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Presentation for
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The Epistemology of Bullshit

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Harry Frankfurt (*On Bullshit* from 2005) maintains that “bullshit” exhibits a person’s *indifference* to truth. Quassim Cassam (“Epistemic Insouciance”, forthcoming) defines “epistemic insouciance” as “a casual lack of concern about whether one’s beliefs have any basis in reality or are adequately supported by the best available evidence”. With a view to implications for public discourse I will try to clarify the relation between truth, lying, and bullshit by looking into Cassam’s and Frankfurt’s arguments concerning the ways the person’s epistemic insouciance distorts the possibility to cultivate truthfulness and where we get bullshit statements as a result.

Time: Wednesday May 4th, 19.00-21.00, 2018.

Place: Café Manstein, Mansteinstraße 4, 10783 Berlin

Organizers: Armin Papenfuß, Anna Kollenberg and John R.Sageng.

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