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Arendt & Critical Theory Today.

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Note: This conference is a follow-up to the first one "Arendt and Politics" organized in Istanbul at Boğaziçi University in June 2016. Given to the political atmosphere currently reigning in Turkey, we are diligent to invite speakers who address, as a "critical theory" not only the "acts" of acts.

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Istanbul Critical Theory Conference: Arendt and Critical Theory Today
Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg

Thursday, July 13, 2017

BIS-Saal, University Library

9:30-10:00 Registration

10.00-10:30 Welcoming Address by Volkan Çıdam, Gaye Demiryol, Zeynep Gambetti, Philip Hogh and Julia König

10.30-12.30 **Keynote Address: Lars Rensmann (University of Groningen): Revolt and Delusion: Understanding Contemporary Populism with Arendt and Adorno**

12.30-13.30 Lunch Break

Hörsaalzentrum A 14

13.30-15.30 Parallel Panels

Arendt and Marxist Theory (A 14, 0030)	Arendt and Habermas (A 14, 0031)	The Figure of the Refugee (A 14, 1112)
Anna-Sophie Schönfelder (Osnabrück): Arendt reading Marx - an encounter that shapes her relationship to Critical Theory Therese Herrmann (Frankfurt): "Not a tragedy, only a farce": Marx and Arendt on the modern state and the mob Markus Börner (Berlin): Partners in Crime – The Criticism of the Bureaucracy and Working Society as a Landmark to a Concrete Philosophy and the Renewal of Utopian Thinking in Mass Society in the Works of Hannah Arendt and Herbert Marcuse	Steffen Herrmann (Hagen): Political Judgement and Critical Theory. Arendt and Habermas Judith Zinsmaier (Tübingen): When is an opinion justified? The normative dimension of opinions in Arendt and Habermas Nicholas Dunn (Montreal): Imaginative Necessity: Kant and Arendt on Judgment and Cognition	Sabeen Ahmed (Nashville): Homo Sacer and Philosophical Erasure: A Postcolonial Intervention in Refugee Discourse Ayala Paz (Beer Sheva): Statelessness and the Nation-State: An Arendtian Reading of the Contemporary Refugee Phenomenon Rafael Zawisza (Warsaw): Arendt's concept of natality in the times of the migrant crisis

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break (BIS-Saal, University Library)

Hörsaalzentrum A 14

16.00-18.00 Parallel Panels

Arendt and Adorno I (A 14, 0030)	Crime and Punishment (A 14, 0031)	(Post)Truth and Politics (A 14, 1112)
Aurélia Peyrical (Paris/Berlin): Judging and Novelty in Arendt and Adorno Tobias Albrecht (Frankfurt): The (Im)possibilities of Political Practice. On the Idea of a Political Critical Theory after Adorno and Arendt Emanuel John (Potsdam): Understanding Suffering from Social Violence: Arendt's and Adorno's Legacy	Yeşim Yaprak Yıldız (Cambridge): 'Where all are guilty, nobody is': 'Banality of guilt' in public confessions of perpetrators Zahid Chaudary (Princeton): Arendt and Impunity Thomas Wittendorff (Florence): Contesting Guilt: Arendt's <i>Denktagebuch</i> and her Attempt to Reconceptualize Guilt	Larry Alan Busk (Eugene): Arendt, Adorno, and 'Post-Truth' Politics Anne Rethmann (Berlin): Chaotic turmoil - When opinion lacks judgment Mesadet Maria Sozmen (Santa Barbara): Arendtian Understanding of Truth, Lying and Action: Defactualization and Dehistoricization of the Armenian Genocide

BIS-Saal, University Library

18.00-22.00 Reception

Friday, July 14, 2017

Hörsaalzentrum A 14

10.00-12.00 Parallel Panels

Arendt and Adorno II (A 14, 0030)	The Right to have Rights (A 14, 0031)	Selfhood and Subjectivity (A 14, 1112)
Jan Müller (Basel): Modern Life is Strife. Adorno and Arendt on Violence and Resistance Robin Weiss (Cairo): Arendt and Adorno's Differing Responses to Complicity, Collective Guilt and the Erosion of the Conditions for Ethical Life Robert Zwarg (Marbach/Leipzig): Begging to differ. Hannah Arendt's and Theodor W. Adorno's Dialectics of Equality	Renaud-Selim Sanli (Brussels): The framework of the Nation-State and International Humanitarian Law under Trial Floris Biskamp (Kassel): Democratic Iterations and the Right to Have Rights. The Political Theory of Borders and the Critique of Ideology Enrico Pfau (Oldenburg): Arendt and a critical theory of human rights	Jenny Kneis (Berlin): Counting, Calculating, Reflecting, Speculating - What Makes Us Think? Notes with H. Arendt and T. Adorno Hao Ji Zhu (New York): Truth in Politics - A Response to Arendt's Critique of Individual Sovereignty Marcus Quent (Berlin): Birth and Immortality. Or how to escape animal humanism

12.00-13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-15.30 **Keynote Address: Zeynep Gambetti (Bogazici University Istanbul): tba**

15.30-16.00 **Coffee Break**

Hörsaalzentrum A 14

16.00-18.00 **Paralell Panels**

Arendt and Adorno III (A 14, 0030)	Arendt and Contemporary Politics (A 14, 0031)	Revolution (A 14, 1112)
<p>Julian Kuppe (Halle): On the Dialectic of the public</p> <p>Tom Uhlig (Frankfurt): Rage against the Nature. Labour and Repression in the Works of Arendt and Adorno.</p> <p>Buğra Yasin (Istanbul): Overcoming the Nature-Politics Dichotomy: An Adornoian Reading of the Question of the <i>Malheureux</i></p>	<p>Burak Tan (Istanbul): From Arendt to Turkey: Totalitarianism as Politics of Identification</p> <p>Delal Aydin (Binghampton): Hannah Arendt and the Political Practice of Friendship: Kurdish Youth Movement in the 1990s</p> <p>Marielle Kristina M. Sundiang (Quezon): Forgive and Forget: Perversions of Arendtian Judgment and its Consequences in Philippine Politics</p>	<p>Andrew Key (Berkeley): Spontaneity and Revolution in Hannah Arendt</p> <p>Judith Mohrmann (Frankfurt): Affect and Revolution. Political Emotions in Hannah Arendt</p> <p>Edgar Straehle (Barcelona): Is it possible to reconcile Past, Present and Future in Political Action? Authority, Time and Revolution in Hannah Arendt</p>

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Hörsaalzentrum A 14

10.00-12.00 **Parallel Panels**

Modernity and Resistance (A 14, 0030)	Violence and Non-Violence (A 14, 0031)	Arendt and the Philosophical Tradition (A 14, 1112)
<p>Michael Restagno (Montreal): Process and Totality in the Work of Hannah Arendt and Theodor Adorno</p> <p>Ville Suuronen (Jyväskylä): The Multifaceted Modernity in Hannah Arendt's Political Thought: A Critical Discussion with the Frankfurt School</p> <p>Jim Josefson (Bridgewater): The Dissensus of Aesthetic Politics: Aesthetics in Critical Theory, Jacques Ranciere and Hannah Arendt</p>	<p>Amy Bartholomew (Ottawa): Arendt, Habermas, and the Democratic Life Politics of Hunger Striking</p> <p>Javier Toscano (Chemnitz): Religion as form. Arendt and Benjamin on myth, law, violence and politics</p>	<p>Matthew Wester (Texas): Reading Kant against Kant: Arendt and the erweiterte Denkungsart</p> <p>Elisa Ravasio (Pavia): A stinging citizen: Socrates - "the gadfly" as a political model</p> <p>Ashley Fleshman (Chicago): Reification and the Metaphysics of Presence in Lukács and Arendt</p>

12.00-13.00 Lunch Break

Hörsaalzentrum A 14, Room 3

13.00-15.00 Keynote Address: Jay M. Bernstein (New School for Social Research): Problems of Progress and the Idea of Human Rights

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

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15.30-17.30 Plenary Panel

Arendt and Critical Theory: Criticizing the Present
Dana Villa (Notre Dame)
Gaye Ilhan Demiryol (Istanbul)
Andreas Stuhlmann (Edmonton)

17.30-18.00 Closing Address