

"Commonfare or Community Capitalism? On social rights, civic welfare and activism"

The lecture deals with the challenges of charity, voluntary work and grassroots engagement in times of welfare state change. Commonfare refers to the democratisation of social policy from below, in the sense of collective governance and civic co-management. The diagnosis of community capitalism, on the other hand, focuses on the exploitation of civic resources without substantial participation. Particular attention will be paid to the question of where community-based initiatives run the risk of undermining social rights instead of democratising them.
