

Theory Symposium

Exploring the Role of Theory in the Sciences

*5th-6th October 2023,
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin,
Main Building, Unter den Linden 6, Room 1070*

Thursday, 5th October

- 14:00 - 14:30 Reception
- 14:30 - 15:00 Welcome and introduction
- 15:00 - 17:30 Session 1: Media of Theory
- Julian Hamann: Introduction to the session
 - Tobias Werron, Jelena Brankovic, Leopold Ringel: "Collaboration as a Medium of Theorizing"
 - Panel discussion: "Theorizing through Podcasts?", with André Armbruster, Marie von Heyl, Moritz Klenk
- 17:30 - 18:00 Coffee Break
- 18:00 - 19:30 Keynote by Andrew Abbott: "The Role of Theory in the Social Sciences"
- 19:30 - 20:30 Drinks (Courtesy of Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsforschung e.V.)

Friday, 6th October

- 09:00 - 11:30 Session 2: Teaching Theory
- Erik J. Olsson: "Definitions as Explications and the Explanatory Role of Knowledge"
 - Rainer E. Zimmermann: "What is and to which end one is studying theory?"
 - Further statements (Peter Fischer, Nico Formanek et al.) and general discussion
- 11:30 - 12:45 Lunch (different options in close vicinity, see the list on the other page)
- 12:45 - 14:45 Session 3: Theory by any other name
- Vlasta Sikimić: "Algorithmic Fairness and Accuracy in the context of Data-Dependency."
 - Maël Pégnny, Juan Luis Gastaldi: "Theory for and from Opaque Machine Learning. Do Large Language Models contain theoretical knowledge (of something)?"
 - General Discussion
- 14:45 - 15:00 Outro and Farewell

Recommended lunch venues on Friday

Name	Address	Kitchen	Price
Via Nova II	Universitätsstraße 2	Italian	€€
Nolle	Georgenstraße 203	Homestyle German	€€
Chupenga	Georgenstraße 200	Burritos & Bowls	€€
Swing Kitchen	Georgenstraße 201	Vegan Burgers	€€
Pure Origins	Georgenstraße 193	Excellent Coffee and daily dishes	€€