

# POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF OPEN-MINDEDNESS

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Open-mindedness – the willingness to engage with new ideas and give them serious consideration – seems to be a core virtue of democratic citizens.

Indeed, many pathologies of contemporary politics – from an increasingly hostile public discourse to phenomena like filter bubbles and epistemic injustice – can be described as (originating in) some form of narrow or even closed-mindedness.

Yet, while there is an ongoing debate around the nature and norms of open-mindedness in virtue epistemology (concerned with our ability to acquire true beliefs about the world), the distinctly political dimensions of open-mindedness remain undertheorized.

The aim of this workshop is to make up for this gap from different philosophical perspectives and in relation to various issues.

## Venue

Seminarzentrum L116, Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26, 14195 Berlin

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📅 THURSDAY, JULY 03, 2025

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

10.00	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (JAKOB HUBER)
10.15–11.15	JACK KWONG (APPALACHIAN STATE)   “OPEN-MINDEDNESS HAS A PR PROBLEM!”
11.30–12.30	ROMY JASTER (HU BERLIN)   “OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES”
	LUNCH
13.45–14.45	HEIN DUIJF (UTRECHT)   “OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND EPISTEMIC INEQUALITY”
15.00–16.00	KATRIN FLIKSCHUH (LSE)   “THE OPEN-MINDED RUNNER”
	BREAK
16.30–18.00	<b>KEYNOTE, JOINTLY WITH CHAIR IN PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY</b> MONIKA BETZLER (LMU MUNICH)   “MORAL JUDGMENTALISM AND THE VIRTUE OF OPEN-MINDEDNESS”
19.00	CONFERENCE DINNER

📅 FRIDAY, JULY 04, 2025

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

09.30–10.30	WAYNE RIGGS (OKLAHOMA)   “OPEN-MINDEDNESS FOR POLITICAL ANIMALS”
10.45–11.45	ISABEL KAESLIN (SOUTHAMPTON)   “DEMOCRATIZING THE ABILITY FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION: EMOTIONAL CAPITAL”
	BREAK
12.45–13.45	DOMINIK BALG (COLOGNE)   “SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT – TOLERANCE AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS AS IDEALS FOR DEMOCRATIC DISCOURSE”
14.00–15.00	JAKOB HUBER (FU BERLIN)   “OPEN-MINDED PARTISANS”