



Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

The Ethics of Concept Use: Philosophy, Sociology, and Public Life

Program

Thursday, October 22, 2026

10:00–10:15	Welcome and Introductory Remarks Gabriel Abend (Universität Göttingen, Fellow 2021/2022) David Plunkett (Dartmouth College, Fellow 2023/2024)
10:20–11:50	Session 1 Maria Lasonen (University of Helsinki) Comments: Sebastian Köhler (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management)
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Session 2 Sebastian Kohl und Jayme Gomes (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>Decline of Sociological Theory? New Empirical Evidence</i> Comments: Matthew Chrisman (University of Edinburgh)
16:00–17:30	Session 3 David Plunkett <i>Topic Continuity, Realism, and the Objects of Philosophical Inquiry</i> (co-authored with Tristram McPherson) Comments: Delia Belleri (Spanish National Research Council, Madrid)

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Session 4

Gabriel Abend

What's Sociology Got to Do with It?

Comments: Daniela Dover (Rutgers University)

11:40–12:50

Walk

13:00–14:30

Lunch

14:30–16:00

Session 5

Monika Krause (London School of Economics and Political Science)

The Symmetry Principle and the Ethics of Concept

Comments: Matteo Santarelli (University of Bologna)

16:30–18:00

Session 6

Steffen Koch (Universität Bielefeld)

Changing Linguistic Conventions: Why It Is So Difficult – and How to Do It Anyway

Comments: Irina Schumski (Universität Tübingen)