

**International Workshop**

**Capabilities and Pragmatism  
Between social sciences and social philosophy**

**Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin  
April 21-22 2016**

**Thursday, April 21**

**9:00 – 13:15**

**Introduction**

**Capabilities and deliberative democracy: potentials and limits**

Jean-Michel Bonvin

*Democracy and public reasoning in the capability approach.*

*Towards a sociological and pragmatist understanding of collective deliberation*

Mathieu Berger

*On « disabled participation »*

**10:55 – 11:15: Pause**

**Politics: revisiting human rights and self-government**

Jean DeMunck

*Toward an evaluative sociology of human rights as capabilities*

Joelle Zask

*Agriculture as interaction between the farmer's capabilities and the production of his own environment*

**14:30 – 17:30**

**Which society? Social embedding, social capital, social selves**

Antti Gronow

*Capabilities, action and social capital*

Ortrud Lessmann

*Adaptive preferences, identity and reflection: Social embedding in Sen's capability approach*

Stephan Dahmen

*The theory of social selves and the capability approach: can the capability approach be more than a normative horizon for sociologists?*

**Friday, April 22**

**9:00 – 13:15**

**The pragmatist perspective: which added-value?**

Bénédicte Zimmermann

*Capabilities and valuation: A pragmatist account*

Jack O'Griffiths

*Cultivating openness to action and experience: Dewey beyond Sen and Nussbaum on capability development*

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**Capabilities, vulnerability and empowerment in the economic life**

Torjus Midtgarden

*Dewey's problem of the public: economic activities, vulnerable agents and capabilities*

Josiane Vero

*Beyond empowerment: How French corporate policies matter for workers' capabilities*

**14:30 – 16:30**

**Economy as an issue: Mead and Dewey beyond Sen and Nussbaum**

Guido Baggio

*Mead and Sen on identity, agency, and economic behavior*

Kenneth W. Stickers

*Capabilities and growth, economic and human*

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