

We are living in a knowledge society. The insights of science and the specialist knowledge of experts have increased exponentially in the last decades and become more and more important for coping with social problems and challenges. At the same time, however, because of the epistemic division of labour, the gap between the individual knowledge of the single person and the collective knowledge of the society has deepened as well. At the conference the consequences of this problem are to be discussed from an interdisciplinary perspective, following up the research programme of "social epistemology". The starting point of social epistemology is the elementary fact that a large proportion of individual knowledge is acquired by relying on information from others: individual knowledge of the world is largely dependent on testimony. For the philosopher the normative question arises as to how a person's beliefs can be justified which are not grounded in the person's own experience and deductions. At the conference this normative question should be linked with studies of the social sciences that explore the empirical conditions and factual restrictions under which information transfer takes place in different contexts and which reveal the external limitations of epistemic judgments. As common ground for an interdisciplinary co-operation between philosophy and the social sciences, the analysis of epistemic trust is especially promising. From both perspectives, trust in epistemic sources plays a key role in processes of information transfer. In this field, therefore, excellent prospects open up for a mutually beneficial academic co-operation

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The conference language is English. Talks are expected not to exceed 30 minutes, comments 15 minutes, and the related discussion 30 minutes. The conference is not open to the public. Guests are welcome to a limited extent. If you want to participate, please approach to the Conference Office. Admission is given by the Conference Chair.

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Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald

Das Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald ist eine wissenschaftlich unabhängige Einrichtung in der Trägerschaft der Stiftung Alfried Krupp Kolleg Greifswald.

Die Initiative zur Errichtung des Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskollegs Greifswald ging vom Vorsitzenden des Kuratoriums der Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung, Professor Dr. h. c. mult. Berthold Beitz, aus. Professor Beitz verband mit dieser Initiative die Idee, dass ein Wissenschaftskolleg in der Universitäts- und Hansestadt Greifswald dazu beitragen könne, die Region Greifswald wieder zu demjenigen „liberalen, weltoffenen Zentrum für Begegnungen im Ostseeraum“ werden zu lassen, das sie jahrhundertlang war. Diesem Ziel ist das Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald verpflichtet.

Das wissenschaftliche Programm des Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskollegs wird durch Fördermittel ermöglicht, die von der Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung zur Verfügung gestellt werden.

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The Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg is an academically independent institution sponsored by the Stiftung Alfried Krupp Kolleg Greifswald.

The initiative to establish the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg came from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung, Professor Dr. h. c. mult. Berthold Beitz. Professor Beitz associated this initiative with the idea that an institute for advanced study in the Hanseatic and university city of Greifswald could assist Greifswald to become once again the „liberal, cosmopolitan centre for encounters in the Baltic Sea region“ that it used to be for centuries. The Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg is committed to this goal.

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Collective Knowledge and Epistemic Trust

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Social Epistemology

International conference
May 6–8, 2010

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Public Lecture

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

**Kreationismus contra Darwinismus:
ein dreißigjähriger Krieg**

Philip Kitcher

Moderation: Michael Baurmann

8.00 pm

Reception at the Wissenschaftskolleg

Thursday, May 6, 2010

9.00 am – 9.30 am

Welcome Address

Bärbel Friedrich (Academic Director of
the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg
Greifswald)

Conference Chairs' Addresses

Individual and Collective Knowledge

9.30 am – 10.45 am

The Structure of Collective Knowledge

Russell Hardin

Comment: Bruno S. Frey

10.45 am – 11.00 am

Break

11.00 am – 12.15 am

**The Division of Intellectual Labour and the
Institutional Structure of Enquiry (with
some attention to the role of esteem)**

Geoffrey Brennan

Comment: Nicholas Southwood

12.15 am – 2.00 pm

Lunch at the Wissenschaftskolleg

2.00 pm – 3.15 pm

**Meta-Induction and Epistemic Trust in the
Evolution of Collective Knowledge**

Gerhard Schurz

Comment: Dennis Whitcomb

3.30 pm – 4.45 pm

Courts of Many Minds

Kai Spiekermann

Comment: Helene Landemore

4.45 pm – 5.15 pm

Break

5.15 pm – 6.30 pm

**Epistemic Networking: An Integrated Model
of Opinion and Network Dynamics**

Rainer Hegselmann

8.00 pm

Dinner

Friday, May 7, 2010

Varieties of Epistemic Trust

9.00 am – 10.15 am

Lies and the Problem of Trust

Paul Faulkner

Comment: Arnon Keren

10.15 am – 10.30 am

Break

10.30 am – 11.45 am

Trust in Oneself and Others

Sanford Goldberg

Comment: Michael Bishop

11.45 am – 12.15 pm

Break

12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

**The Rationality of Trust. Epistemological
Reflections on Jealousy and Evidentialism**

Marcus Willaschek

Comment: Baron Reed

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Lunch at the Wissenschaftskolleg

3.00 pm – 4.15 pm

Disagreement and Belief Dependence

Jennifer Lackey

Comment: Miranda Fricker

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm

Break

4.30 pm – 5.45 pm

**Learning from What Others Tell Us. Possible
Mechanisms**

Melissa Koenig

Comment: Paul Harris

5.45 pm – 6.15 pm

Break

Trust in Scientific Knowledge

6.15 pm – 7.30 pm

**Values and Objectivity in Science: Value-
ladenness, Pluralism and the Epistemic
Attitude**

Martin Carrier

Comment: John Dupré

8.00 pm

Dinner

Saturday, May 8, 2010

9.00 am – 10.15 am

**Trust in Science. The Social Epistemology of
Conventional Standards**

Thorsten Wilholt

Comment: Alvin Goldman

10.15 am – 10.30 am

Break

10.30 am – 11.45 am

Methodology and Scientific Competition

Max Albert

Comment: Thomas Grundmann

11.45 pm – 12.15 pm

Break

12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

**Secrecy and Sharing in Science. Resolving
the Tension**

Michael Strevens

Comment: Margit Osterloh

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Lunch at the Wissenschaftskolleg

3.00 pm – 4.15 pm

**Distrust in Science and Technology in the
Acceptance of Technological Risks**

Dieter Birnbacher

Comment: Chrys Mantzavinos

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm

Break

4.30 pm – 5.45 pm

**Democracy, Public Policy, and Lay
Assessments of Scientific Testimony**

Elizabeth Anderson

Comment: Michael Fuerstein

5.45 pm – 6.15 pm

Break

6.15 pm – 7.30 pm

**Trust in Complex Models: Why Simple,
Biased Heuristics Make Better Inferences**

Gerd Gigerenzer

Comment: Philip Kitcher

8.00 pm

Dinner