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> Autonomy and Love in Bioethics

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› Autonomy and Love

Recent debate in bioethics has often—and for good reason—focused on the concept of autonomy. However, in a number of bioethical contexts, e.g. proxy decisions, ethics of care, human experimentation with people unable to give their consent, or living donation in close personal relationships, the phenomenon of love can play a crucial role as well. Thus, the question arises of how these contexts are to be analyzed and assessed if not only autonomy but also love shall be accounted for adequately.

However, this raises another and more fundamental question. For, different conceptions of love may have different implications in their respective relationship to autonomy. Basically, three influential strands of how to analyze love have to be taken into account: individualistic notions, conceptions of love as union, and interpersonal conceptions. In what way, then, do these different accounts of love relate to autonomy and a person's self, especially when social relational conditions and theoretical approaches based on the importance of interpersonal recognition are to be acknowledged?

The aim of the workshop is to address this fundamental question and to discuss possible conclusions on how to assess specific bioethical problems when autonomy as well as love is at stake.

› Workshop Venue

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› Programme

9:15	Welcome note and short introduction
9:15 – 10:00	Trust, Love, and Informed Consent Bennett Helm (Lancaster)
10:00 – 10:45	Love as Union and Informed Consent Michael Kühler (Münster)
	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:45	Autonomie und Selbstvertrauen Johann S. Ach & Arnd Pollmann (Münster)
11:45 – 12:30	Vulnerability and Autonomy in Love Christian Maurer (Fribourg)
	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:45	Alcmene Revisited: Individuality, Recognition and Love Michael Quante (Münster)
14:45 – 15:30	Love, Personhood, and the Intellectually Impaired Heikki Ikäheimo (Sydney)
	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:30	Liebe als „sittliche Gesinnung“ und das „Recht auf Selbstbestimmung“ aus der Perspektive der Wirklichkeit der Liebe bei Hegel Erzsébet Rózsa (Debrecen)
16:30 – 17:15	Autonomie, Liebe, Anerkennung Überlegungen im Anschluss an Hegel Ludwig Siep (Münster)