

# LIMITS OF ABILITIES

## WORKSHOP

**WHEN** MON & TUE | 01 - 02 JUNE 2026 | 09:00 to 18:00

**WHERE** Human Abilities Centre, Schönhauser Allee 10-11, 10119 Berlin, Room 4.17  
**U2** Senefelder Platz / Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz **M8** Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz

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### Monday, 1 June 2026

- 09:00-09:15 *Coffee & Welcome*
- 09:15-10:30 Mikayla Kelley  
**Vital Action**
- 10:30-11:00 *Break*
- 11:00-12:15 Maja Spener  
**Self-Regulation**
- 12:15-13:45 *Lunch*
- 13:45-15:00 Kirsten Meyer  
**Realizing Potential and the Good Life**
- 15:00-15:15 *Break*
- 15:15-16:30 Nicholas Southwood  
**Debunking the Normativity of Feasibility:  
Against Normative Limits on What Can Be  
Done in Politics**
- 16:30-17:00 *Break*
- 17:00-18:15 Sanja Dembić  
**Knowing One's Limits: The Role of Effort**
- 19:00 *Conference Dinner*

### Tuesday, 2 June 2026

- 10:00-10:15 *Coffee & Welcome*
- 10:15-11:30 Julia Staffel  
**The Planning Fallacy and the Agent's  
Perspective**
- 11:30-11:45 *Break*
- 11:45-13:00 Berislav Marušić  
**Two Kinds of Limits**
- 13:00-14:15 *Lunch*
- 14:15-15:30 Jennifer Morton  
**From Ability Beliefs to Agential Frame-  
works: Revisiting Pessimism Traps**
- 15:30-16:00 *Break*
- 16:00-17:15 Barbara Vetter  
**Agency Within Limits**
- 17:15-17:30 *Wrap-up*
- 19:00 *Conference Dinner*