Fachbereichskolloquium

Sommersemester 2022
Donnerstags 18:15 bis 19:45 Uhr
Raum G 307

Im Rahmen des Philosophischen Kolloquiums findet am Donnerstag, den 14. April 2022 folgender Vortrag statt:

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When is Cultural Appropriation Wrong? The Role of Structural Injustice.

Cultural appropriation is not always wrong. Whether it’s art, fashion, literature, or in the kitchen, intercultural borrowing and exchange can enrich our cultural lives in ways that raise no ethical issues. Cross-cultural borrowing not only is normal, it’s often normatively desirable. Cultures are not self-contained wholes with clear-cut boundaries or essences, and that’s a good thing.

Nevertheless, cultural appropriation can be wrong under some circumstances. We identify a set of cases where structural injustice changes the normative landscape of cultural appropriation. If (1) cultural practice X is connected to a group’s marginalized status, and (2) it is a sufficiently widespread view among members of a marginalized group that outsiders should not appropriate X, outsiders should defer to these group members and refrain from appropriating X. We consider the implications of this argument for a variety of real-world cultural appropriation controversies and respond to key objections.

Alle Interessierten, insbesondere Studierende, sind herzlich eingeladen.