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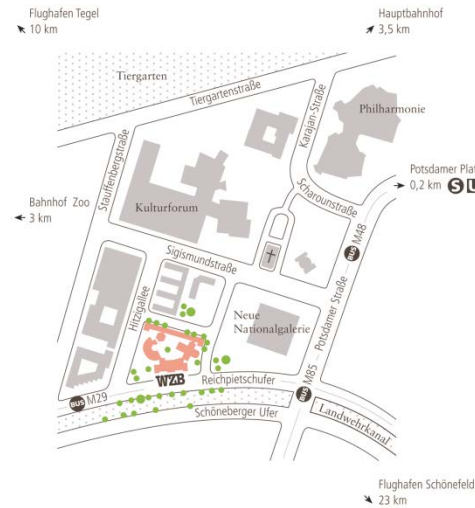


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Global Constitutionalism and Critical Theory

December 11, 2015, 10 am–5:45 p.m.

Heilig-Geist-Kapelle
Spandauer Str. 1, 10178 Berlin

Workshop “Global Constitutionalism and Critical Theory”

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Friday, December 11, 2015

9:45-10 am *Registration and Coffee*

10-11:30 am **Panel 1**

Keynote:
“Legitimacy, Democracy and Justice: On the Reflexivity of Normative Orders”
Rainer Forst, Goethe University Frankfurt

Commentators
Seyla Benhabib, Yale University
Mattias Kumm, WZB/HU Berlin/New York University

11:30 am-1 pm **Panel 2**

Keynote:
“New Border and Citizenship Constellations: Implications for Law and Justice”
Ayelet Shachar, MPI-MMG

Commentators
Christoph Möllers, HU Berlin/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
Peter Niesen, University of Hamburg

1-2:15 pm *Lunch Break*

2:15-3:45 pm **Panel 3**

Keynote:
Democracy Under Siege – Global Constitutionalization as Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: the European Case
Hauke Brunkhorst, University of Flensburg

Commentators
Cristina Lafont, Northwestern University
Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg

3:45-4:15 pm *Coffee Break*

4:15-5:45 pm **Panel 4**

Keynote:
On Political and Pathological Self-Determination
Alexander Somek, University of Vienna

Commentators
Richard Bellamy, European University Institute
Christopher McCrudden, Queen’s University Belfast/University of Michigan

7 pm Dinner for Panelists

The relationship between “Global Constitutionalism” and Critical Theory is the subject of this workshop organized by Mattias Kumm, Rainer Forst and Seyla Benhabib on December 11th, 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. in Berlin, Heilig-Geist-Kapelle (Spandauer Str. 1). Has the globalization of public law, that claims to be guided by basic commitments to human rights, democracy and the rule of law, helped to realize the emancipatory potential of the constitutionalist tradition? Or has constitutionalist rhetoric merely legitimated new or helped to cover up old forms of repression? Furthermore, what role is there for legal scholarship that is critically guided by basic constitutionalist principles? As a practice that draws on the internal reflexivity of the law, to what extent might global constitutionalism serve as a framework for a critical theory of law?

After workshops that were held at New York University and Yale University, this is the third workshop in the series “Justification Beyond the State”.

Please be aware that no drinks and food are allowed within the Chapel, i.e. the conference room, during the entire workshop. Catering will be available in the foyer during breaks.

The Holy Ghost Chapel, built around 1300, is one of the oldest buildings in Berlin. The restrictions imposed by the University administration are meant to protect the building. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.