

Time and the Good Life – Philosophical Perspectives

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3 – 7 pm (Central European Time: GMT +01.00)

Online (Zoom)

At this international conference, the focus will be on the role of time as it pertains to a good life. What does it mean in regards to the possibility of a successful life that we live in time, that we are temporal beings (i.e. living in hours, days and years), and that we speak of earlier, simultaneously and later, as well as of the past, present and future? When time is discussed in the context of a practical way of life, it is usually only in two respects: either as the duration of life and thus as the classic problem of its finite nature or as the speed and acceleration that is associated with the modern way of life. However, at least four other issues can be distinguished, too: the way of life (which unit of time is needed and why do we prefer a happy ending?), the use of time (how should we use time?), the arranging of oneself with time (in particular with the constant, irretrievable "flow" of time) and the reference to different time modes (what relationship to past and future do we need in order to live well in the present?).

Talks will be given by: Monika Betzler (Munich), Krister Bykvist (Stockholm), Dorothea Debus (Konstanz), Christoph Halbig (Zurich), Daniel Haybron (St. Louis), Maria Schechtman (Chicago), Norman Sieroka (Bremen), Holmer Steinfath (Göttingen), Valerie Tiberius (Minnesota), Eva Weber-Guskar (Bochum)

The conference is organized by Prof. Dr. Eva Weber-Guskar (Bochum) and Prof. Dr. Holmer Steinfath (Göttingen). Online participation is free. Please register by May 12, 2021 by sending an E-Mail to bianca.janzon@rub.de. Once you are registered, the program and zoom invitation will be sent to you in due time.