

# Activation – Self-Management – Overload

Political Participation beyond the Post-democratic Turn



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## Academic Programme

Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Opening/Welcome</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Political Participation beyond the Post-Democratic Turn</b>  <b>The Politics of “Post-Politics” in the Anthropocene</b> , <i>John M. Meyer</i> , Humboldt State University, Arcata/California  <b>Insurgent Citizens and the Spectral Return of the Political in the Post-Democratic European City</b> , <i>Erik Swyngedouw</i> , University of Manchester
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

	<b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State</b> Chair: <i>Daniel Hausknost</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	<b>Self-Management: Post-growth and Resilience</b> Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	<b>Citizen Overload? Withdrawal, Liberation and Revolt</b> Chair: <i>Felix Butzlaff</i> , IGN, WU Vienna
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State I</b>  <b>Democratic Innovations in the Post-Democratic Constellation: Between Activation and Empowerment</b> , <i>Marit Hammond</i> , Keele University  <b>Scraping the Demos. Opinion Mining and Participation</b> , <i>Lena Ulbricht</i> , WZB Berlin Social Science Center  <b>Discussant: Christopher Rootes</b>	<b>Self-Management: Post-growth and Resilience I</b>  <b>Political Participation and Sustainable Materialism: Everyday Practice as Ecological Democracy</b> <i>David Schlosberg</i> , University of Sydney  <b>What hampers “political” Participation in Practise-based Movements? Exploring the Contradictory Demands of Agonistic Politics and Diffusion</b> , <i>Jost de Moor, Philip Catney, Brian Doherty</i> , Keele University  <b>Discussant: Holger Strassheim</b>	-
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State II</b>  <b>Participation by default? Behavioural Politics and Democratic Practises</b> , <i>Holger Strassheim</i> , Humboldt University Berlin  <b>Gamification, Participatory Democracy and Engaged Public(s)</b> , <i>Gianluca Squeo</i> , New York University  <b>Discussant: Michael Haus</b>	-	<b>Citizen Overload? Withdrawal, Liberation and Revolt I</b>  <b>Post-Democratic Participation and the Paradox of White Identity Politics</b> , <i>Mark Brown</i> , California State University, Sacramento  <b>Participating in the Romantic Project: Reactionaries of Eastern Europe</b> , <i>Juraj Buzalka</i> , Comenius University Bratislava  <b>Discussant: John M. Meyer</b>

18:30 – 21:30	<p><b>The Legitimation Crisis of Democracy</b>  <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i>, IGN, WU Vienna  Public Opening Debate and Reception, <b>Ceremonial Hall 2, Building LC</b>  in Cooperation with the <b>Competence Centre for Sustainability</b> of the WU Vienna.</p> <p>Moderation: Fred Luks, WU-Competence Center for Sustainability  <b>Panel Discussion</b> with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Oliver Marchart</i>, University of Vienna</li> <li>- <i>Sherilyn MacGregor</i>, University of Manchester</li> </ul>		
<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>			
10:00 – 11:30	-	<p><b>Self-Management: Post-growth and Resilience II</b></p> <p><b>The Participatory Revolution of the Everyday? Interpreting Community Gardens, Repair Cafés and Borrowing Shops through the Lens of New Social Movement Theory</b>, <i>Michael Deflorian</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p><b>Commons as Social Outcomes of Social Movements: An Analysis of the Square Movements in Greece, Spain and Turkey</b>, <i>Angelos Varvarousis</i>, Autonomous University of Barcelona, <i>Viviana Asara</i>, WU Vienna, <i>Bengi Akbulut</i>, Concordia University/Canada</p> <p><b>Discussant: Fred Luks</b></p>	<p><b>Citizen Overload? Withdrawal, Liberation and Revolt II</b></p> <p><b>Performing Democratic Engagement in Climate Disobedience Actions</b>, <i>Graeme Hayes</i>, Aston University</p> <p><b>Italy's Emancipation through Participatory Democratic Practises or Subjugation through Populist Appeal for Direct Democracy and Plebiscitary Leadership?</b>, <i>Attilio Pelliccio</i>, Yonsei University Seoul</p> <p><b>Discussant: Mark Brown</b></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State III</b>	<b>Self-Management: Post-growth and Resilience III</b>	-

	<p><b>Activation and Empowerment: Citizenship Education between Social and Political Engagement in the Neoliberal State</b>, <i>Alexander Wohnig</i>, University of Heidelberg</p> <p><b>“Klinika must breath”. The Struggle for Autonomous Space and Commons in Prague</b>, <i>Arnošt Novák</i>, Charles University, Prague</p> <p><b>Discussant: Daniel Hausknost</b></p>	<p><b>If or how? What is in Question when Citizens’ Protests, Planners, and Administrations call for Participation?</b>, <i>Sören Messinger-Zimmer, Christoph Hoeft, Julia Zilles</i>, University of Göttingen</p> <p><b>The Savvy Few: Digital Media, Social Movement Politics, and the Thinning Out of Civic Activism in Central and Eastern Europe</b>, <i>Maria Bakardjieva</i>, University of Calgary, <i>Kjell Engelbrekt</i>, Stockholm University/Swedish Defence University</p> <p><b>Discussant: Felix Butzlaff</b></p>	
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State IV</b></p> <p><b>Post-Democracy or Post-Liberal Democracy? Reassessing Participation from an Advanced Governance Perspective</b>, <i>Basil Bornemann</i>, University of Basel, <i>Michael Haus</i>, University of Heidelberg</p> <p><b>Neoliberal Power over Natural Resources: A National Meta-Analysis of Collaborative Freshwater Governance in New Zealand</b>, <i>Ann Brower, Franca Büelow, Nick Kirk, Lea Desault</i>, Lincoln University, New Zealand</p> <p><b>At the Grassroots of Post-Democratic Public Participation – Re-Politicisations of Experience-based Action in Finnish Service User Involvement</b></p>	-	<p><b>Citizen Overload? Withdrawal, Liberation and Revolt III</b></p> <p><b>Participation as Negation, Engagement as Disengagement. How Environmentalism De-Democratises Genuine Participation</b>, <i>Bernice Maxton-Lee</i>, City University of Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Voting and Non-Voting in Post-Democratic Times</b>, <i>Dirk Jörke</i>, University of Darmstadt</p> <p><b>Discussant: Erik Swyngedouw</b></p>

	<b>Initiatives</b> , <i>Taina Meriluoto</i> , University of Jyväskylä, Finland		
	<b>Discussant: Ingolfur Blühdorn</b>		
18:30 – 21:30	<p><b>Climate Crisis and the Democratic Prospect</b>  <i>Frank Fischer</i>, Humboldt University, Berlin and Rutgers University, New Jersey  Public Lecture, Panel and Open Discussion, <b>Ceremonial Hall 2, Building LC</b>  in Cooperation with the <b>Competence Centre for Sustainability</b> of the WU Vienna.</p> <p>Moderation: Daniel Hausknost, WU-Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN)  Panel Discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Fred Luks</i>, WU-Competence Center for Sustainability</li> <li>- <i>Verena Madner</i>, WU-Research Institute for Urban Management and Governance</li> <li>- <i>Manfred Kohlbach</i>, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management</li> </ul>		
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>			
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Activation: New Resources for the Neoliberal State V</b></p> <p><b>Managed Participation. Seestadt-Aspern between expert laboratory and citizen Empowerment</b>, <i>Felix Butzlaff</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p><b>The Legitimacy of Participation</b>, <i>Frank Nullmeier</i>, University of Bremen</p> <p><b>Discussant: David Schlosberg</b></p>	<p><b>Self-Management: Post-growth and Resilience V</b></p> <p><b>Upping the ante: Interpreting Citizen Participation through Situated Urban Research</b>, <i>Sherilyn MacGregor</i>, University of Manchester</p> <p><b>Eco-Localism as Democratic Self-Management: The Case of the Global Ecovillage Movement</b>, <i>Frank Fischer</i>, Humboldt University, Berlin / Rutgers University, New Jersey</p> <p><b>Discussant: Michael Deflorian</b></p>	-
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Participation in the post-democratic constellation</b>  <b>Towards a synthesis of Research Results</b></p> <p><i>Ingolfur Blühdorn / Felix Butzlaff / Daniel Hausknost</i>, all IGN, WU Vienna</p>		