

**Humanistic Transformation**  
**3rd International Erich Fromm Research Conference**  
International Psychoanalytic University (IPU), Berlin, June 8–11, 2023

**Conference Program**

| Thursday<br>June 8, 2023 |       |          |   |
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| Start                    | End   | Duration | Item on Agenda  |
| 19:00                    | 19:30 | 00:30    | <b>Welcoming Addresses:</b><br>Prof. Dr. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz (President of the IPU)<br>Dr. Rainer Funk (Co-Director of the Erich Fromm Study Center)  |
| 19:30                    | 21:00 | 01:30    | <b>Opening Lecture: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Rosa</b><br>From Affirmation and Responsibility to Transformation and Respons-a-bility: Resonance as a Relational Mode of Being<br><i>(Open for public)</i> |
| 21:00                    | 22:00 | 01:00    | <b>Welcome Reception - fingerfood and drinks</b>  |

| Friday<br>June 9, 2023 |       |          |  |
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| Start                  | End   | Duration | Item on Agenda   |
| 08:45                  | 09:00 | 00:15    | <b>Welcome/ Arrival</b>  |
| 09:00                  | 10:00 | 01:00    | <b>Keynote Speech: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn</b><br>The Importance of Humanistic Transformation from a Psychological Perspective           |
| 10:00                  | 10:15 | 00:15    | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 10:15                  | 12:15 | 02:00    | <b>Panels (2x4x30min)</b>  |
|                        |       |          | <b>1 - Foundations of Fromm's Humanism</b>   |
|                        |       |          | <b>2 - Social Identity: Facism/ Authoritarianism</b>   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Frie, Roger:</b> The Relevance of Fromm's Social Psychoanalysis: Beyond the Interpersonal Dyad                                      |
|                        |       |          | <b>Smith, David N.:</b> Social Character, Political Psychology, and Radical Nativism"  |
|                        |       |          | <b>Hietalahti, Jarno:</b> Humanism Contested. Three Frommian answers to Antihumanism, Transhumanism and Posthumanism                   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Romanetto, Matheus Capovilla:</b> Life is but a joke: phantasy and reality in the Brazilian political process                       |
|                        |       |          | <b>Keir, Jonathan:</b> Erich Fromm's 'Radical Humanism' and Tu Weiming's 'Spiritual Humanism': A Common Economics                      |
|                        |       |          | <b>Maciel, Fabricio:</b> Capitalism and authoritarianism in Erich Fromm: insights on the Brazilian case                                |
|                        |       |          | <b>Langer, Phil:</b> The hope of a revolution of hope  |
|                        |       |          | <b>Sullivan, Gavin Brent:</b> Fromm's study of workers and employees on the eve of the Third Reich: Exploring reanalysis               |
| 12:15                  | 14:00 | 01:45    | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
| 14:00                  | 15:30 | 01:30    | <b>Panels (2x3x30min)</b>  |
|                        |       |          | <b>3 - Social Character Analyses</b>   |
|                        |       |          | <b>4 - Understanding Left-Wing Authoritarianism Today Through the Work of Erich Fromm</b>  |
|                        |       |          | <b>Becker, Martina:</b> Ego-orientation and challenges regarding a humanistic transformation   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Burston, Daniel:</b> Left-Wing Authoritarianism, Conspiracy Thinking and Anti-Semitism  |
|                        |       |          | <b>Dietrich, Jan:</b> The Concept of Biophily and Productive Character Orientation   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Mclaughlin, Neil:</b> Why Fromm Matters for Understanding Left, Right and Liberal Authoritarianism Today                            |
|                        |       |          | <b>Villet, Charles:</b> Fromm's existential wager: Screen existence and the transformation of the human situation                      |
|                        |       |          | <b>Phillipson, Ilene:</b> From the Lonely Crowd to the Lonely Mob: Fromm on the Social Consequences of Loneliness                      |
| 15:30                  | 16:00 | 00:30    | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 16:00                  | 17:30 | 01:30    | <b>Panels (2x3x30min)</b>  |
|                        |       |          | <b>5 - Political Transformation</b>  |
|                        |       |          | <b>6 - Pathology of Normalcy</b>   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Braune, Nick:</b> A Needed Defense of Fromm's Socialist Manifesto and Program   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Bal, Matthijs:</b> Workplace Dignity in Times of Absurdity: Key Insights from Fromm   |
|                        |       |          | <b>Bierhoff, Burkhard:</b> Character transformation. A Socioanalytical and Ecological Perspective                                      |
|                        |       |          | <b>Voigt, Katrin:</b> Nationalism as Collective Narcissism: The Pathology of an Everyday Practice                                      |
|                        |       |          | <b>Durkin, Kieran:</b> >There's a Crack in Everything, That's How the Light Gets in<: Erich Fromm, John Holloway, and Marxist Humanism |
|                        |       |          | <b>Minchev, Plamen:</b> Am I normal or how society shapes our understanding of normalcy  |
| 17:30                  | 18:00 | 00:30    | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 18:00                  | 19:30 | 01:30    | <b>Panel discussion on humanistic transformation with invited discussants</b>  |
| 19:30                  | 19:30 | 00:00    | <b>Reception - fingerfood and drinks</b>   |

| Saturday<br>June 10, 2023 |       |          |   |
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| Start                     | End   | Duration | Item on Agenda  |
| 09:00                     | 09:15 | 00:15    | Welcome/ Arrival  |
| 09:15                     | 10:45 | 01:30    | Panels (2x3x30min)  |
|                           |       |          | 7 - Transformation in Work and Organization   |
|                           |       |          | 8 - Biophilia   |
|                           |       |          | Hornung et al., Severin: Normative foundations of neoliberal economism and radical humanism in society, organizations, and individuals: A dialectic multi-level framework for social transformation". |
|                           |       |          | Hunt, Shamim: Frommian Tripartite Self and Societal Transformation  |
|                           |       |          | Shahmansouri, Saied: A Critical Analogy Between Two Different Methodological Approaches to the Work   |
|                           |       |          | Topolska, Ewelina: Towards a Biophilic Society: Erich Fromm in a Spanish Literature Class   |
|                           |       |          | Weber, Wolfgang G.: A democratic alternative to social alienation in the economy  |
|                           |       |          | Yadav, Komal: Transforming our life-worlds: A theoretical reflection form the writings of Erich Fromm and Jiddu Krishnamurti  |
| 10:45                     | 11:15 | 00:30    | Coffee Break  |
| 11:15                     | 12:45 | 01:30    | Panels (2x3x30min)  |
|                           |       |          | 9 - Transformation of Society   |
|                           |       |          | 10 - Social Character Transformation  |
|                           |       |          | Friedson, Meredith Lynn: Dying To Be Born: How Defenses Against Love Keep Humanity Shackled To A Necrophilic Orientation  |
|                           |       |          | Kubsda, Michael: Young peoples identity problems and the importance of Fromm's humanistic psychology for education science  |
|                           |       |          | Lorenzen, Sünje: Is Home Office the Modern Boimondau? - An Economic Psychology Discussion on the Compatibility of Work, Life and Family in the Home Office  |
|                           |       |          | Jimenez, Luis: The existential relevance of Fromm's fear of freedom, social character, habitus and structures of feeling beyond normative neoliberalism   |
|                           |       |          | Pafe, Rachel: Unethical dogmas and an ethics of Hope: Erich Fromm and Hans Jonas on Gnosticism's place in societal transformation and revolt  |
|                           |       |          | Miri, Seyed Javad: The Art of Being: Reflections upon anxiety as a means towards growth   |
| 12:45                     | 14:30 | 01:45    | Lunch Break   |
| 14:30                     | 16:30 | 02:00    | Panels (2x4x30min)  |
|                           |       |          | 11 - Transformation in Psychotherapy  |
|                           |       |          | 12 - Social Identity and Transformation   |
|                           |       |          | Varela, Pablo: Violence, Destructiveness and Social Character in Mexico   |
|                           |       |          | Byrd, Dustin J.: Can Religion be Rescued in the 21st Century? On Fromm's Religious Humanism in an Age of Authoritarian Populism   |
|                           |       |          | Buechler Sandra: Psychotherapy Post Truth   |
|                           |       |          | Frindte, Wolfgang G.: Group Narcissism (Fromm) or Social Identity Theory (Tajfel et al.)? - Different theoretical approaches and similar conclusions?   |
|                           |       |          | Silver, Catherine B.: The Functions of Negativity and Benign Aggression as Tools in the Transformation of the Self . Toward Humanistic Values in and out of treatment                                 |
|                           |       |          | Kołoszyc, Dawid: Identity Politics and the Politics of Difference: Critical Transformations in Contemporary Thought   |
|                           |       |          | Šumiga, Drazen: Erich Fromm and Existential Relatedness, alienation and humanistic Ethics – Socially oriented Psychotherapeutic praxis  |
|                           |       |          | N.N.  |
| 16:30                     | 17:15 | 00:45    | Coffee Break  |
| 17:00                     | 18:00 | 01:00    | Keynote Speech: Dr. Rainer Funk<br>Humanistic Transformation and the Ego-oriented Social Character  |
| 18:00                     |       |          | Reception for Rainer Funk's 80th birthday - warm dishes and drinks  |
| 20:00                     |       |          | Meeting for all interested in a North-American Section of the International Erich Fromm Society   |

| Sunday<br>June 11, 2023 |       |          |   |
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| Start                   | End   | Duration | Item on Agenda  |
| 09:00                   | 09:15 | 00:15    | Welcome/ Arrival  |
| 09:15                   | 10:45 | 01:30    | Panel (3x30min)   |
|                         |       |          | 13 - Reappraising Fromm's Humanism 1: Humanistic Investigation  |
|                         |       |          | Braune, Joan: The Psychological is Crucial: Why Erich Fromm's Understanding of Human Needs Contributes to Defeating Fascism   |
|                         |       |          | Cortina, Mauricio: A Reappraisal of Erich Fromm's Approach to Humanism and the Human Condition Based on New Evolutionary-Developmental Science (read by Jeremiah Morelock in absence of the author) |
|                         |       |          | Thompson, Michael: The Ontological Dimensions of Fromm's Humanism   |
| 10:45                   | 11:15 | 00:30    | Coffee Break  |
| 11:15                   | 12:45 | 01:30    | Panel (3x30min)   |
|                         |       |          | 14 - Reappraising Fromm's Humanism 2: Perspectives on the Possible  |
|                         |       |          | Chancer, Lynn: Erich Fromm and Contemporary Feminisms in Theory and Social Movement Practice  |
|                         |       |          | Langman, Lauren: Humanistic Socialism: The Political Economy of a "Sane Society"  |
|                         |       |          | Morelock, Jeremiah: Toward Living a Better Future: Political Vision and the Productive Orientation  |
| 12:45                   | 13:00 | 00:15    | Closing Remarks   |