

Annual Meeting of the Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies

The Corrosion of the Liberal Democratic Order? Transatlantic Perspectives in Perilous Times

Date: Thursday, 7th – Friday, 8th Nov. 2019

Location: Heidelberg Center for American Studies; Hauptstr. 120, 69117 Heidelberg

Organizers: Florian Böller; TU Kaiserslautern
Markus B. Siewert; Bavarian School for Public Policy at TU Munich

Conference Program

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

09:00 – *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

09:30 Florian Böller (TU Kaiserslautern) & Markus Siewert (Bavarian School for Public Policy)

Panel I: Renewing Representation? Chances and Challenges for Political Parties

Jonathan Hopkin (London School of Economics): “Anti-System Politics and the Challenge to the Liberal Order in Europe and North America”

09:30 –
11:00 Jordan Tama (American University, Washington, D.C.): “Bipartisanship in a Polarized Age: When Democrats and Republicans Cooperate on U.S. Foreign Policy.”

Mike Cowburn (FU Berlin): “Democratic Re-Engagement? The Ideological Foundations of Growing Primary Participation”

Jörg Hebenstreit (Schiller University Jena): “What the Privatization of Campaign Finance means for Political Parties: The United States in the Age of the Shadow Parties”

11:00 –
11:30

Coffee Break

Panel II: Declining Legitimacy? Political Institutions under Pressure

Natalie Rauscher (Heidelberg University): “Not Weathering the Storm – Catastrophe Mitigation by the Executive Branch in Times of Political Polarization”

11:30 –
13:00

Philipp Adorf (Bonn University): “SCOTUS as a Political Prize: Partisan Politicization of the Supreme Court and its Potential Legitimacy Crisis”

Patrick Horst (Hamburg): “Excessive Executive Privilege and the Challenges for Congressional Oversight in Times of Trump”

13:00 –
14:00

Lunch Break

Panel III: Transformation of Democracy? Political Communication in the Digital Era

Bill Harder (American University, Washington, D.C.): “Executive Twitter Sphere: How Governors Use Twitter for Political Communication”

14:00 –
15:30

Diego Ceccobelli (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Florence): “It’s Personal – Personalization Strategies of Political Leaders on Facebook”

Pascal D. König (TU Kaiserslautern): “Digital-era Political Marketing and Microtargeting: The Death Knell for Democracy?”

Curd Knüpfer (Weizenbaum Institute Berlin): “Political Influencers, Alternative News Sites and the Peripheral Networks of the Right-wing Media”

15:30 –
16:00

Coffee Break

Panel IV: Faultlines of Liberalism? Democracy in the Age of Trump

Boris Vormann (FU Berlin): “Trumpism as a Global Phenomenon?”

16:00 – Olga Thierbach-McLean (Hamburg): “Overdosing on Individualism? The Reactionary Side of a Liberal Ideology”

17:30 Jan Hornat (Charles University, Prague): “The (In)congruence of Liberalism and Post-Communism”

Michael Dreyer (Schiller University Jena): “The Failure of Political Theory: The End of Democracy, Capitalism, History, and Everything”

Keynote

18:00 – Didi Kuo (Stanford University): “Political Parties and the Crisis of Democratic
20:00 Capitalism”

20:00 –
22:00 *Conference Reception*

Friday, November 8th, 2019

09:00 – *Business Meeting*

10:30 *Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies*

Panel V: Discontents of Liberalism? Capitalism, Inequality, and Marginalization

Christian Lammert (FU Berlin): “Growing Unequal: The Redistributive Capacity of the Tax and Transfer System in the US”

10:30 – Welf Werner (Heidelberg University): “Political Polarization Meets Macroeconomic
12:00 Policies: The Hazards of Inconsistent U.S. Deficit Spending”

Laura Kettel (FU Berlin): “No Place To Be: The Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities”

Ana-Constantina Frost (FU Berlin): “A Crisis, Yes – But for Whom? The Central American Diaspora in the US and the Crisis at the Border”

12:00 –
13:00 *Lunch Break*

Panel VI: World Order in Decline? Contestation of Liberal Authority Structures

Maria Debre & Hylke Dijkstra (Maastricht University): “Institutional Design for a Post-Liberal Order: Why Some International Organizations Live Longer than Others”

13:00 – Betsy Leimbigler (FU Berlin): “International Institutions in an Era of Anti-Globalism”

14:30 Tim Heinkelmann-Wild (LMU Munich): “After Exit: Institutional Resilience and Leadership Transition after Hegemonic Withdrawal”

Catherine Hecht (Vienna School of International Affairs): “Democratic Governance in Evolving International Orders”

14:30 –
15:00 *Concluding Remarks & Farewell*