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All interested students, scientists, and scholars are cordially invited to the following talk of the research colloquium:

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Michael Baumgartner

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Objectivizing Causal Regularities

While regularity theories of causation had for a long time almost completely vanished from the philosophical discussion, there have recently been several attempts to bring the long-standing regularity theoretic tradition back to life (cf. Grasshoff & May 2001, Strevens 2007, Baumgartner 2008, Psillos 2009). In this talk, I present a regularity theoretic analysis of type causation which I claim to be immune to all the objections that have traditionally been leveled against the regularity theoretic project. In particular, I will argue that properly objectivized empirical regularities can be used to successfully account for (deterministic) causation on the type level.