

About the Conference

The conference aims to examine the contemporary diagnostic thesis of a brutalization of the culture of debate and, by bringing together perspectives from the history of ideas, philosophy, and democratic theory, to contribute to the understanding and further development of a civil culture of debate in liberal democracies.

We ask which basic political concepts (e.g., civility, respect, trust, friendship, community) the history of political ideas has in store to organize the current approaches of normative democratic theory, to understand and evaluate recent developments in the practice of democratic debate, and to develop impulses for its further development and improvement.

By combining perspectives and approaches from the history of ideas, philosophy, and democratic theory, the conference aims to contribute to methodological innovation in the study of political thought: Focusing on the topic of democratic debate culture, the contours of an applied theory of democracy, based on political philosophy and the history of political ideas, are to be developed.

To attend the conference, please send an email to ricarda.wuensch@ur.de by June 5.

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Location

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Registration

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AND FRESH PERSPECTIVES
ON THE CURRENT STATE
OF DEBATE CULTURE IN
LIBERAL DEMOCRACIES**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
12/06 - 14/06/24

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Program

Wed 12/06/24

17.00-18.30 Start of the conference with a
City Tour [Haidplatz]
18.30 Conference Dinner

Thu 13/06/24

09.00 Arrival: Coffee & Tea
09.15 Welcome Introduction

Chair: Manfred Brocker

09.30 -10.45 Marie-Luisa Frick
(University of Innsbruck):
*Conflict and Civility:
Complementarity and Tension*

10.45-12.00 Eva Marlene Hausteiner
(Friedrich-Alexander-University
Erlangen-Nürnberg):
*Stories against democracy?
Conspiracy Theories as Political
Narratives*

12.00-14.00 Lunch

Chair: Daniel Eggers

14.00-15.15 Marcus Llanque
(University of Augsburg):
*Hannah Arendt, the concept of the
persona and the mask of civility*

15.15-16.30 Erica Benner (Berlin):
*How civic discourse gets
corrupted: lessons from ancient
Athens*

16.30-16.45 Coffee & Tea

Chair: Frank-Lothar Kroll

**16.45-18:00 Peter Schröder &
Samuel Garrett Zeitlin**
(University College London):
*Wie wir's so herrlich weit
gebracht — History of Political
Thought and Contemporary
Political Theory*

18.30 Conference Dinner

Fri 14/06/24

09.00 Arrival: Coffee & Tea

Chair: Eva Helene Odzuck &
Sarah Rebecca Strömel

9.15-10.30 Annalisa Antonia Ceron
(University of Milan):
*What Friendship? Aristotle,
Rousseau and current debates
on civic friendship*

10.30-11.45 Oliver Hidalgo
(University of Passau):
*(Un-)Democratic Polarisation or
the Contradiction between Reason
and Emotions*

12.00 Concluding Lunch



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