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Dear Students

The faculty of the Institute of Philosophy warmly welcome you to the fall semester! We look forward to exchanging ideas with you.

Unfortunately this semester will also be affected by the corona virus. According to the current status (end of August), courses with presence are possible. But the number of new infections has been rising again for some time. As far as we currently know, the pandemic can only be effectively contained if close contact is avoided and the hygiene regulations are followed very strictly. The latter is often difficult in a university context and sometimes counterproductive for teaching. Therefore, many courses at the Institute of Philosophy are wholly or partially conducted online.

From 1.9.2020 you will find information on how a course is conducted in the course descriptions in KSL (presence, purely online or mixed form). For courses that mostly take place online, it is also noted whether they take place synchronously (i.e. at fixed times, usually in the specified time window) or asynchronously (i.e. without fixed times).

We strongly recommend that you register by 11.9. for the courses you want to attend. This is the only way to guarantee that the lecturers will provide you with information about the first session or the precise implementation of the course.

We ask people who belong to risk groups or who are unable to attend face-to-face events for other reasons to contact the lecturers if they are interested in an event that involves attendance. The lecturers will then look for solutions to enable the students to acquire the ECTS points.

The decision to offer many courses online was not an easy one for us. Of course we would like to enjoy discussions with you face-to-face! However, we also want to make a contribution to containing the pandemic, and we can carry out our teaching tasks with a significantly reduced presence.

We are also happy to provide individual advice during our office hours.

Despite everything, we wish you a successful and exciting semester and good health!

For the Institute of Philosophy  
C. Beisbart

(transl. K. Tuke)