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Thema: „Abstract Concepts in (Joint) Action“

Abstract: In this talk, I want to propose a novel theory of successful communication especially about abstract things like racism or technology. I will do so by focusing on joint action and by using the words entitlement and commitment a lot. In other words, I will talk a lot about rights against and obligations toward others. But what are obligations in joint action? What is their nature? Are they moral obligations, as Michael Bratman argues, or are they grounded in "joint commitment" as argued by Margaret Gilbert? I argue that they are neither. It's all an illusion!