

POLITICAL HOPE & COLLECTIVE ACTION

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WORKSHOP MANUAL

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Hope, as well as mechanisms of giving or telling hope increasingly emerge as subject of public and political-philosophical debates, especially in times of crisis. Intuitively, hope seems to be a much better action guiding principle than fear, for example. “Politics hates a vacuum. If it isn’t filled with hope, someone will fill it with fear”, says journalist and activist Naomi Klein, but what exactly does hope mean and what role does it play in politics? Images of hope – but also of hopelessness – have emerged as central elements, for example, for climate activism, or dealing with new technologies – but also for phenomena of populism. What exactly is meant when social actors hope for something or are hopeless, how is hope told, and how can one distinguish hope that lasts from deceptive hopes? Questions, such as these, arise about the nature, origin, objectives, and justifying motives for political hope. In a workshop series, we want to address these questions in depth. The aim is to illuminate the fuzzy concept of “political hope” from different perspectives to reflect and determine its potential and limits.

PROGRAM | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

09:00-09:10

**INTRODUCTION:
POLITICAL HOPE & CHALLENGES FOR
COLLECTIVE ACTION**

MATTHIAS BRAUN, UNIVERSITY BONN

09:10-10:00

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – PART 1

OPENING STATEMENTS

COLLECTIVE ACTION & UBUNTU

**CAESAR ATUIRE, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA &
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

COLLECTIVE ACTION & SOLIDARITY

BARBARA PRAINSACK, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

COLLECTIVE ACTION & RESILIENCE

CORNELIA RICHTER, UNIVERSITY OF BONN

COFFEE BREAK

10:15-11:15

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - PART 2

OPENING STATEMENTS

COLLECTIVE ACTION & THE (UN-)POSSIBILITY OF A 'WE'

PETER DABROCK, FAU ERLANGEN-NÜRNBERG

COLLECTIVE ACTION & RESPONSIBILITY

MAXIMILIAN KIENER, TU HAMBURG

COLLECTIVE ACTION & FOUNDATIONS OF LAW

STEFFEN AUGSBERG, UNIVERSITY OF GIESSEN

COLLECTIVE ACTION, SHAME & LIMITS OF LAW

LUNA RÖSINGER, UNIVERSITY OF BONN

11:15-11:30

WRAP UP

CLOSING LUNCH

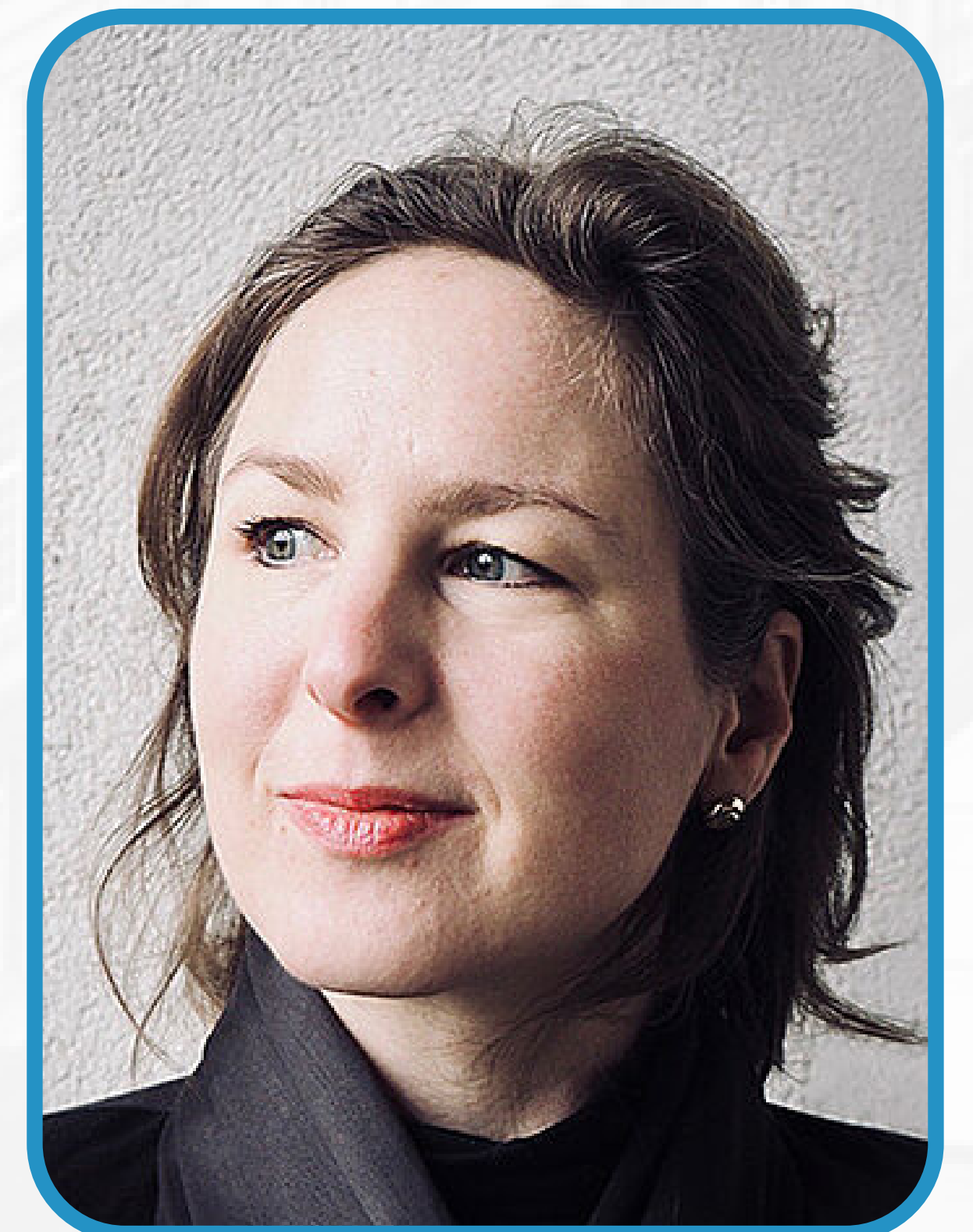
CAESAR ATUIRE

Cesar Atuire is a philosopher, who works on the dialogue and overlaps between African and Euro-American philosophy. His research draws on various traditions of African philosophy to address global ethical issues. He has focused on frameworks informing the understanding of mental health in the African context, the principles surrounding research and healthcare ethics in a communitarian context, and how African conceptions of solidarity can contribute to conversations around the right to health and global health. He has also worked on models of decolonization in global health and contributed to the conversation around Black Lives Matter and the removal of statues of racists from the public space. In short, he is a philosopher who is concerned about ethics and frameworks of equity in the generation, dissemination, and sharing of knowledge and resources in the health and healthcare spaces.



BARBARA PRAINSACK

Professor Barbara Prainsack is a political scientist with expertise in the regulatory, social and ethical dimensions of bioscience, biomedicine and forensics. She is based at the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna. She is currently a member of the National Bioethics Council advising the Federal Government in Vienna, Austria, and a member of the European Group on Ethics and New Technologies, advising the European Commission. In the medical realm, her current work focuses on personalised medicine and the 'participatory turn' in generating, analysing and interpreting data. In the realm of forensics, she is interested in the impact of forensic technologies on attitudes and strategies of prisoners, the societal and regulatory dimensions of forensic bioinformation exchange, and phenotypic DNA profiling. She also explores how the concept of solidarity can guide policy and practice in both of these domains.



CORNELIA RICHTER

Prof. Dr Cornelia Richter has been Professor for Systematic Theology and Hermeneutics at the Faculty of Protestant Theology of the University of Bonn since 2012. She took over as Dean of the Faculty of Protestant Theology at the University of Bonn in April 2020. Since 2019 she has been spokesperson of the interdisciplinary research group DFG-FOR 2686 "Resilience in Religion and Spirituality".



PETER DABROCK

Peter Dabrock has been Professor of Systematic Theology (Ethics) at the Department of Theology at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg since 2010 and Chairman of the German Ethics Council from 2016 until recently. His research focuses on the ethics of technical and (bio)scientific interference with human life forms (from germ line intervention to AI). He is particularly interested in questions of social justice, human dignity and corporality.



STEFFEN AUGSBERG

Steffen Augsberg is a legal scholar and Professor of Public Law at the Justus Liebig University of Giessen. Since 2016 he has been a Member of the German Ethics Council and since 2023 a Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Federal Centre for Health Education. His research focuses on interactions between requirements of constitutional law, democratic theory and ethics, organisational-procedural aspects of ethical questions and of corresponding problem-solving approaches and ethical problems of anthropocentrism.



MAXIMILIAN KIENER

Maximilian Kiener is a Junior Professor of Philosophy and Digital Ethics at the University of Oldenburg.

He specialises in moral and legal philosophy, with a particular focus on consent, responsibility, and artificial intelligence.

Maximilian is also an Associate Member of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, at which he was based between 2015 and 2022, and is an Associate Research Fellow at The Institute for Ethics in AI at Oxford, on the ERC-project Roots of Responsibility, based at UCL, and at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics.



LUNA RÖSINGER

Luna Rösinger is a legal scholar specializing in criminal law and legal philosophy. Since April 2023 she has held the position of Junior Professor at the University of Bonn, following her tenure as Junior Professor at the University of Tübingen from April 2021 to March 2023. Her research explores fundamental aspects of criminal law, including the concept of wrongdoing, justifications for punishment, and the nuances of criminal procedures. Additionally, she deals with contemporary legal philosophical issues, such as idealism, solidarity, and the implications of emerging technologies like AI, as well as pressing matters like the COVID-19 pandemic.

