The History of Postmetaphysical Philosophy and the Future of Democracy

Conference in Honor of Jürgen Habermas

June 20 and 21, 2019, Normative Orders, Max-Horkheimer-Strasse 2, Goethe University
Frankfurt

Program

June 20

10:00 Welcome Address (R. Forst)

10:15 Panel 1: The Genealogy of Postmetaphysical Thought

Peter Gordon – “Eine Erziehung des Menschengeschlechts? The History of Philosophy as a Rationalizing Translation out of the Sources of Religion”

Matthias Lutz-Bachmann – “Reason and Free Will of the Human Actor: The Contribution of Medieval Philosophy to an Ethics and Theory of Rights not based on Metaphysics”

Thomas McCarthy – “Thoughts on the Dialectic of Postmetaphysical Reason”

11:30 Break

12:00 Continued

Pauline Kleingeld – “Kant's Metaphysics of Morality”


Axel Honneth – “Secular Reason? A Short Comment on Jürgen Habermas, Auch eine Geschichte der Philosophie”

13:45 Lunch
15:00 **Panel 2: Religion in Contemporary Society**

Charles Taylor – “Our Secular Age”

Maeve Cooke – “Postmetaphysical Thinking and the Ecological Challenge”

Micha Brumlik – “Religion of Reason: Kant, Cohen and Habermas”

16:30 Break

17:00 Continued

Eduardo Mendieta – “Enlightened Religion and Liberation Theology: The Linguistification of Freedom”

Alessandro Ferrara – “Embodied, De-transcendentalized Reason and the Sources of Solidarity”

18:30 End of Session

**June 21**

10:00 **Panel 3: The Crisis of Democracy**

Claus Offe – “The ‘Will of the People’ – A Fallacy of Composition?”

Oskar Negt – “Erlosienskrisen’ - Crises of Erosions”

Klaus Günther – “Rule of Law and Rule by Law”

11:30 Break

12:00 Continued

Jean Cohen – “The Crisis of Political Representation: Rethinking the Party/Movement Relation in the Context of Populist Challenges to Constitutional Democracy”

Andrew Arato – “Populism as Movement, Government and Regime”
13:30 Lunch

15:00 **Panel 4: The Future of Democracy**


Nancy Fraser – “Legitimation Crisis of Financialized Capitalism”

Hauke Brunkhorst – “Return of Politics. The Kierkegaardian Moment of September 15, 2008”

16:30 Break

17:00 Continued

Peter Niesen – “The Future of Democratic Revolutions?”

Cristina Lafont – “Are Democracies Stuck between Populism and Technocracy? The Democratic Case against Blind Deference to either Majorities or Experts”

18:30 End of Session

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