

Identity of Europe
Politics, Identity and War

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Course description:

Politics and war are irreconcilable opposites when they take on a radical form - as a civic, pluralistic form of self-determination on the one hand and total annihilation on the other. There are also diverse forms such as authoritarian politics and war as politics by other means. Their positive relationship to violence is risky, however, because violence as a means to an end all too easily takes on a life of its own. The current national and international crises promote the acceptance of violence. They raise the questions of whether these are crises of democracy or of governance in complex societies in general, what institutional populist, expertocratic or grassroots democratic alternatives are offered, and what role identity discourses play - whether for the social emancipation of minorities, for the ethno-nationalist dominance of politics or for the mobilization for war and its justification

Program:

Monday 2/9

9.30-14

Welcome, course directors

Zoran Kurelić, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Is Cultural Left Liberal?

Lana Zdravković, Mirovni-Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Metastasis of Freedom

Ringo Rösener, University Leipzig, Germany

Movie Theaters: Public or Privat Places?

Tuesday 3/9

9.30-14

Zlatan Krajina, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Performing the City as Market: Agonistic Conviviality and elastic Belonging in Trieste

Anja Vida, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Interpreting Difference: LGBT viewers of televised national Celebrations and Politics of the “negotiated code”

Vlasta Jalušič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Gendered Islamophobia and Hate Attacks on Muslim Women in post-socialist Context: possible Conceptualizations

Wednesday 4/9

9.30-14

Cristina Sánchez, Autonomous University Madrid, Spain

Some Debates in contemporary Theories of War

Thiago Dias, UNICAMP/FAPESP, Brazil

(In)Visibility and Violence: Reflections on Arendt’s Concept of World Alienation

Martin Baesler, University of Freiburg, Germany

Technology's role in enabling and restricting Freedom –
Hannah Arendt's Critique of Technology and its Relevance for our Democracy

Thursday 5/9

9.30-14

Gorazd Kovačič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Hannah Arendt on the Palestinian question

Rafael Kasper, UFRGS Porto Alegre, Brazil

Sarajevo, Sarandi: A Search for Home

Waltraud Meints-Stender, University of Applied Science Niederrhein, Germany

Critic of Capitalism: From the Perspective of Freedom

– with Considerations on Rahel Jaeggi, Nancy Fraser and Lea Ypi

Friday 6/9

9.30-13

Antonio Gómez Ramos, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

Perspectives for a European Memorial Discourse

Wolfgang Heuer, Free University Berlin, Germany

Anarchy and Violence. Visit Argentina

Perspectives for 2025