

# Inaugural Lectures

9 June 2022 | 16:00 - 18:00 | Garystrasse 55, A lecture hall

## INVITATION

The Institute of Sociology and the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies of Freie Universität Berlin have the pleasure to invite you to the inaugural lectures of

**Prof. Dr. Céline Teney**  
„Societal Opinion Polarization in Germany?“

and

**Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kohl**  
„Institutional Capital is Back: Understanding US Capitalism in Comparative-Historical Perspective“

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All guests are cordially invited to a reception afterwards.

For attending the event in presence, please register via [sociology@polsoz.fu-berlin.de](mailto:sociology@polsoz.fu-berlin.de) by 31 May.

Lectures will be **live-streamed** via Webex:  
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**Prof. Dr. Céline Teney** is professor of macrosociology at the Institute of Sociology of Freie Universität since 2021. Before, she held the professorship for „Fundamentals of Social Sciences“ at Georg-August Universität Göttingen and was head of the junior research group "Winners of Globalization? A Study on the Emergence of a Transnational Elite in Europe“ at the University of Bremen. In 2016, she was awarded the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Preis. Her research profile combines on the one hand the sociology of social inequality, the sociology of Europe, political sociology and the sociology of migration; on the other hand, it is located at the intersection with other disciplines, such as political science or cultural studies.



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**Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kohl** is professor of sociology and head of the sociology department of the John F. Kennedy Institute since 2021. Before joining the Freie Universität, he worked as senior researcher at Cologne's Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies for several years where he had his PhD in a co-tutelle with Sciences Po. He was a Kennedy fellow at the Center for European Studies at Harvard and worked at the sociology department and Institute for Housing and Urban Research in Uppsala. Over the years, Kohl's work in housing sociology won several academic prizes. His research focus is on the political economy of housing and the insurance sector, both in historical-comparative perspective.



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