

Prof. Dr. Walter Schweidler (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): *The Slave in Ourselves. Neo-Aristotelianism and 20th Century German Practical Philosophy*

Abstract:

The talk focuses on the current relevance of the Aristotelian model of political legitimation for our modern state. This issue will be used to show the neo-Aristotelian turn represented by Robert Spaemann and his teacher Joachim Ritter as an anti-utilitarian model of practical philosophy. Both authors were decisive for the movement which was called the "*Rehabilitation der Praktischen Philosophie*" in the second half of last century in Germany. From this perspective the talk will mention some other attempts of a new practical philosophy in Germany in the recent years.