

Continuity and Innovation of the Far Right: Practices, Symbols and Discourses

Format: Workshop

Date: 16 and 17 January 2025

Location: Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Mittelweg 36, 20148 Hamburg

Organizers:

- Hamburg Institute for Social Research
- Chair of Political Theory, History of Ideas and Political Culture at Kiel University
- International Populism Research Network at Kiel University

16 January 2025

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Welcome and introduction

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Symbolism and material practices

- **Giorgia Bulli** (University of Florence): The Italian far right between innovation, metapolitics and symbolic references to the Fascist past: not only CasaPound Italia
- **Luciana Villas Bôas** (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro): Storming Brazil's Three Powers Square: Symbolism and political legacy

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Coffee break

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Playful far right

- **Christian Schwarzenegger** (University of Bremen): "Eternal values", latest tools: The far right's use of generative AI for meme-driven propaganda
- **Karl Ekeman** (University of Uppsala): From metapolitics to memes in 2016: Continuity or discontinuity?

7:00 pm

Dinner for presenters

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9:30 – 11:00 am

Far-right intellectuals

- **Laura Wolters** (Hamburg Institute for Social Research): The malleability of far-right intellectual thought
- **Valentin Behr** (Centre européen de sociologie et de science politique, CNRS): A global new right? The international of conservative intellectuals

11:00 – 11.30 am

Coffee break

11:30 – 1:00 pm

The elephant in the room: The question of gender

- **Birgit Sauer** (University of Vienna): Only one single shade of grey. Right-wing opposition to gender diversity as opposition to democracy. The cases of Germany and Austria
- **Christoffer Leiding Kølvråa** (Aarhus University): Pick your poison - Images of masculinity in extreme right fiction

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Lunch break

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Hybrid far-right imaginary

- **Mattias Lehtinen** (University of Helsinki): A fused imaginary? The authoritarian neoliberal imaginary of the True Finns
- **Helge Petersen** (Kiel University): Instrumental reason, emotional ambivalence and collective narcissism: Re-examining the early Institute for Social Research's theory of far-right agitation

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Coffee break

4:30 – 5:15 pm

Innovations and continuities of the far right: Concluding remarks

- **Gideon Botsch** (University of Potsdam)
- **Paula Diehl** (Kiel University)

5:15 pm

End