

Research Conference

The conference language will be English.

The opening lecture by Prof. Dr. Hartmut Rosa as well as the conference meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be open only to registered participants. Please register online on the IPU website. The QR-Code below will lead you to the registration.

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Programm

Saturday, June 10, 2023

11.15 a.m. Panel 10: Social Character Transformation

Chair: Katrin Voigt

Dr. Dr. Michael Kubsda: Young peoples identity problems and the importance of Fromm's humanistic psychology for education science

Prof. Dr. Dr. Luis Jimenez: The existential relevance of Fromm's fear of freedom, social character, habitus and structures of feeling beyond normative neoliberalism

Prof. Dr. Seyed Javad Miri: The art of being: Reflections upon anxiety as a means towards growth

12.45 p.m. Lunch Break

2.30 p.m. Panel 11: Transformation in Psychotherapy

Chair: Prof. Dr. Tilmann Habermas

Prof. Dr. Pablo Varela: Violence, destructiveness and social character in Mexico

Dr. Sandra Buechler: Psychotherapy post truth

Prof. Dr. Catherine B. Silver: The functions of negativity and benign aggression as tools in the transformation of the self. Toward humanistic values in and out of treatment

Dr. Dražen Šumiga: Erich Fromm and existential relatedness, alienation and humanistic ethics – socially oriented psychotherapeutic praxis

2.30 p.m. Panel 12: Social Identity and Transformation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Gavin B. Sullivan

Prof. Dr. Dustin J. Byrd: Can religion be rescued in the 21st century? On Fromm's religious humanism in an age of authoritarian populism

Prof. Dr. Stefano Luca Patania: The humanistic transformation in health coaching: A new pragmatic role for ethics

Dr. Dawid Kołoszyc: Identity politics and the politics of difference: Critical transformations in contemporary thought

Dr. Amparo Espinosa: Violence, delinquency and the mexican penitentiary system under the lenses of Erich Fromm's humanistic perspective

4.30 p.m. Coffee Break

Chair: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn

5.00 p.m. Keynote Speech: Dr. Rainer Funk
Humanistic transformation and the Ego-oriented social character

6.00 p.m. Reception for Rainer Funk's 80th birthday - warm dishes and drinks

8.00 p.m. Meeting for all interested in a North-American section of the International Erich Fromm Society

Sunday, June 11, 2023

9.00 a.m. Welcome/ Arrival

9.15 a.m. Panel 13: Reappraising Fromm's Humanism 1: Humanistic Investigation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil Langer

Dr. Joan Braune: The psychological is crucial: Why Erich Fromm's understanding of human needs contributes to defeating fascism

Dr. Mauricio Cortina: 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)

Prof. Dr. Michael Thompson: The ontological dimensions of Fromm's humanism

10.45 a.m. Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. Panel 14: Reappraising Fromm's Humanism 2: Perspectives on the Possible

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil Langer

Prof. Dr. Amihan April Mella-Alcazar: Autism and social media from a Frommian perspective

Prof. Dr. Lauren Langman: Humanistic socialism: The political economy of a „Sane Society“

Jeremiah Morelock: Toward living a better future: Political vision and the productive orientation

12.45 p.m. Closing Remarks

Humanistic Transformation

3rd International Erich Fromm Research Conference

IPU Berlin, June 8–11, 2023

Programm

Thursday, June 8, 2023

7.00 p.m. Welcome Addresses

Prof. Dr. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz (President of the IPU)

Dr. Katrin Schlecht (Chief Executive of the Karl Schlecht Foundation)

Dr. Rainer Funk (Co-Director of the EFSC)

7.30 p.m. Opening Lecture: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Rosa

From affirmation and responsibility to transformation and respons-a-bility: Resonance as a relational mode of being
(Open for public)

9.00 p.m. Welcome Reception - fingerfood and drinks

Friday, June 9, 2023

8.45 a.m. Welcome/Arrival

9.00 a.m. Keynote Speech: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn

The importance of humanistic transformation from a psychological perspective

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil Langer

10.00 a.m. Coffee Break

10.15 a.m. Panel 1: Foundations of Fromm's Humanism

Chair: Katrin Voigt

Prof. Dr. Dr. Roger Frie: The relevance of Fromm's social psycho-analysis: Beyond the interpersonal dyad

Dr. Jarno Hietalahti: Humanism contested. Three Frommian answers to antihumanism, transhumanism and posthumanism

Dr. Jonathan Keir: Erich Fromm's „Radical Humanism“ and Tu Weiming's „Spiritual Humanism“: A common economics

Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil Langer: The hope of a revolution of hope

10.15 a.m Panel 2: Social Identity: Fascism / Autoritarianism

Chair: Benedikt Salfeld-Nebgen

Prof. Dr. David N. Smith: Social character, political psychology and radical nativism

Matheus Capovilla Romanetto: Life is but a joke: Phantasy and reality in the Brazilian political process

Prof. Dr. Fabricio Maciel: Capitalism and authoritarianism in Erich Fromm: Insights on the Brazilian case

Prof. Dr. Gavin Brent Sullivan: Fromm's study of workers and employees on the eve of the Third Reich: Exploring reanalysis

12.15 p.m. Lunch Break

2.00 p.m. Panel 3: Social Character Analyses

Chair: Prof. Dr. Konrad Schnabel

Dr. Martina Becker: Ego-orientation and challenges regarding a humanistic transformation

Prof. Dr. Jan Dietrich: The concept of biophily and productive character orientation

Dr. Charles Villet: Fromm's existential wager: Screen existence and the transformation of the human situation

2.00 p.m. Panel 4: Understanding Left-Wing Authoritarianism Today Through the Work of Erich Fromm

Chair: Ramona Franz

Prof. Dr. Neil McLaughlin: Why Fromm matters for understanding left, right and liberal authoritarianism today

Dr. Dr. Ilene Philipson: From the lonely crowd to the lonely mob: Fromm on the social consequences of loneliness

Prof. Dr. Lynn Chancer: Fromm, feminist theory and positive politics: From authoritarianism to mutual recognition

3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

4.00 p.m. Panel 5: Political Transformation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Konrad Schnabel

Prof. Dr. Nick Braune: A needed defense of Fromm's socialist manifesto and program

Prof. Dr. Burkhard Bierhoff: Character transformation. A socioana-lytical and ecological perspective

Dr. Kieran Durkin: „There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in“: Erich Fromm, John Holloway, and marxist humanism

4.00 p.m. Panel 6: Pathology of Normalcy

Chair: Ramona Franz

Prof. Dr. Matthijs Bal: Workplace dignity in times of absurdity: Key insights from Fromm

Katrin Voigt: Nationalism as collective narcissism: The pathology of an everyday practice

Prof. Dr. Plamen Minchev: Am I normal or how society shapes our understanding of normalcy

5.30 p.m. Coffee Break

6.00 p.m. Panel discussion on humanistic transformation with Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan, Prof. Dr. Harald Welzer, Dr. Thomas Bruhn and Gerd Hofielen

Chair: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn

7.30 p.m. Reception - fingerfood and drinks



Saturday, June 10, 2023

9.00 a.m. Welcome/ Arrival

9.15 a.m. Panel 7: Transformation in Work and Organization

Chair: Dr. Sebastian Bobeth

Dr. Severin Hornung, Dr. Thomas Höge and Dr. Christine Unterrainer: Normative foundations of neoliberal economism and radical humanism in society, organizations, and individuals: A dialectic multi-level framework for social transfor-mation

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang G. Weber: A democratic alternative to social alienation in the economy

9.15 a.m. Panel 8: Biophilia

Chair: Katrin Voigt

Prof. Dr. Shamim Hunt: Frommian tripartite self and societal transformation

Prof. Dr. Ewelina Topolska: Towards a biophilic society: Erich Fromm in a spanish literature class

Komal Yadav: Transforming our life-worlds: A theoretical reflection form the writings of Erich Fromm and Jiddu Krishnamurti

10.45 a.m Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. Panel 9: Transformation of Society

Chair: Dr. Sebastian Bobeth

Dr. Meredith Lynn Friedson: Dying to be born: How defenses against love keep humanity shackled to a necrophilic orientation

Prof. Dr. Sünje Lorenzen: Is home office the modern Boimondau? - An economic psychology discussion on the compatibility of work, life and family in the home office

Rachel Pafe: Unethical dogmas and an ethics of hope: Erich Fromm and Hans Jonas on Gnosticism's place in societal transformation and revolt