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„Forschungs- und Lektüreseminar zur Theoretischen Philosophie“
von Herrn Prof. Dr.Christian Beyer spricht am**

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zu dem Thema:

***„Gricean Communication, Cognitive Development,
and the Evolution of Language“***

Die Veranstaltung findet um 16 Uhr c.t. im Raum PH 0.133 statt.

Hierzu ergeht herzliche Einladung.

Abstract

Many current theories hold that humans evolved to use language because they had previously developed the sophisticated (and uniquely human) socio-cognitive abilities required to act with and understand 'Gricean' communicative intentions. However this view is empirically unsupported. Against it, I argue that uniquely human forms of social cognition may have arisen as a product of our ability to engage in Gricean communication. This is possible because, while Grice's characterisation of meaning is essentially correct, the socio-cognitive pre-requisites of Gricean communication have been intellectualised by existing research. I finish by discussing the shortcomings of some non-Gricean approaches to language evolution.