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*Integrating Ethics and Epistemology of Scientific Research*

The Research Training Group 2073 *Integrating Ethics and Epistemology of Scientific Research* (Leibniz Universität Hannover/Bielefeld University) invites to a public guest lecture.

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# **Too true to be good. On two kinds of rationality**

In this paper I distinguish between two kinds of rationality: rationality in an “adjustment-sense” and rationality in an “evaluation-sense”. I argue that we are rational if our rational response system is working well. And our rational response system is working well if (1) it keeps our beliefs, intentions, emotions etc. well-adjusted to each other, and (2) if it produces evaluative beliefs which are appropriate on the basis of our non-evaluative beliefs. We are not perfectly rational in one sense, the adjustment-sense, if there is any kind of ill-adjustment or inner tension between our mental states. We are irrational in a second sense, the evaluation-sense, if no or inappropriate evaluative beliefs are generated on the basis of our non-evaluative beliefs. This analysis of rationality leads to a distinction between two different kinds of reasons: one kind of reasons is tied to rationality in the adjustment-sense while another kind of reasons is tied to rationality in the evaluation-sense. The purpose of this paper is to get a clearer picture of rationality and reasons in general.

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