Identity of Europe

**Ideologies, Divisions, Conflicts**

**IUC Dubrovnik, Sep 8 – 12, 2025**

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**Course description**:

The course "Ideologies, Divisions, Conflicts" explores how ideological divisions drive political and social conflicts, often leading to the erosion of international law, the weakening of institutions like the UN, and challenges to global justice. It examines how authoritarian regimes, populist movements, and nationalist expansions exploit ideological divides to consolidate power, destabilize international norms, and fuel geopolitical tensions. Through case studies and theoretical perspectives, the course critically analyzes the impact of these forces on global governance and conflict resolution.

**Program:**

**Monday SEP 8**

**9:30 - 14:00**

**Welcome, course directors**

**Jan Rodin**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Liberalism Exists Only For Those Who Believe in it

**Zoran Kurelić**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Three Grand Narratives of the End of the West

**Lana Zdravković,** Mirovni-Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia

„Slatko“ (sweet) – performance

**Tuesday SEP 9**

**9:00 – 13:00**

**Antonio Gomez Ramos,** Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

No world without the Earth –

Arendt's *Human Condition*and some ecopolitical debates in the Anthropocene

**Antonio Karlović**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Contestations of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy

**Dragan Jurić,** University of Zagreb, Croatia

NATO Between a Rock and a Hard Place

12:00 Reception by Nada Bruer, IUC Executive Secretary

**Wednesday SEP 10**

**9:30 – 14:00**

**Vlasta Jalušič**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Right to Have Rights and Genocide

**Gorazd Kovačič**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Eichmann and Heidegger

**Joris Roelofs,** Amsterdam

The Art of the Virtuoso': Hannah Arendt, the Performing Arts, and Improvisation

**17.00-18.00**

**Joris Roelofs**

Solo Performance: "Arendt Jazz Hour"

**Thursday SEP 11**

**9:30 – 14:00**

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

Crises of democracy and articulation

Reflections with Theodor W. Adorno, Stuart Hall and Hannah Arendt

**Kelly Janaina Souza da Silva,** UNESP São Paulo, Brazil / NOVA Univ., Lisabon, Portugal

How Do Ideologies Triumph in a World That Does Not Value Factual Truth?

**Rafael Kasper**, UFRGS Porto Alegre, Brazil

The Victory of Showcialism

**16:00 – 18:00**

**Toni Čerkez**, University Tallinn, Estonia

The 'Great Tradition' and Cybernetics:

How Can We Think Politics in the Age of AI with Arendt?

**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

**Friday SEP 12**

**9:00 - 13:00**

**Wolfgang Heuer,** Free University Berlin, Germany

Be Right, think Experience, stay calm. An Experiment

**Virginia Fusco,** Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

Social reproduction reconsidered or the Marxist Archive as a philosophy,

a method and a material force

**Eva Rodriguez Vera**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

Unlearning apathy: Youth, democracy, and the possibilities of critical education

**Perspectives for 2026**