee consisting of faculty members of the participating departments. For speakers travelling from abroad stipends will be available.

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