

Student Symposium

The Evolution of North American Publics

An event organized by MA students in the interdisciplinary seminar “The Evolution of North American Publics: From the Bourgeois Public Sphere to Echo Chambers and Filter Bubbles” (Christian Lammert / Alexander Starre)

Thursday, July 12, 8:30-14:30 h, room 340, JFKI

Schedule

8:30-9:30 h

Panel 1: "Network & Chill:" Reconfigurations of Public Spaces

Chair: Connor Ruby

Presentations

Uwe Oehm: “Marking Whiteness: A Critical Approach to Mavis Biss’s ‘Our Broken Trust in Public Space’”

Alex Horbol: “The Craft Brewery and Bringing Better ‘Third Places’ to the Suburbs”

Silvana Ursu: “Facebook - The Agora of Post-Modern Times?”

Kate Lorenz: “The Control Paradox: Do We Willingly Hand over Our Information to Facebook?”

Gregor Herz: “Online Dating Publics: How Dating Apps are Changing the Way We Date”

Daniela Petrosino: “Sex Work in (Counter)Public Space”

9:40-10:40 h

Panel 2: Political Uses of Media and New Public Spheres

Chair: Michael Salaja

Presentations

Kristina Kristoffersen: “The Communication between Politicians and Citizens on Social Media”

Jacob Korsgaard Christiansen: “Safe Spaces and Filter Bubbles: The Necessity of Feeling Uncomfortable?”

S.A. Javid Hashimi: “Transformation of the Public Sphere to the Public Screen and Participatory Democracy in Digital Arena”

Stefan Klaiber: “The State-Citizen Relationship in New Public Spheres: Refeudalization Again?”

Ezgi Erdem: “A Sociological Evaluation of the Media-Politics Relationship”

Kristina Oganessian: “The Right of Privacy: The Example of ‘Secret Apps’”

10:50-11:50 h

Panel 3: Margins to Mainstream: Populism, Media and Social Movements

Chair: Marjan Sahranavard

Presentations

Sierra Stalcup: “The Kingfish vs. the Public Sphere: Media Control in the Age of Mass Culture”

Clara Thumm: “#MeToo: From Moment to Movement”

Kristina Brüning: “‘#MeToo Gone Too Far?’: The Aziz Ansari Controversy and the Limits of Counterpublic Visibility”

Elli Mitiletsi: “Public Feelings in the Echo Chamber”

Caren Badtke: “A Popular Problem: US Media Polarization & Framing”

11:50-12:20 h

Lunch Break – Bring Your Own Lunch

12:20-13:20 h

Panel 4: Communication, Capitalism and New Public Spaces

Chair: Mike Cowburn

Presentations

Philip Scheidemann: “Commercialization of Private/Public Spheres: *The Ladies’ Home Journal*”

Lukas Lademann: “Jodi Dean’s Theory of Communicative Capitalism”

Connor Ruby: “Political Organizing Through Social Media”

Gaga Gogoladze: “Discourse of Public-Private Partnerships”

Riccardo Ramacci: “Media as Gatekeepers and How Social Media Changed Their Role”

13:30 – 14:30 h

Panel 5: Perspectives on Institutional Challenges in the Age of Contemporary Public(s)

Chair: Lisa Marie Rumpf

Presentations

Tom Fischer: “The Emergence of Independent Soccer Support as an Integral Part of Public Sphere in the U.S. - A Case Study of the ‘Timbers Army’, Portland”

Leor Fink: “‘Shut up and Dribble’ or Dribble and Talk? NBA-Players and Their Politics in American Publics”

Tim Weerdenburg: “Banning Controversial Speakers on College Campuses”

Johanna Pelikan: “Challenges and Demands for U.S. Charity Work in Face of a Digitalized Public Dialogue Culture”

Anna Kantrup: “Partisan Selective Exposure, Filter Bubbles, and Polarization of the Public”