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Humans are animals. But are they just animals? On the one hand, there's a venerable tradition according to which humans differ from the other animals in some fundamental way. Several candidates for this difference have been suggested: humans have syntactically complex languages and propositional thought, humans use tools, humans form social groups in which they cooperate, humans have morality etc. But recent research suggests that some non-human animals have capacities resembling one or another of those which seemed to make humans unique. So there is, on the other hand, widespread opposition to the traditional thought that humans are fundamentally different from other animal species. Our workshop brings together researchers from biology, psychology and philosophy in order to explore the prospects of the idea that humans are in some deep sense unique and different from all other animals.

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# THE HUMAN ANIMAL

Internationaler Workshop

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# Program

## Wednesday, December 19th 2012:

- 9.30 am Welcome
- 9.45 am Mathias Gutmann (TU Karlsruhe):  
Human Life: Why the Anthropological Difference cannot  
be of a Biological Nature  
Chair: Johann Gudmundsson
- 11.15 am Coffee Break
- 11.45 am Josep Call (MPI für Evolutionäre Anthropologie, Leipzig):  
On Ape Cognition and *Raising the Bar*  
Chair: Sebastian Rödl
- 1.15 pm Lunch Break
- 3.15 pm Andrea Kern (Universität Leipzig):  
Becoming Human  
Chair: Martin Palauneck
- 4.45 pm Coffee Break
- 5.15 pm Robert Brandom (University of Pittsburgh):  
Intentionality and Language - A Normative, Pragmatist,  
Inferentialist Approach  
Chair: Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer
- 7.30 pm Dinner

## Thursday, December 20th 2012:

- 9.00 am Adrian Haddock (University of Stirling):  
Primitive Normativity  
Chair: Rebekka Gersbach
- 10.30 am Coffee Break
- 11.00 am Michael Thompson (University of Pittsburgh):  
Life and its Forms  
Chair: Andrea Kern
- 12.30 pm Lunch Break
- 2.00 pm Sebastian Rödl (Universität Leipzig):  
Animals and Persons  
Chair: Matthias Haase
- 3.30 pm Coffee Break
- 4.00 pm Markus Wild (Université de Fribourg):  
Reason and Rationality in Animals  
Chair: Boris Kaloff
- 5.30 pm Coffee Break
- 6.00 pm Henrike Moll (University of Southern California):  
Comparing Tasks Used in Comparative Psychology  
Chair: Christian Kietzmann
- 8.00 pm Dinner