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Human Abilities, Centre for
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Schönhauser Allee 10-11, Room 4.17

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TUESDAY, 16/06/26

- 9.30 am **WHY MODALIZE? THE AGENTIVE FUNCTION OF MODALITY**
BARBARA VETTER *FU Berlin*
Moderator: Thomas Pendlebury (University of Chicago)
- 11.00 am Coffee Break
- 11.30 am **THE GENERAL FORM OF A PROBLEM**
ANTON FORD *University of Chicago*
Moderator: Leo Moauro (HU Berlin)
- 1.00 pm Lunch Break
- 2.30 pm **THE LOGIC OF WHAT TO DO: COMPARISON VS. REALIZATION**
JASON BRIDGES *University of Chicago*
Moderator: Sarah Tropper (Universität Graz)
- 4.00 pm Coffee Break
- 4.30 pm **AGENCY IN THE CHIM ACCOUNT OF COGNITIVE ONTOLOGY: CAN ROBOTS QUALIFY?**
BEATE KRICKEL *TU Berlin*
Moderator: Martin Niederl (University of Chicago)
- 7.00 pm Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 17/06/26

- 9.30 am **THE PROBLEM OF ACTION THEORY**
MIKAYLA KELLEY *University of Chicago*
Moderator: Berislav Marušić (University of Edinburgh)
- 11.00 am Coffee Break
- 11.30 am **KNOWING ONE'S LIMITS: THE ROLE OF EFFORT**
SANJA DEMBIĆ *HU Berlin*
Moderator: James Conant (University of Chicago)
- 1.00 pm Lunch Break
- 2.30 pm **ABILITY EXERCISE AND CAUSAL PROCESS**
NATHANIEL BARON-SCHMITT *FU Berlin*
Moderator: Maya Krishnan (University of Chicago)
- 4.00 pm Coffee Break
- 4.30 pm **MAKING TRUE**
MATTHIAS HAASE *University of Chicago*
Moderator: Andre Martin (HU Berlin)
- 7.00 pm Dinner