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## Report on the Workshop "Doing ethics"

The international and interdisciplinary workshop on "Doing ethics: Interdisciplinary perspectives on communicative practices and verbal devices" took place at the University of Bayreuth from the 10th to the 12th of October 2022. It was convened by the coordinators of the research project on "Health discourses as moral communication? Linguistic case studies from Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon", Martina Drescher and Oumarou Boukari, which is part of the Research Section Moralities. The workshop put a spotlight on moralities relation with language by bringing together linguists from different theoretical backgrounds and researchers from social sciences with an interest in moral discourse and everyday moralities. It aimed first, to chart this interdisciplinary territory by addressing some of the theoretical and methodological issues a conceptualization of doing ethics that is deeply rooted in interaction has to face. Second, its goal was to gain deeper insights into ethical affordances, that is, the primarily verbal means and communicative practices people typically use as resources to indicate moral concerns and to display moral stance. Given the participants' common interest in the accomplishment of everyday moral activities, the workshop clearly centered around data-based work and empirical approaches of doing ethics. With more than fifteen papers given by scholars from different African (Cameroon, Ivory Coast) and European (France, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Spain) countries, as well as from Canada, the workshop provided a platform for issues at the interface of language and everyday ethics, while at the same time promoting interdisciplinary research between linguists and social scientists. Their insightful contributions were followed by vibrant discussions that deepened our understanding of doing ethics as a communicative achievement as well as its role in everyday life, while also reflecting on the entanglements between moral, emotive and modal meanings in different cultural and institutional settings. A publication of the contributions in the Africa Multiple book series with Brill Academic Publishers is envisioned.