

## KKC-IPU-Vortrag

**Mittwoch, 20.10.2021 | Hybrid | 14.15 Uhr bis 16.00 Uhr**

Die hybride Veranstaltung findet in Raum GD 04/520 und via Zoom statt. Zur Anmeldung schicken Sie bitte unter Angabe "Präsenz" oder "Zoom" eine E-Mail an [kkc@rub.de](mailto:kkc@rub.de)

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### Empathy and Society: A Critique of the Empathy-Altruism Hypothesis

The last decades gave way to a growing trend whereby a variety of scholars are calling for empathy to be placed at the center of the debate regarding human psychology, ethics and politics. In this lecture I will present questions and findings from my critical investigation of the notion of empathy through the lens of autism: a syndrome commonly characterized as originating in an innate disorder of empathy. Through a study of the unique form of autistic empathy, this investigation attempts to learn something new about human empathy and its complex social and political implications.

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