

Luhmann Conference 2020 on “Moral communication. Observed with social systems theory”

Dubrovnik (Croatia), IUC – Inter University Center, Frane Bulića 4 (2nd floor, room 5)

September 15-18, 2020

Preliminary Schedule:

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 15

13.30 – 14.00 Opening Session / Introductory Notes

Chairs: Gorm Harste, Steffen Roth

14.00 – 16.00 Session 1

- **Gorm Harste** – ‘Law and Morality – The Luhmann/ Habermas controversy and its aftermath’
- **Leon Conrad** – ‘Roots, Shoots, Fruits: The direct influence of J M Robertson’s work on George Spencer-Brown’s work and its indirect influence on Niklas Luhmann’s work’

Chair: Steffen Roth

16.00 – 16.30 – Break

16.30 – 18.30 Session 2

- **Emer Hunt** – ‘The problem with values: identifying the values within the observation of problems’
- **Jacob A. Miller, Matthew R. Sanderson** – ‘Reading in sociological evolutionary theory and Peters’ communication’s chasm to Niklas Luhmann’s (1989) Ecological Communication to examine mainstream environmentalism’s moral codes’

Chair: Gorm Harste

19.00 – Dinner

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16

9.00-11.00 Session 3

- **Jörg Räwel** – ‘An allergy of society. Concerning the question of how a social "lockdown" has become possible’
- **Jesper Tække** – ‘Systems theoretical observations of the media panic debate’

Chair: Markus Heidingsfelder

11.00-11.30 – Break

11.30-13.30 Session 4

- **Lars Clausen** – ‘A Moral Cross?’
- **Krešimir Žažar** – ‘Fighting the Virus, ‘Hunting the Witches’ – Moralizing within the Public Discourses during the Corona Pandemic in Croatia’
Chair: Jesper Tække

13.30-16.00 – Break

16.00-18.00 Session 5

- **Nicholas Weaver** – ‘Escalating complexity and fragmentation of mental health services: the influence of recovery as a form of moral communication’
- **Klaus Brønd Laursen** – ‘The productive force of moral communication in the functional differentiated society’
Chair: Margit Neisig

19.00 – Dinner

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

9.00-11.00 Session 6

- **Steffen Roth** – ‘The Great Reset. Restratification for lives, livelihoods and the planet’
- **Margit Neisig** – ‘The fragile system-environment relation, moral or ethical heuristics, higher order autopoiesis and sophisticated digital tools: May nature, digital and social systems couple in a circular economy? – Blind spots, paradoxes and deparadoxation’
Chair: Ilaria Riccioni

11.00-11.30 – Break

11.30-14.30 Session 7

- **Kristof Van Assche, Gert Verschraegen, Vladislav Valentinov, Monica Gruezmacher** – ‘Transparency, opacity and morality in governance’
- **Ilaria Riccioni, Luca Diotallevi** – ‘Moral Communication in the Systems of Arts and Religion’
Chair: Krešimir Žažar

15.00 – Excursion to Konavle (including late lunch / early dinner)

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

9.00-11.00 Session 8

- **Kurt Rachlitz** – 'Moral Communication And The Digitalized Organization'
- **Jan Winczorek** – 'Moral communication and legal uncertainty in small and medium enterprises'

Chair: Lars Clausen

11.00-11.30 – Break

11.30-13.30 Session 9

- **Markus Heidingsfelder** – 'Outrage/Exclusion Culture: The Transformation of Morality'
- **Ayumi Higuchi** – 'On the symmetry of moral codes'

Chair: Klaus Brønd Laursen

13.30-14.30

The cocktail reception in the IUC atrium

14.30-15.30

Final Discussion / Closing Session

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