

The conference *Grounding the Space of Reasons* revives the question of a first principle of reason as put forward in early Classical German philosophy. This question emerged as a key desideratum for a system of knowledge around 1800, but its systematic difficulties lead to a pluralization of approaches within post-Kantian philosophy and ultimately to a critique of the idea of a first principle. The fruitful renaissance that German Idealism has experienced in Anglophone philosophy in recent decades is testimony to the lively debate regarding the autonomy and limits of the space of reasons. How can logical space itself be justified? Does autonomous reason need such grounding at all? In addressing these questions, the conference *Grounding the Space of Reasons* focuses on the tension between the immanent normativity of logical space, irreducible to non-normative grounds, and the demand for an ultimate justification, which arguably still haunts this contemporary conception of reason.

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Grounding the Space of Reasons

The Question of First Principles in German Idealism and Today

FRIAS Junior Researcher Conference

June 14 - 16, 2018
FRIAS, Albertstr. 19, Seminar Room

Speakers:

Robert Brandom
James Conant
Laura Davis
Axel Hutter
Lucian Ionel
Anton F. Koch
John McDowell
Karen Ng
Sebastian Rödl
Ulrich Schlösser
Irina Schumski
Simon Schütz
Philipp Schwab
Georg Spoo
Maximilian Tegtmeier

THURSDAY, June 14

- 13.30 *Arrival & Welcome Reception at FRIAS*
- 14.15 *Welcome Addresses*
FRIAS
Lore Hühn
Philipp Schwab & Lucian Ionel
- 15.00 **James Conant**
Why Kant is Not a Kantian
- 16.00 *Coffee Break*
- 16.30 **Ulrich Schlösser**
Kant on the Foundations of Communicability
- 17.30 **Irina Schumski**
On What It Means (and Doesn't Mean) to Derive Actions from Laws
- 18.30 *Coffee Break*
- 19.00 **Axel Hutter**
The Bounds of Reason and Language
- 20.00 *Welcome Drinks on FRIAS Terrace*

FRIDAY, June 15

- 10.00 **Laura Davis**
Rethinking Logical Hylomorphism and Kant's Logical Legacy
- 11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 **Georg Spoo**
Against Dogmatism and Scepticism: Fichte's Idealism as Ultimate Justification
- 12.30 *Lunch Break*
- 14.00 **Philipp Schwab**
Why One First Principle?
Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel
- 15.00 *Coffee Break*
- 15.30 **Karen Ng**
Life as Ground: Hegel's Critique of Judgement
- 16.30 **Lucian Ionel**
Self-Consciousness as a Living Kind
- 17.30 *Coffee Break*
- 18.00 **Robert Brandom**
The Fine Structure of Autonomy and Recognition: The Institution of Normative Statures by Normative Attitudes
- 20.00 *Conference Dinner*

SATURDAY, June 16

- 10.00 **Simon Schüz**
How to be a Skeptic about Idealism
- 11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 **Anton Friedrich Koch**
Bekanntschaft ohne Mythos und der Grund des Raums der Gründe
- 12.30 *Lunch Break*
- 14.00 **Maximilian Tegtmeyer**
Objective Experience and Self-Consciousness
- 15.00 *Coffee Break*
- 15.30 **Sebastian Rödl**
Absolute Knowledge
- 16.30 *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 **John McDowell**
What Kind of Grounding?
- 19.00 *Biergarten Excursion*