— FASCISM AND ANTIFASCISM IN OUR TIME — CRITICAL INVESTIGATIONS —

MAPPING MEMORIES CONFERENCE, HAMBURG / LÜNEBURG, 1 — 3 NOVEMBER 2017

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Wednesday, 1 November

12.30
**Registration**
Hamburg Institute for Social Research (HIS), Mittelweg 36, 20148 Hamburg

16.30
**Departure from HIS to Lüneburg**

18.30
**Opening Evening**
Leuphana University Lüneburg, Zentralgebäude, Libeskind-Auditorium

**Welcome addresses**
Beate Söntgen
(Vice President, Leuphana University Lüneburg)

Ulf Wuggenig
(Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Leuphana University Lüneburg)

Caroline Hornstein-Tomic
(Head of the Operative Division, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Bonn)

**Keynote Lecture**
Geoff Eley
(University of Michigan, Ann Arbor): Fascism and Antifascism, 1920–2020: Slogan, Impulse, Theory, Strategy

**Commentary**
Robert Gerwarth
(University College Dublin)

**Reception**

21.00
**Return to Hamburg**

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The spread of nationalist and authoritarian movements in Europe and around the world has prompted debates about a return of global fascism. At the same time, many countries are witnessing civil society activities opposing such movements. Politicians and activists from both camps endorse like-minded actors across borders. Do these developments suggest that we are living in a time comparable to the 1930s, when the decisive marker in national and international politics was the one between fascism and antifascism?

The conference explores whether and how the histories of fascism and antifascism offer insights into the rise of authoritarian regimes today. What makes a fascist regime? What is the line separating authoritarianism from fascism? How should a civil society react to these challenges? Do antifascist movements of the 20th century offer a role model? How can insights into such historical connections benefit proponents of a democratic civil society?

Thursday, 2 November

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**MAIN QUESTIONS PANELS 1 & 2**

What are the ideological and aesthetic elements, the emotional registers and the forms of political practice and mobilization that allow us to speak about global or transnational (anti-)fascism as opposed to national or comparative studies? How do we periodize histories of (anti-)fascism?

9.15 — 11.00
**Panel 1: Fascism in History**
Chaired by Wolfgang Knöbl
(Hamburg Institute for Social Research)

Sven Reichardt
(University of Konstanz)
Global Fascism: New Approaches and Perspectives

Benjamin Zachariah
(Trier University)
Fascism, Anticolonial Nationalism and Indigenism

Julie Gottlieb
(University of Sheffield)
Women and Fascism between the Wars: National and International Encounters and Confrontations

**Discussion**

11.00 — 11.30
**Coffee break**

11.30 — 13.15
**Panel 2: Antifascism in History**
Chaired by Paul Hanebrink
(Rutgers University, New Brunswick)

Jennifer L. Barker
(Bellarmine University, Louisville)
Antifascist Aesthetics

13.15 — 14.15
**Lunch break**

**MAIN QUESTIONS PANELS 3 & 4**

What is remembered about (anti-)fascism, and how are these elements represented and transmitted? What is the relationship between official and vernacular memory? How will the memories of (anti-)fascism continue to evolve with the passing of the survivors from the 1930s and World War II?

14.15 — 16.00
**Panel 3: Mapping Fascism**
Chaired by Oliver Decker
(Leipzig University)

Paul Hanebrink
(Rutgers University, New Brunswick)
Politics of Memory in Hungary

Grzegorz Rossoliński-Liebe
(Freie Universität Berlin)
Remembering and Forgetting Fascism in Ukraine

Cornelia Siebeck (Berlin)
“The Darkest Chapters Have Been Consigned to the Past” – Questioning the Contemporary German Memory Regime

**Discussion**

16.00 — 16.30
**Coffee break**

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Jochen Hellbeck
(Rutgers University, New Brunswick)
The Soviet Union and Antifascism

James Chappel
(Duke University, Durham)
Is There Such a Thing as Conservative Antifascism?

Discussion
16.30 — 18.15
Panel 4: Mapping Antifascism
Chaired by Jochen Hellbeck
(Rutgers University, New Brunswick)

Mischa Gabowitsch
(Einstein Forum, Potsdam)
After Soviet Antifascism: Russian Nationalism and Its Adversaries Since 1987

Christopher Vials
(University of Connecticut, Storrs)
Antifascist Memory in the United States

Susanne Rohr
(University of Hamburg)
Memory in Popular Culture

Discussion

18.30
Dinner in Hamburg

Friday, 3 November
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MAIN QUESTIONS PANELS 5 & 6
Who are the carriers of present-day rightwing populist and anti-authoritarian movements, and which historical sources and traditions do they draw on? Are these movements best understood as national or as transnational in character? What are their recruitment patterns, communicative strategies, and aesthetic registers?

9.15 — 11.00
Panel 5: The Contemporary Far Right and Populism
Chaired by Patrick Bahners
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)

Rafał Pankowski
(Collegium Civitas, Warsaw)
The Populist Radical Right in Poland

Volker Weiβ
(Hamburg)
The Heirs of Fascism? Neue Rechte, Nouvelle Droite, Alt-Right

Michael Wildt
(Humboldt University of Berlin)
“Volk” and Politics of Exclusion

Discussion

11.00 — 11.30
Coffee break

11.30 — 13.15
Panel 6: Resisting Authoritarianism
Chaired by Terence Renaud
(Yale University)

Nigel Copsey
(Teesside University, Middlesbrough)
“The Only Good Fascist Is a Dead One” – Thoughts on Militant Antifascism

Belinda Davis
(Rutgers University, New Brunswick)
“Nazis raus. Aus den Köpfen!” Intimate Antifascism in the West German Extraparliamentary Opposition (1950s–1980s)

Paweł Machcewicz
(Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
How Can a Democratic Civil Society Resist Authoritarianism?

Discussion

13.15 — 14.15
Lunch break

14.15 — 15.45
Concluding Discussion
Chaired by Wolfgang Knöbl and Jochen Hellbeck