Recent epistemology has seen a resurgence of interest in the concept of a capacity. Several epistemological problems, such as the relation between knowledge and reasons, or between knowledge and error, seem more tractable once we turn to the notion of a capacity for knowledge. This trend towards a capacity-centered approach to recent debates in epistemology calls for an answer to two major questions. First, what kind of capacity is exercised in knowledge? And second, how should we understand the concept of a capacity more generally? The purpose of the workshop is to discuss possible answers to these and related questions.

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**Program**

**Friday, October 12th 2012:**

9.30 am  Welcome

9.45 am  Hans-Johann Glock (Universität Zürich): What Abilities can do for the Philosophy of Animal Minds  
Chair: Andrea Kern

11.15 am  coffee break

11.45 am  Adrian Haddock (University of Stirling): On Being Knowingly Affected by an Object  
Chair: Alexandra Newton

1.15 pm  lunch break

3.15 pm  Ernest Sosa (Rutgers University): Epistemic Agency  
Chair: Sebastian Rödl

4.45 pm  coffee break

5.15 pm  Andrea Kern (Universität Leipzig): On the Very Idea of an Epistemic Capacity and the Possibility of Error  
Chair: Matthias Haase

7.30 pm  dinner

**Saturday, October 13th 2012:**

9.30 am  Alexandra Newton (Universität Leipzig): Kant on the Understanding as a Capacity Governed by Logical Rules  
Chair: Johann Gudmundsson

11.00 am  coffee break

11.30 am  John Hyman (University of Oxford): Reasons and Knowledge  
Chair: Will Small

1.00 pm  lunch break

3.00 pm  Sebastian Rödl (Universität Leipzig): Knowledge and the Capacity to do Things for Reasons  
Chair: Pirmin Stekeler-Weithofer

4.30 pm  coffee break

5.00 pm  Barbara Vetter (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin): Understanding Abilities. An opinionated survey  
Chair: Christian Kietzmann

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Please note the format of this workshop: There will be no formal presentations. Instead, the papers can be downloaded from the homepage of the Institute of Philosophy, University of Leipzig: www.uni-leipzig.de/~philos

Participants will be expected to have read the papers and come prepared for discussion. The workshop itself will feature a discussion session of one and a half hour for each paper.