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**Holzersaal/Sommerresidenz**

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**Re-Thinking the Dialogical,  
Performative Assembly, and  
Civic Culture**



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# Conference Program

**THURSDAY, 23 June 2022 (Sommerresidenz, Holzsaal),  
hybrid format**

**2.30 pm - 03.15 pm**      **Conference Opening**  
Welcome Address Gabriele Gien  
(President KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)

Welcome Address Jens Hogreve  
(Vicepresident for Research and  
Junior Researchers KU Eichstätt-  
Ingolstadt)

Introduction Kerstin Schmidt and  
Robert Schmidt (KU Eichstätt-  
Ingolstadt)

**03.15 pm - 4.45 pm**      **Toward a Democratic Theory of  
CONTAGION (or: the 1990's  
Revisited) (Keynote)**  
Bonnie H. Honig (Brown  
University)

*04.45 pm - 05.15 pm*      *Break*

**05.15 pm - 06.45 pm**      **The Public Sphere Inside Out  
(Keynote, via Zoom)**  
Robin Wagner-Pacifici (New School  
for Social Research NYC)

*06.45 pm*      *Reception*

**FRIDAY, 24 June 2022 (Kapuzinergasse, KAP-209)**

**9.30 am - 10.30 am**      **"This Country has had Enough of  
Experts" - The Politization of  
Knowledge and Expertise in the  
Platform Society**  
Mirko Tobias Schäfer (Utrecht  
University)

*10.30 am - 11.00 am*      *Break*

**11.00 am - 12.00 pm**      **Thou Shalt not Pass! Blocking and  
Muting in Digital Publics**  
Jasmin Siri (Ludwig-Maximilians-  
University Munich)

*12.00 pm - 01.00 pm*      *Lunch*

**01.00 pm - 02.00 pm**      **De-Rationalizing the Public Sphere:  
Sub•Publics of Brexit and the  
Repositioning of 'Truth'**  
Sakina Shakil Gröppmaier  
(Ludwig-Maximilians-University  
Munich)

*02.00 pm - 02.15 pm*      *Break*

**02.15 pm - 03.15 pm**      **The Social Life of Images in Public  
Spaces**  
Sarah Awad (Aalborg University)

*03.15 pm - 03.30 pm*      *Break*

**03.30 pm - 04.30 pm**      ***The Public Sphere is Doing Great,  
Thank You* - Arguments for the  
Revolutionary Content of Democratic  
Liberalism**  
Pierre-Héli Monot (Ludwig- Maximilians-  
University of Munich)

*04.30 pm - 04.45 pm*      *Break*

**04.45 pm - 06.15 pm**      **Data Publics, Platform Urbanism  
and the New Challenges of Practising  
Dialogue**  
Peter Mörtenböck (Universität Wien),  
Helge Mooshammer (University of  
Vienna)

*06.15 pm - 06.30 pm*      *Break*

**06.30 pm - 08.00 pm**      **A "Large Hadron Collider" for History  
and Art. The Center for Political  
Beauty and the Power of Radical  
Political Art in Public Dispute (Lecture  
Performance)**  
Center for Political Beauty/ Zentrum für  
politische Schönheit

*08.00 pm*      *Dinner*

**SATURDAY, 25 June 2022 (Kapuzinergasse, KAP-209)**

**10.00 am -11.00 am**      **De-, Hyper-, or Pseudo-Politicization?  
Undoing and Remaking the Public  
Sphere in the Age of Right-Wing  
Populism (via Zoom)**  
Robin Celikates (Free University  
Berlin)

*11.00 am - 11.30 am*      *Break*

**11.30 am - 12.30 pm**      **Mindful Protests - Extinction  
Rebellion's Contemplative Fight for  
Climate Justice**  
Elgen Sauerborn (University of Hamburg)

*12.30 pm - 01.30 pm*      *Lunch*

**01.30 pm - 02.30 pm**      **Contesting Indigeneity, Disputing Life:  
A Transnational Conflict over Peoples  
and Territories**  
Inés Durán Matute (Benemérita  
Universidad Autónoma de Puebla /Rosa-  
Luxemburg-Foundation)

*02.30 pm - 02.45 pm*      *Break*

**02.45 pm - 03.45 pm**      **Beyond Agony: Rethinking Sex and  
the Public Sphere**  
Christopher Breu (Illinois State  
University, KU CAS Dialogical Cultures  
Senior Fellow)

*03.45 pm - 04.00 pm*      *Break*

**04.00 pm - 05.00 pm**      **LGBTQ+ Strategic Communication:  
Dialogic Communication with/on  
Behalf of Sexual and Gender  
Minorities (via Zoom)**  
Erica Ciszek (University of Texas)

*05.00 pm - 05.15 pm*      *Break*

**05.15 pm - 06.45 pm**      **Agonicity of Democracy: A Radical  
Democratic Politics Perspective  
(Closing Keynote, via Zoom)**  
Oliver Marchart (University of Vienna)

**6.45 pm - 7.15 pm**      **Conference Closing**

*07.15 pm*      *Dinner*

