

ISOS Workshop Grant Application Form

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Names and institutional affiliations of the workshop organisers:

Dr. Gerhard Thonhauser, Department of Philosophy, TU Darmstadt

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Abstract of the workshop (150 word maximum):

In the last years, there have been developed many impressive accounts of collective action in different disciplines. Each of them has carved out important resources for explaining the phenomenon of collective actions. However, scholars in one discipline are often not fully aware of the work on collective action that is carried out in other disciplines. Against this background, the workshop will bring together scholars from different disciplines to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches to collective action. The aim of the workshop is threefold: First, it aims at broadening the common knowledge about different accounts of collective action from different disciplines. Second, it should explore how the different disciplines can learn from each other to enhance their respective understandings of collective action. Finally, the possibility of a synthesized framework will be discussed, with the aim of combining the most successful resources for explaining collective action.

Brief account of the workshop's purpose, explaining its benefits for the field of social ontology and/or how it involves community outreach:

Title of the workshop: "Approaching collective action transdisciplinarily: Collective intentionality, enactive cognitive science, and practice theory"

The workshop will bring together a group of seven scholars in the post-doc stages of their careers. While they all work in different fields, they are all developing innovative approaches for explaining collective action. In addition to the two organizers, the following scholars have confirmed their participation: Matthew Rachar (Douglas College), representing the collective intentionality framework with special focus on experimental philosophy of action; Laura Candiato (FU Berlin), representing the perspective of 4E Cognition; Zuzanna Rucińska (University of Antwerp), representing dynamical systems theory and the participatory sense-making approach; Jan-Christoph Marschelke (University of Regensburg), representing practice theory, a highly influential approach in sociology and cultural

theory; and Ludger van Dijk (Eindhoven University of Technology), representing ecological psychology and working on the intersection of philosophy and psychology.

Timeline for holding the proposed workshop:

Our plan is to hold the workshop in June/July 2022. We have not settled on a fixed date yet, as we are in the process of finding a date that suits all intended participants.

We envision the workshop to last from Friday early afternoon to Saturday early afternoon. In this way, participants can arrive on the first day and depart on the second day, keeping costs for accommodation as low as possible while providing the maximum time for the workshop.

We envision talks of 40 plus 40 minutes of discussion, with the addition of organized general discussions. The aim is to both offer encompassing presentations of the different approaches and extended time for discussion so we can work together on evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches and to discuss possible paths towards an integrated framework.

Information about other funding sought or obtained, if any:

The workshop will be hosted at the Department of Philosophy at the Technical University of Darmstadt. The workshop has full support of the department and will be organized with the administrative support of the research group on practical philosophy. The department can cover travel expenses and provide snacks and refreshments. It might also be possible to cover some of costs for accommodation, but this depends on the exact budget for 2022 which is not yet available. Due to university regulations, we are not allowed to use our budget to cover restaurant bills.

Description of how the workshop will be advertised to the larger social ontological and/or lay audience:

The workshop will be advertised via all of the usual mailing lists in philosophy (Philos-L, DGPhil, GAP, etc.) as well as local and regional mailing lists. The Department of Philosophy at TU Darmstadt has a tradition of being quite successful in attracting interested laypersons from the region to its events and we aim to build on that. Even students from the University of Regensburg have already expressed interest in attending the workshop.

If the workshop is associated with a website, please state where the site will be hosted and indicate whether you intend a link to be created to ISOS's website (ISOS cannot host websites for funded workshops):

We'll create a sub-page at the website of the Department of Philosophy in Darmstadt. https://www.philosophie.tu-darmstadt.de/institut_phil/willkommen_phil/index.en.jsp

If the workshop is supported by ISOS, we'll link to ISOS's website. In any case, we would appreciate if the workshop could be announced via the ISOS website.

Please address how the program will be accessible for disabled persons, including deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired individuals:

We'll make sure in advance that all venues of the workshop, including the restaurant, will be accessible for wheelchair users. Speakers will use PowerPoint presentations, so that it is easier for hard of hearing people to follow. In case that blind individuals attend, we will make sure that the speakers will give their talks in such a way that they are understandable without having to see the PowerPoint presentations.

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