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## Minds without Magic: The Natural Basis of Intentionality.

September 18th-19th, 2013. Organized by **Peter Schulte** and **Christian Nimtz**

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The venue of the workshop will be room **A3-126 (Senatssaal)** at **Bielefeld University**

Participation is free of charge. However, you need to register beforehand. Please send an e-mail to [Peter.Schulte@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:Peter.Schulte@uni-bielefeld.de).

### Details

Talk about intentional states and mental content is deeply entrenched in folk psychology, scientific psychology and cognitive ethology. Nevertheless, intentionality itself remains a puzzling phenomenon. Philosophers have long tried to anchor intentional notions in the non-intentional natural world, using concepts like "causation", "information" or "function". These theories have encountered severe difficulties. In recent years, however, there have been fresh attempts at explanatory approaches linking intentionality to informational, causal-dispositional or functional facts. The goal of this workshop is to explore the prospects of these approaches. The main focus will be on teleosemantics, but alternative naturalistic accounts and general questions concerning the use of intentional notions will also be explored.

### Speakers

- Jens Kipper (Cologne)
- Brian Leahy (Konstanz)
- Manolo Martinez (Barcelona)
- Bence Nanay (Antwerp/ Cambridge)
- David Papineau (London)
- Eva Schmidt (Saarbrücken)
- Peter Schulte (Bielefeld)