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# **G A S T V O R T R A G**

**im Rahmen des Forschungskolloquiums  
von Prof. Dr. Misselhorn**

**Montag, den 03.02.2020  
16 Uhr s.t.**

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**Raum PH 0.133**

**spricht über das Thema:**

## **Beyond (?) constructivism: naturalist process metaphysics**

***Abstract:***

‘Naturalism’ is a metatheoretical commitment that can be defined in various ways. In this talk I outline some basic ideas of “General Process Theory” (GPT), the only extant non-Whiteheadian approach to a systematic process ontology, and discuss how “interactivism”, a metaphysical position that implies a process ontology and can be particularly clearly formulated with GPT, relates to the constructivist approach presented in L. Floridi’s “Philosophy of Information”. I proceed to argue for a clear separation of ontology and metaphysics, and, returning to ontology, I explore the application oriented question whether and how GPT can be used to distinguish natural and technological processes.

Background reading material could be found on my webpages (academia, researchgate), the following might be particularly useful:

Seibt, J. 2018b “Ontological Tools for the Process Turn in Biology: Some Basic Notions of General Process Theory,” in: Nicholson, D. and Dupré, J (eds.), *Everything Flows*, Oxford University Press, 113-136.