

Workshop at the Department of Philosophy and Political Sciences

Implicit Bias and Emotions – Perspectives from Philosophy and Psychology

Time and Place:

May 22nd & 23rd, 2018

Technische Universität Dortmund;
Emil-Figge-Straße 50, Room 0.442

Topic: Stereotypes and prejudice sometimes operate automatically: they may be initiated or guided without an agent's awareness and without any conscious intentions. Such processes can lead to an implicit bias in the way we see and judge other people. Ultimately, implicit biases contribute to patterns of discrimination. But what is the nature of implicit stereotypes and prejudice? And how do we best describe the automatic processes underlying implicit biases? Many of them seem to involve emotions but how exactly do they contribute to implicit biases? This workshop brings together scholars from philosophy and psychology in order to foster an interdisciplinary dialog on these issues. We will tackle questions such as:

Are (some) implicit attitudes emotions, or do they rather cause emotions? Which emotions are responsible for unintentional discrimination, and what role do positive emotions towards one's own people play? In which sense are we unaware of our own emotional reactions towards others? Do we sometimes repress such emotions, because they conflict with the way we (would like to) understand ourselves?

Program:

22.5.

Registration: 13:30

Welcome and introduction by Katja Crone (Dortmund): 13:40-14:00

Keynote by Michael Brownstein (CUNY): 14:00-15:20

“Understanding implicit bias: How the critics miss the point”

Break: 15:20- 16:00

Invited talk by Jimmy Calanchini (Freiburg): 16:00-16:50

“Process modeling of implicit measures: nuanced perspectives on automaticity and control”

Short break: 16:50-17:00

Invited talk by Beate Krickel (Bochum): 17:00-17:50

“Surprised by your negative IAT results? - the role of emotion repression in implicit bias”

Dinner: 19:00

23.5.

Keynote by Juliane Degner (Hamburg): 10:00-11:20

“On the origins of implicit intergroup bias - Why we (also) need small-scale theories to understand the bigger picture”

Break: 11:20-12:00

Talk by project member Anna Welpinghus (Dortmund): 12:00-12:50

“The emotional nature of implicit group-related attitudes”

Lunch on Campus

Attendance is free but please register until May 7th via email with Anna[dot]Welpinghus[at]tu-dortmund[dot]de. The number of participants is limited.

The workshop is part of a project on “Automaticity in Thought and Action and their Significance for our Self-Understanding”, sponsored by MERCUR. Project members are Katja Crone & Anna Welpinghus (Technical University Dortmund), Albert Newen & Francesco Marchi (Ruhr-University Bochum) and Neil Roughley & Flavia Felletti (University Duisburg-Essen).

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