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## Call for Papers: The Theory and Practice of Autonomy

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The notion of autonomy is a key concept in many domains of practical philosophy. For example, it lies at the heart of political liberalism; the “principle of autonomy” is most important in bioethics, and being autonomous is often considered to be a necessary condition for moral responsibility, moral agency, personhood, or for leading a good life. Recently, some philosophers have pointed out that a *unified* conception of autonomy might not be available; moreover, they have suggested that aiming at such a unified conception leads to a distorted understanding of the concept in specific contexts. There are good reasons to take this latter warning seriously. Nevertheless, relating different perspectives on autonomy may serve as a valuable corrective or inspiration for discussing the concept in particular contexts.

For this reason, the central aim of our workshop is to bring together PhD-students working on the concept of autonomy in different contexts. Papers can deal with any topic connected to autonomy, either from a historical or a systematic perspective.

**Call for papers:** Proposals for papers should be sent until the **1<sup>st</sup> of September 2006** to [ivowall@access.unizh.ch](mailto:ivowall@access.unizh.ch). We invite submissions of 300-500 word abstracts. Presentations (25 minutes) will be followed by a discussion of half an hour. The conference language will be English.