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During the last two decades, the concept of autonomy has been widely discussed in practical philosophy. Based on criticisms of minimal conceptions of autonomy, thick conceptions have been put forward which highlight the corporeal and social conditions of what it means to be a human person. This development also has a direct impact on biomedical ethics, as respect for autonomy is one of its core principles.

The aim of the conference is to provide a survey of thick conceptions of autonomy currently being put forward and to discuss possible objections. Furthermore, it will be discussed whether thick conceptions of autonomy should be brought to bear in biomedical ethics or whether referring to minimal conceptions of autonomy (or strictly formal ones) might suffice.

› Conference Venue

University of Münster
Alexander-von-Humboldt-House
Hüfferstrasse 61
48149 Münster
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› Programme

Thursday, October 18, 2012	
Public lecture at Erbdrostenhof (Salzstr. 38)	
06.00 p.m.	Respecting Autonomy in Bioethics: Do We Need a Thicker Concept of Autonomy? James F. Childress (Charlottesville, VA)
Friday, October 19, 2012	
09.15–10.30 a.m.	Is the Autonomy Talk Misleading? Thomas Gutmann (Münster)
10.30–11.45 a.m.	What Moral Responsibility is Not John M. Fischer (Riverside, CA)
12.00–01.15 p.m.	Autonomy and Beliefs Alfred R. Mele (Tallahassee, FL)
Lunch	
03.00–04.15 p.m.	Autonomy-Capacities: Risk-related or Not? Bettina Schöne-Seifert (Münster)
04.45–06.00 p.m.	How Much Understanding is Necessary for Autonomy? James S. Taylor (Ewing, NJ)
Saturday, October 20, 2012	
09.15–10.30 a.m.	Caring for Autonomy: Becoming Self-Governing with Other's Help John Christman (State College, PA)
10.30–11.45 a.m.	Relational Autonomy and Capabilities Theories of Justice: Exploring the Connections Catriona Mackenzie (Sydney)
12.15–01.30 p.m.	Perfectionist Autonomy Thomas Schramme (Hamburg)