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**International Autumn School**

**The Social and Cultural  
Dimensions of  
Democracy:  
From the Interwar  
Years to the Present**

**Monday, 29 August – Friday, 2 September 2022**

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

**Unter den Linden 6  
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# Programme

## Monday, 29 August

- 13:30 Welcome
- 14:00 **Opening and Introduction (2094)**  
Niels Pinkwart (Vice President for Academic Affairs HUB)  
Eveline Kilian (HUB)
- 14:30 **Networking Hub: Intersectional Perspectives on Democracy (2094)**  
Mathias Kulpinski (Paris Cité): Masculinities and Class Identities in the UK, 1900-1939  
Áine McMurtry (KCL): Othertongues and Counterfutures: 'Critical Multilingualism' in the Cultural Hegemony  
Sabina Tica (Oslo): Managing 'Otherness': Stories from Norwegian Artists with an Immigrant Background
- 16:00 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 16:30 **Networking Hub: Intersectional Perspectives on Democracy (2094)**  
Sandeep Bakshi (Paris Cité): Decolonial Queerness: Possibilities and Challenges  
Elahe Haschemi Yekani (HUB): Tales of the Diasporic Ordinary: Aesthetics, Affects, Archives  
Eveline Kilian (HUB): Queerness, Gender and Class: Spatio-temporal Grids and Literary Form  
Tijana Ristic Kern (HUB): Writing the Queer Self: Queer Politics and Aesthetics
- 18:00 **Short Introduction of Poster Presentations (2094)**  
by BA and MA students of seminar Kilian: Politics and Gender in the Interwar Years (HUB) and  
Circle U. Teams course Ristic Kern: Life Writing as a Democratizing Practice (HUB)  
**Installation of poster presentations in the Löwen Lounge**
- 18:30 **Reception (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**

## Tuesday, 30 August

- 9:30 **Networking Hub: Cultural Practices and Political Participation – Politics and Aesthetics/ Cultural Activism (2094)**  
Tijen Tunali (Aarhus): The Democratization of Urban Public Space by Art  
Lea Allouche (Oslo): Young Female Poets in Scandinavia as Activist Voices  
Antoine Cazé (Paris Cité): Gender Politics and Aesthetics (Susan Howe, Hilda Doolittle)
- 11:00 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 11:30 **Networking Hub: Cultural Practices and Political Participation – Politics and Aesthetics/ Cultural Activism (2094)**  
Cornelia Wilde (HUB): Modernist Politics and Aesthetics (Hope Mirrlees)  
Tina Louise Hove Sørensen (Aarhus): Participatory Arts and the Politics of Aesthetics  
Ann-Katrine Schmidt Nielsen (Oslo): Stories of War and Refuge: Imagining Futures in Afghan Exile Art
- 13:00 **Lunch (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 14:30 **Parallel Networking Hub: Democracy and the Political Spectrum (2094)**  
Jack Arscott (KCL): Left-wing Patriotism in the Weimar Journal *Die Weltbühne*

- Claire Burchett (KCL): Right-wing Populist Parties and Anti-semitism in Germany, France and Austria
- Valentina Nava (Paris Cité): Representations of Democracy by the Far Right in Italy
- 14:30 **Parallel Networking Hub: Political Institutions, Democracy and Citizenship (2093)**  
 Mads Breckan Claudi (Oslo): Democracy, Citizenship, Nationality and the Literary Canon  
 Nicholas Courtman (KCL): Citizenship Law, Naturalization Practice and Political Participation in the Federal Republic of Germany (post-1945)
- 16:00 **Coffee and Networking Spaces**  
**Student Hub (2093): Short Presentation and Discussion of Posters**  
 Wassan Fouad Ali (HUB): Race, Class and Gender in Jean Rhys's *Voyage in the Dark* & Consciousness, the Self, and Sylvia Wynter's Notions of the Human  
 Leah Barnes and Sabrina Friebe (HUB): The Politicisation of Art in the Interwar Years  
 Josh Arnfield (HUB): Placelessness in Storm Jameson's *Journey from the North*  
 Carmen Tomczak (HUB): Politics on the Individual in Vera Brittain's *Testament of Youth*  
 Iva Kojic (Belgrade): Mother-Daughter Feminism as a Generational Fight for Democracy  
 Jana Nikolic (Belgrade): Challenging Democracy: Abortion Rights and Democratic Orders in Life Writing  
**Further Networking Spaces (2094, 2095A, Löwen Lounge)**

### Wednesday, 31 August

- 9:30 **Parallel Networking Hub: Cultural Politics and Cultural Practices - Social Stability and Social Hierarchies (2093)**  
 Marie-Jeanne Rossignol (Paris Cité): Race, Democracy and "Modern" Republicanism in the United States 1800-1860  
 Alke Boss (HUB): Mesmerism and the Multitude: Representing the Uncanniness of Jacksonian Democracy with Edgar Allan Poe  
 Martin Klepper (HUB): Self-Help and Self-Optimization in the Progressive Era and during the Depression  
 Jean-Christian Vinel (Paris Cité): The New Deal and Its Legacies
- 09:30 **Parallel Networking Hub: Cultural Politics and Cultural Practices - Social Stability and Social Hierarchies (2094)**  
 Anna Snaith (KCL): Noisescapes: Writing Sound in Interwar Britain  
 Imogen Free (KCL): The Sonic Politics of Interwar Inter/nationalism (Jean Rhys)  
 Anika Marschall (Aarhus): The Intersectionality of Sound  
 Laura Lux (KCL): The Films of Harun Farocki and the 1968 Student Movement
- 11:30 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 12:00 **Parallel Networking Hub: Democracy and the Political Spectrum (2093)**  
 Miles Taylor (HUB): The Decline of Radicalism in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Britain  
 François de Chantal (Paris Cité): American Conservative Ideology and the Crisis of American Democracy
- 12:00 **Parallel Networking Hub: Political Institutions, Democracy and Citizenship (2093)**  
 Clara Jones (KCL): Amabel Williams-Ellis and *Left Review's* Readers' Competitions  
 Tonje Vold (Oslo): South-African Literature in a Post-Apartheid Context
- 13:00 **Lunch (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 14:30 **Cultural Programme (for options, see separate flyer)**

## Thursday, 1 September

- 09:30 **Networking Hub: Cultural Practices and Political Participation - Politics and Aesthetics/ Cultural Activism (2094)**  
Birgit Eriksson (Aarhus): Arts and Culture as Political Participation  
Karen Nordentoft (Aarhus): Participatory Practices in Cultural Centres in Denmark  
Cathrine Bjerknes (Oslo): Queer Activist Literature in Norway and Greenland
- 11:00 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 11:30 **Networking Hub: Intersectional Perspectives on Democracy (2094)**  
Lizzie Hibbert (KCL): Industrial Capitalism and the Subjugation of Women (D.H. Lawrence)  
Cécile Roudeau (Paris Cité): Democracy and the State in Literature  
Ulrike Vedder (HUB): Female Authors of the Weimar republic as Observers and Proponents of Democracy
- 13:00 **Lunch (2095B) and Networking Spaces (2093, 2094, 2095A, Löwen Lounge)**
- 15:00 **Networking Hub: Intersectional Perspectives on Democracy (2094)**  
Ingeborg Rebecca Mjelde Helleberg (Oslo): Ruth Mayer: a Jewish Immigrant to Norway  
Charlotte Alex (HUB): Care Work in Neoliberal Societies  
Hyojin Yoon (KCL): Individualism in Feminism and German Cinema  
Corinna Hoffmann (HUB): Mai Zetterling - Feminism, Queerness, Class, Censorship and the European Art Cinema
- 17:00 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 17:30 **Cooperating within Circle U.: Organising and Funding (2094)**  
Christian Wilhelm (Coordinator Circle U., International Office HUB)

## Friday, 2 September

- 9:30 **Networking Hub: Education and Democracy (2094)**  
John-Erik Hansson (Paris Cité): Anarchism and Education (Godwin)  
Anne Mihan (HUB): Issues of Intersectionality in the Classroom  
Mari Johanne Wikhaug Andersen (Oslo): Multilingualism in Norwegian Vocational Education: Policy Idealism vs. Teachers' Realism?  
Stephan Breidbach (HUB): Multiliteracies and identities
- 11:30 **Coffee (2095B and Löwen Lounge)**
- 12:00 **Networking Hub: Cultural Practices of Participation in Different Institutional Contexts (2094)**  
Lizzie Stewart (KCL): Memory Culture and the Post-Migrant Theatre: Performing Democratic Models and the Archive as Prop  
Katrin Röder (HUB): Automedial Art by Female Authors with 'Disabilities' and 'Mental Distress'  
Anna Kvam (Oslo): 'Normal' and 'Abnormal' Bodies in Norwegian Literature Since 1880 from a Welfare State Perspective
- 13:30 **Lunch (2095B) and Networking Spaces (2093, 2094, 2095A, Löwen Lounge)**

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