

Wednesday 12:30 –
14:00

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Tutorial: Ethics and Neuroscience

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Venue: Invalidenstraße 110, 10115 Berlin, room 449

The course will be concerned with issues at the intersection of neuroscience and philosophical ethics that comprise what has come to be known as *Neuroethics*. The course will be divided into two main sections. In the first half, we will deal with matters concerning what can be called the *ethics of neuroscience*: we will discuss a number of concrete ethical questions that arise as a consequence of advances in neuroscience, such as whether neural enhancements are morally permissible and whether courts should have the power to order CNS-interventions. Going beyond questions of applied ethics, we will, secondly, take a closer look at what is sometimes called the *neuroscience of ethics*, exploring potential implications of neuroscientific findings for a number of longstanding issues within moral philosophy. Amongst other things, we will discuss the relevance of neuroscientific discoveries for debates about free will and moral responsibility, as well as for so-called *metaethical* questions regarding the nature, scope and presuppositions of moral thought and talk in general. Finally, throughout the course we will also work on a number of key methodological competences for work in the area of philosophical ethics.

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