ZIF COOPERATION GROUP OPENING CONFERENCE

Normalization of the Far Right and its Mechanisms

Convenors: Prof. Dr. Paula Diehl (Kiel, GER)
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17 – 19 February 2022

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

1.30 pm Welcome
Véronique Zanetti (Executive Director ZiF) and the convenors: Paula Diehl, Christina Morina, Birgit Sauer

1.45 pm Presentation and Discussion of the Project "Normalization of the Far Right"
PAULA DIEHL (Political Science, University of Kiel): Normalizing the Far Right

2.30 pm Normalization of the Far Right? Elements and Open Research Questions
RUTH WODAK (Linguistics, University of Lancaster): Normalizing the Far Right: Mechanisms and Dynamics
VOLKER WEISS (History, University of Hamburg): Old Discourses, New Contexts of the Far Right

4:10 pm Break

4.30 pm Right-wing Populism and the Normalization of the Far Right
MABEL BEREZIN (Sociology, Cornell University): Fascism, Populism and Normalization
PAULA DIEHL (Political Science, University of Kiel): Populism as a Bridge. The Role of Right-Wing Populism in Normalizing the Far Right

6:10 pm Break

6:20 pm - 7:20 pm Public Roundtable (in German): Dimensionen der Normalisierung der radikalen Rechten
CHRISTINA MORINA (chair), RUTH WODAK, WILHELM HEITMEYER, UTE FREVERT

FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

9:00 am Affects and Emotions
UTE FREVERT (History, MPI for Human Development, Berlin): Emotions and the Normalization of the Far Right
BRIGITTE BARGETZ (Political Science, University of Kiel) / NINA ELENA EGGERS (Political Science, University of Kiel): Feeling Normalization: Affective narratives and the far right

10:40 am Break

11:00 am Normalizing the Far Right in Social Practices
OLIVER DECKER (Social Psychology, Leipzig University): Conspiracy mentality as a link - The far right in times of the pandemic crisis
WILHELM HEITMEYER (Sociology, Bielefeld University): The Double Process: Normalization and Escalation

12:40 Break

2.00 pm Gender Relations (in cooperation with the ZiF Group)
JULIA ROTH (American Studies and Interamerican Studies, Bielefeld University) Anti-Gender Mobilizations in Latin America
BIRGIT SAUER (Political Science, University of Vienna): Transforming Gender Relations and Right-Wing Populism

3:40 pm Break

4:10 pm Media and Social Media
MOJCA PAJNIK (Media Studies, Ljubljana, SLO): Mass Media and the Normalization of the Far Right
DANIEL THIELE (Political Science, University of Vienna): Right-wing populist user comments on Facebook and online deliberation

SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

9:30 am Pop and Culture
GABRIELE DIETZE (Cultural Studies, Humboldt University): Right-wing Popular Culture
THOMAS ERNST (Literature, University of Antwerp): Stereotypes and Irony. Analysing Popular Memes, Music and Literature

11:10 am Break

11: 20 am Symbols and Fashion
VIRÁG MOLNÁR (Sociology, New School, New York): Fashioning the Nation in the Age of Populism

12:10 – 12:35 Final Discussion