

Einladung zum GASTVORTRAG

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## Vulnerability of Experts

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The relationship between novices and experts is usually analysed with a focus on the expert. A typical question is: „How can novices trust experts?“ Jonas Wittwer reverses this question and asks: „Which novices could be trusted?“ The goal of his PhD project is to analyse what are the duties and virtues which make a novice a trustworthy partner in their relationship with the expert.

To trust someone is only necessary if there is also some sort of vulnerability. Therefore it must be demonstrated how novices could be a threat to experts. Based on several attempts of feminist and critical race philosophy, Jonas will present how this vulnerability of experts could be understood. He will introduce three types of epistemic abuse: Epistemic Laziness, Epistemic Over Control and Epistemic Injustice. As Epistemic Injustice is usually a consequence of systematic oppressive systems, Jonas will present an understanding of anti-intellectualism which could explain why well educated subjects like experts seem to have similar experiences as the victims of racism, sexism or queer-hostility.



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