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## “The History, Necessities, and Abuses of Academic Freedom”

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 | 6:00–8:00 pm  
Room A, IAAK, Regina-Pacis-Weg 5

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Academic freedom is usually invoked when it comes to protecting the research and teaching of professors. In effect, it has been placed on the same par as freedom of speech and assembly in the United States Constitution. However, what does academic freedom really mean, how did the concept evolve, and what is its relevance today? How do balancing concepts such as academic integrity come into play? Are there limits to academic freedom (as there are to freedom of speech) – for instance in order to protect students and university administrators who are caught in an imbalance of power traditionally favoring faculty members?



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