

Annual Conference of the Academy in Exile

Dire Times: Critical Thinking Then and Now.

Conveners: Vanessa Agnew, Kader Konuk, Susanne Zepp-Zwirner

January 16 & 17, 2020 at Freie Universität Berlin

Harnack House, Max Planck Society | Ihnestr. 16-20, 14195 Berlin

Registration is required to attend the conference. To register, please contact: academy-in-exile@fu-berlin.de



Thursday, 16 January 2020

- 2:00** Arrival and Registration
- 3:00** Conference Welcome:
Verena Blechinger-Talcott (Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin/ Institute of East Asian Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)
- 3:15** Opening Remarks:
Kader Konuk (Director, Academy in Exile/ University of Duisburg-Essen)
- 3:30-5:30** Roundtable: What Is at Stake?
Bülent Eken (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen), **Tijen Tunali** (Freie Universität Berlin), **Zeynep Türkyılmaz** (Forum Transregionale Studien/ Academy in Exile) and **Achim Rohde** (Academy in Exile)
Chair: **Olga Hünler** (Academy in Exile)
- 5:30** Break
- 6:00** Performance:
Maryam Abu Khaled (Gorki Ensemble)
Monologue from “Betrothal in St. Domingo – A Contradiction” by Necati Öziri against Heinrich von Kleist
Introduction: **Katrin Pahl** (German Studies, Johns Hopkins University)
- 6:30-8:00** Keynote Lecture:
Nishant Shah (Vice-President of Research at ArtEZ University of the Arts, The Netherlands)
“When We Can’t Speak, We Shall Sing: Finding Voice in the Age of Information Overload”
Chair: **Vanessa Agnew** (University of Duisburg-Essen/ Australian National University)
- 8:00** Reception

Friday, 17 January 2020

- 9:00** Coffee
- 9:30-11:00** The New School: Building Institutions
Elzbieta Matynia (Sociology and Liberal Studies/ Director of the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York)
“Critical Thinking in Critical Times: 30 Years of *Democracy & Diversity* Institutes”
Arien Mack (Psychology, New School for Social Research/ Founder of The New University in Exile Consortium)
“The New School and its Universities in Exile: 1919–2019”
Chair: **Kader Konuk** (Academy in Exile/ University of Duisburg-Essen)
- 11:00** Coffee
- 11:30-1:00** Judgement
Klaus Hoffmann-Holland (Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin/ Criminology and Criminal Law, Freie Universität Berlin)
Susanne Zepp-Zwirner (Romance Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)
“Evidence, Reasoning, Judgement: A Case Study in Law and Literature”
Chair: **Bülent Eken** (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen)
- 1:00** Lunch

- 2:00-4:00** Infringements on Academic Freedom
Paul Pickering (Director, Research School of Humanities and the Arts/ Director, Australian Studies Institute, The Australian National University)
“Profit or Loss: Is the Academy on Sale?”
Dariusz Stola (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
“Polin Museum and Polish Memory Wars”
Éva Kovács (Research Programme Director, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies)
“Thought Police in an Illiberal Democracy: New Trends in Hungarian Politics of Science”
Chair: **Vanessa Agnew** (University of Duisburg-Essen/ The Australian National University)
- 4:00** Coffee & Open Networking Session
- 5:00** End of Conference