

Global Leadership Crisis, Rising Inequalities, and Culture Wars Contestations of the Liberal Script in North America

Online Conference at the University of Wyoming and the Freie Universität Berlin
Berlin, Germany, and Laramie WY, Sept. 14-16, 2020

Organizational Guidelines

- **Memos of 1,500 words max.** to be uploaded to paper room <https://box.fu-berlin.de/s/jzWbAcC4mwo4c6Z> by Sept. 1, 2020
- **Proceedings:** Each memo will be allocated a thirty-minute window for discussion. The discussant will start us off by summarizing and commenting on the memo for no more than 7 minutes, followed by short responses by the author, if at all necessary. The rest of the allotted time will be given over for general discussion and a final response by the memo giver.

Program and Schedule

(Note: Times are MDT for Wyoming and MESZ for Berlin)

Monday, September 14, 2020

7.30 am/15.30 Greetings by UWYO President Prof. Edward Seidel

Introductions

Stephanie Anderson, Tanja Börzel, Jean Garrison, Thomas Risse, Michael Zürn (UWYO & SCRIPTS)

7.45 – 10 am/15.45 – 18.00 “What is Liberal?” Understanding liberalism and its resilience

Chair: Stephanie Anderson

Discussant: Michael Zürn

- Mark Aspinwall (CIDE): Understanding Liberalism in the American context
- Harvey Hix (UWYO): Double Trouble: Two Difficulties That Together Intensify Contestations of the Liberal Script

8.45 – 9.00 am/16.45 – 17.00 Break

Discussant: Tanja Börzel

- Peter Parolin (UWYO): Capacious Liberalism: Some Early Indicators in Two Plays by Shakespeare
- Friederike Kuntz & Tully Rector (SCRIPTS): Liberal Hegemony and its Discontents

10.00 – 10.30 am/18.00 – 18.30 Break

10.30 am – 12.00/18.30 – 20.00: Is American populism ‘exceptional’? Global and historical comparisons

Chair: Thomas Risse

Discussant: Mark Aspinwall

- Marcia Pally (NYU): Why is Populism Persuasive? A culturally situated case study of American populism, left and right, and the role of evangelicals
- Nicolas Michalski and Narina Nunes (UWYO): An Examination of the Persuasive Effects of Political Rhetoric on Interpersonal Behavior
- Robert Benson (SCRIPTS): From Trump to Sanders: The Paranoid Style Revisited

12.00 – 12.15/20.00 – 20.15 Break

12.15 – 1.45 pm/20.15 – 21.45: On the varieties of populist experience

Chair: Jean Garrison

Discussant: Jessica Gienow-Hecht (SCRIPTS)

- Hans-Jürgen Puhle (Uni Frankfurt): Varieties of North American populism: Exceptional, Mainstream, or Model?
- Nathan Jessen (University of Maryland), Populist Ambivalence: Freedom, Antagonism, and the Power of the State in America
- Omar Ali (University of North Carolina), Black Populism Organized and Expressed: From the Post-Reconstruction South to Black Lives Matter, U.S.A.

1.45 – 2 pm/21.45 – 22.00: Conclusions

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8.00 – 10.45 am/16.00 – 18.45: Capitalism and the global crisis of liberal democracy

Chair: Tanja Börzel

Discussant: Stephen Krasner

- David Frank et al. (University of California, Irvine and others): Postliberal World Society
- Gabriele Magni (Loyola Marymount University): Economic Inequality and Support for Right-Wing Populists

9:30-9:45 am/17.30 – 17.45 Break

Discussant: Thomas Risse

- Gustavo Vega and Francisco Campos (COLMEX/Georgetown University): Donald Trump, U.S. Trade Policy and the Global Trading System
- James Arvanitakis and Jason McConnell (UWYO): The challenges of liberal democracies around the world and the failure of centre left parties

10.45-11.00 am/ 18:45-19:00 Greetings by FU Berlin President Prof. Günter Ziegler

11:00 – 11.15 am/19:00 – 19.15 Break

11.15 – 12.45 pm/19.15 – 20.45: The US and Mexico: understanding liberalism and populism from a comparative perspective

Chair: Michael Zürn

Discussant: Stephanie Anderson

- Ana Covarrubias (COLMEX): Where is Liberalism in Mexico-US relations?
- Gerardo Maldonado and Paul Beck (CIDE & Ohio State University): Not all populism are the same: citizen's populist attitudes in Europe, North America and Latin America
- Celia Toro (COLMEX): U.S. migration policies and the border wall: their changing rationale

12.45 – 1.15 pm/20.45 – 21.15: Conclusions

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8.00 – 10.45 am/16.00 – 18.45: Retrenchment from global leadership? Contestations of U.S. foreign policy

Chair: Thomas Risse

Discussant: Ana Covarrubias

- Lora Viola (FU Berlin): The Illiberalism of America's Liberal Internationalism
- Stephanie Anderson and Jean Garrison (UWYO): Retrenchment of U.S. Leadership and Loss of the Leviathan: Internal and External Constraints on US Foreign Policy
- Tom Seitz and Andrew Garner (UWYO): Ceding the Field? Retrenchment of US Democracy Promotion in the Face of Increasing, Illiberal Competition.

9.30-9.45/17.30 – 17.45 Break

Discussant: Lora Viola

- Ummu Salma Bava (Jawaharlal Nehru University): The American Retreat from Global Leadership: Impact on South Asia
- Stephen Krasner (Stanford University): Divisions between capitalism and liberalism

10.45 - 11.15 am/18.45 – 19.15 Break

11.15 – 12.15 pm/19.15 – 20.15: Whither liberalism? Populism and cultural transformations in North America

Chair: Stephanie Anderson

Discussant: Jean Garrison

- Colin Samson (University of Essex): Standing Rock, Liberalism and the Rightlessness of Indigenous Peoples
- J. Dwight Hines (Point Park University): The Demise of Liberal Cosmopolitanism and the Rise of Cultural Omnivory: The Re/Constitution of Culture Wars and Inequalities in North America.

12:15 – 1.00 pm/20.15 – 21.00: Final discussion and next steps (Stephanie Anderson, Tanja Börzel, Jean Garrison, Thomas Risse, Michael Zürn)