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Autonomy, Authenticity, and Alienation

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The phenomena of alienation and self-alienation not only feature prominently in philosophical, sociological and literary works, but are also a matter of everyday experience in the lives of some people. For example, seeing oneself stuck in certain unwanted social roles or patterns of action might affect one's self-image so negatively that one perceives oneself on the whole as inauthentic or estranged from oneself, even leading to significant restrictions of one's ability to decide and act autonomously. However, how should we analyze the concepts of alienation and self-alienation more exactly, and what kind of systematic relationships do they have to the concepts of authenticity and autonomy?

The workshop's contributions are intended to address these fundamental questions regarding the conceptual connections between (self-)alienation, authenticity, and autonomy, while also enabling consideration of context-specific problems, for example in the realm of neuroethics.

› Programme

9:00	Welcome
9:15 – 10:05	Authenticity, Non-Alienation and Claiming a Right Thomas Gutmann (Münster)
10:15 – 11:05	Alienation, Reflection and the Fragile Unity of the Self John Christman (State College, PA)
11:15 – 12:05	How Alienation Works Jörg Hardy (Münster)
12:15 – 13:05	My – Oh my! Michael Quante (Münster)
Lunch Break	
14:15 – 15:05	Understanding Self-Alienation Michael Kühler (Münster)
15:15 – 16:05	Does Autonomy Require Authenticity? Alexa Nossek (Münster)
16:15 – 17:05	Different Notions of Authenticity in Neuroethical Contexts Birgit Beck (Jülich)