

Introduction

After World War II and the large scale atrocities of Nazi Germany, the authors of the UN Charta, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the German Grundgesetz found it necessary and appropriate to confirm the very basis of humanity in the formulation of these documents by recourse to the concept of human dignity. Since then human dignity made its career in constitutions and declarations around the world. As the notion of human dignity was widely acknowledged as expressing a central element of our moral self-understanding, it became important, in law studies as well as in philosophy, to find an adequate interpretation for this notion. There have been several approaches for meeting this task during the last decades, yet in our workshop on "Human dignity, contingent dignity, and rank" we will focus particularly on those attempts that employ the relationship between human dignity and traditional, 'contingent' understandings of dignity, which bear close resemblance to concepts like honor, humiliation and shame.

Conference program

Monday, June 28

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Welcome Address by *Britta Padberg*, executive secretary of the ZiF, and the organizers

13:45-14:45 *Wolfgang Vögele (Karlsruhe)*: Inherent Dignity and Inalienable Rights in the Formative Documents of the United Nations

14:45-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:15 *Paul Tiedemann (Frankfurt am Main)*: Comments on the Legislative History of Article 1 GG

16:15-17:15 *Eric Hilgendorf (Würzburg)*: Honor and Dignity in German Law

18:00 Dinner at ZiF

Public Lecture

19:00 *Deryck Beyleveld (Durham, GB)*: Human Hope, Human Fear, and Human Dignity

Tuesday, June 29

09:00-10:00 *Peter Schaber (Zürich, CH)*: Human Dignity, Normative Authority, and Self-Respect

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:30 *Markus Stepanians (Aachen)*: In what Sense is Human Dignity the 'Ground' of Human Rights?

11:30-12:30 *Markus Rothhaar (Erlangen)*: Dignity and Recognition

12:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 *Marcus Düwell (Utrecht, NL)*: The Justificatory Function of Human Dignity

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-19:00 **Current Research Projects on Human Dignity**

Holger Baumann (Zürich, CH): Human Dignity and Autonomy - What Relationship?

Jan-Willem van der Rijt (Amsterdam, NL): Kantian Dignity and Republican Standing

Liesbeth Feikema (Utrecht, NL): "Conflict of interest", Rank and Dignity

Julia Müller (Potsdam): Dignity and Hunger

Julia Glahn (Aachen): Dignity and the Dead

19:30 Dinner at a restaurant downtown (self pay)

Wednesday, June 30

09:00-10:00 *Arnd Pollmann (Magdeburg)*: Losing Self-Respect. The Role of Shame in Violating Dignity

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:30 *Christian Neuhäuser (Bochum)*: Dignity and Democracy

11:30-12:30 *Ralf Stoecker (Potsdam)*: How much Dignity is in Human Dignity?

12:45 Lunch and Departure

ZiF Research Group:

"Challenges to the Image of Humanity and Human Dignity by New Developments in Medical Technology"

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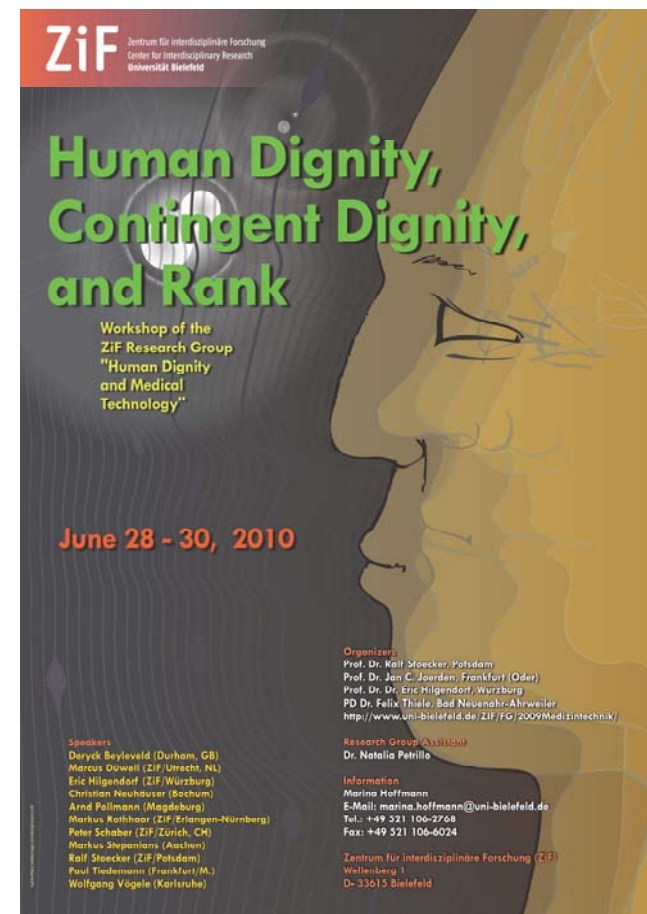
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