

IGN Research Workshop: The Dialectic of Emancipation. Transgressing Boundaries and the Boundaries of Transgression

Nov 14 (9:30 – 17:30) – Nov 15 (9:30-12:30), 2019
D5.3.033 Besprechungsraum, IGN, WU Vienna

Since the 19th-century, emancipation has been linked to progressive political agendas: the liberation from tradition and patronizing pre-givens. In recent years, however, emancipation and the progressive political meanings attached to it have come under significant pressure: ecologically and politically. From an ecological perspective, gains in (individual) autonomy and self-determination have always correlated with growth-based, resource-intensive forms of production and consumption that are known to be unsustainable by now. Politically, right-wing populists have appropriated the language of emancipation and changed its meaning by relating emancipation to the liberation from liberal democratic political elites, institutions, and universalist values. In this 2-day workshop, which serves the preparation of a Special Issue publication in the *European Journal of Social Theory*, we will discuss one of modern politics' key concepts, emancipation, against the backdrop of current societal challenges and changes.

Workshop Organizers:

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Felix Butzlaff, Postdoc at the *Institute of Social Change and Sustainability* (IGN), WU Vienna

Margaret Haderer, Postdoc at the *Institute of Social Change and Sustainability* (IGN), WU Vienna

Invited Speakers:

Manuel Arias-Maldonado, Professor of Politics, University of Málaga

Luigi Pellizzoni, Professor of Politics, University of Pisa

Erik Swyngedouw, Professor of Geography, University of Manchester

Andrew Dobson, formerly Professor of Politics at Keele University

Workshop attendance by invitation only.

Workshop Schedule

Location:

Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN), WU Vienna | Building D, Room D. 3.033

Thu, November 14 th	9:30 to 12:30	<p>Welcome, Workshop Framing & Discussion of the Framing Ingolfur Blühdorn, Margaret Haderer & Felix Butzlaff</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Daniel Hausknost</p> <p>Ingolfur Blühdorn Dialectical Thinking and Emancipatory Values</p> <p>Margaret Haderer Revisiting the Concept of Emancipation against the Backdrop of Socio-Ecological Challenges</p> <p>Felix Butzlaff Problematizing Sources and Sites of Emancipation against the Backdrop of Social Change</p> <p><i>Joint Lunch</i></p>
	14:30 to 17:30	<p><i>Chair:</i> Margaret Haderer <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Manuel Aries-Maldonado <i>Second Discussant:</i> Michael Deflorian</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Luigi Pellizzoni A Different Kind of Liberation? Emancipation from Life itself to the Just Life</p> <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Felix Butzlaff <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Erik Swyngedouw</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Andy Dobson Emancipation in the Anthropocene: Taking the Dialectic Seriously</p> <p><i>Joint Dinner</i></p>

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Fr, November 15th	9:30 to 12:30	<p> <i>Chair :</i> Ingolfur Blühdorn <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Margaret Haderer <i>Second Discussant:</i> Karoline Kalke </p> <p> <i>Presenter:</i> Erik Swyngedouw <i>Illiberalism and the Democratic Illusion: Re-treating the Political</i> </p> <p> <i>Coffee Break</i> </p> <p> <i>Chair:</i> Felix Butzlaff <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Andy Dobson </p> <p> <i>Presenter:</i> Manuel Aries-Maldonado <i>Earthly Creatures or Citizens of Nowhere? The Making of Planetary Subjectivities and its Implications for Citizenship</i> </p> <p> <i>Optional Lunch Together</i> </p>
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