



**Universität Innsbruck - Institut für Christliche Philosophie**

## **Gastvortrag**

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# **Collective Intelligence: More Like a Brain, Less Like a Mind**

**Mittwoch, 14. März 2012, 18.00 s.t.**

**Seminarraum VI (Karl-Rahner-Platz 3, 1. Stock)**

In this talk, I will argue that social creatures of various sorts, including humans, can be collectively intelligent. By collective intelligence, I will mean that the cognitive doings of the group can outstrip the cognitive doings of the individuals that compose that group. Aggregating the cognitive properties of the individuals in a group will not tell one by itself how „intelligent“ or „unintelligent“ the group is. I will argue that previous attempts to capture this phenomena err on the side of attempting to apply the categories of individual epistemology to groups. This methodology does not adequately capture the nature of collective intelligence, because collective intelligence does not require and often resists the sort of centralized structure necessary for a group mind. Rather, the structure that facilitates collective intelligence more nearly approximates that of a brain considered independently of mind.

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