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## > Thick (Concepts of) Autonomy? International Conference October 18–20, 2012



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## › Thick (Concepts of) Autonomy?

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 Theo-  
ries of Justice: Exploring the Connections  
**Catriona Mackenzie (Sydney)**

12.15–01.30 p.m. Perfectionist Autonomy  
**Thomas Schramme (Hamburg)**