

# 29th European Meeting of Cultural Journals

Vienna, 2–4 November 2018

## **Mind the gap Illiberal democracy and the crisis of representation**

### Programme (subject to revision)

#### **Friday 2 November 2018**

15:00                      Registration  
                                 *Venue: Hotel Stefanie, Taborstraße 12, 1020 Vienna*

15:30–17:30              Network Session (Eurozine network only)  
                                 *Venue: Hotel Stefanie, Taborstraße 12, 1020 Vienna*

19:00–20:30              Official Opening  
                                 *Venue: Belvedere 21, Arsenalstraße 1, 1030 Vienna*

#### **Welcome Addresses**

Michael Ludwig | Mayor of Vienna

Veronica Kaup-Hasler | Executive City Councillor for Cultural Affairs and Science

#### Keynote Discussion

#### ***Europe first!***

#### **A conversation between Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Claus Leggewie**

The 29th European Meeting of Cultural Journals will be opened with a debate between Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Claus Leggewie. In light of the rise of nationalist, illiberal populism throughout the continent, the two will discuss what is to be done for a free, open and just Europe.

*In German with simultaneous translation into English.*

In cooperation with Belvedere 21 and Wiener Vorlesung.

20:30–21:30              Reception

**Saturday 3 November 2018**

09:30–11:00

Panel I

***Populism and the representation gap***

*Venue (all panels): Alte Schmiede, Schönlaterngasse 9, 1010 Vienna*

Two reasons are commonly cited for the rise of the populist right in Europe and the US: the socio-economic effects of neoliberal globalization and the Left's abandonment of the social question in favour of identity politics. This panel will ask whether economic justice and cultural identity are indeed opposed; how far the social-democratic parties' abandonment of class is to blame for their electoral demise; and what a solidary and progressive politics beyond rightwing populism might look like.

Speakers include:

Cornelia Koppetsch | Professor, TU Darmstadt

Marc-Olivier Padis | Director, Terra Nova Think Tank; former Editor-in-chief, *Esprit*

11:15–12:45

Panel II

***Media pluralism under pressure***

With the rise of the New Right in western Europe, questions arise as to how to reconcile 'democratic militancy' with a liberal commitment to a plural public sphere. While there are good reasons to argue that exclusion is the proper reaction to far-right opinion, there are also reasons to be critical of this reflex. Panelists will exchange experiences of the challenge posed by the New Right to liberal public spheres, with particular emphasis on the comparison with central eastern Europe.

Speakers include:

Ola Larsmo | Author and novelist; former chairman of Swedish PEN

Claire Potter | Professor of History, The New School, New York; executive editor at *Public Seminar*

13:00–14:00

Lunch

14:15–15:30

Expert Workshop

Presentation: Developing business models for cultural journals: Online and print sales, subscription management, paywalls, crowdfunding

15:30–16:00

Coffee break

16:00–18:00

Bar camp

Participants discuss topics prepared before/during conference in small groups. Results will be presented and discussed in the plenary.

- How to sell issues or individual articles via websites and apps
- Crowdfunding
- Subscription management
- Print distribution
- Eurozine conference 2019

19:00

Dinner

*Venue: TBC*

## Sunday 4 November 2018

Venue: Alte Schmiede, Schönlaterngasse 9, 1010 Vienna

10:30–12:00

### Panel III

#### *Worlds of cultural journals*

Since the Enlightenment, journal-making has been an important ‘cultural technology’ that deeply influences the way we argue, narrate, write and think. While cultural journals retain a strong presence in public spheres, there is also uncertainty about their form and sustainability. This panel will discuss how the study of journals history can help understand the challenges of cultural journalism today.

Speakers include:

Matthew Philpotts | Head of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Liverpool

Roman Schmidt | Head of Department for Contemporary History, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Tamara Witschge | Lecturer, School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University

12:00–12:30

### Lunch

12:30–14:00

### Panel IV

#### *Internet technologies and democracy*

The internet once stood for a democratic, global network society. That promise is now obsolete. Instead, the internet has become a space of manipulation by political actors and powerful corporations. Can the power of corporations be limited through legal regulation or do we need a new collective movement of users? What does government control of the web in Russia and China mean for freedoms in these countries? And how can we use internet technologies for the benefit of an open society?

Speakers include:

Daniel Leisegang | Editor, *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, Eurozine Editorial Board

Kathrin Passig | Author; founding member of the Zentrale Intelligenz Agentur

Andrei Soldatov | Journalist and founder/editor, Agentura.ru

14:00–14:30

### Coffee break

15:30–17:30

### Cultural Programme

Presentation of the House of History Austria and tour around Heldenplatz

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