



Human Abilities Workshop Ability: Language and Action

15-16 March 2024

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Location: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Human Abilities Centre,
Schönhauser Allee 10-11, 10119 Berlin, R. 425

Programme

Friday, 15 March

- 9:30 **Explaining Abilities**
Henry Schiller (The University of Sheffield)
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 **Anatomy of an Anankastic Conditional**
Milo Phillips-Brown (University of Edinburgh)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 **Trying Without Fail**
Ben Holguín (Johns Hopkins University)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 **Four Arguments Against Minimalism about Action**
Mikayla Kelley (University of Chicago)

Saturday, 16 March

- 9:30 **Able to Become Able**
Mike Deigan (Freie Universität Berlin/
Human Abilities)
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 **Diachronic Rationality for Causalists**
Melissa Fusco (Columbia University)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 **Progressive Action**
Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt (Freie
Universität Berlin/Human Abilities)
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 **Active and Passive Powers and Their Manifestation**
Maria Alvarez (King's College London)