

Europe '89: The promise recalled

30th European Meeting of Cultural Journals

Berlin, 1–3 November 2019

Programme

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Friday 1 November 2019

- 15:00–16:00 — Registration (Eurozine network only)
Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin
- 16:00–18:00 — Network Session (Eurozine network only)
Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation
- 18:30–20:15 — Keynote
Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation
***‘Für ein offenes Land mit freien Menschen!’ Deutschland und Europa
30 Jahre nach 1989 / ‘For an open country with free people’
Germany and Europe 30 years after 1989***

Aleida Assmann | Cultural anthropologist, literary scholar
Durs Grünbein | Poet and essayist

In German with simultaneous translation into English.
- 21:00–23:00 — Dinner (Eurozine network and invited participants only)
Venue: taz Kantine, Friedrichstraße 21, 10969 Berlin

The Sound of Berlin
Lecture-performance in English
Ulrich Gutmair | Editor, taz

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- 09:15 — Registration (all participants)
Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin
- 10:00–10:15 — *Welcome address*
What is Eurozine, and why we have come together 30 years after '89?
- Réka Kinga Papp | Editor-in-Chief, *Eurozine*
Ellen Ueberschär | President, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Thomas Krüger | President, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb)
Daniel Leisegang | Editor, *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*
Volker Weichsel | Editor, *OSTEUROPA*

PART I: THE PROMISE

For all their diversity, the revolutionary movements of '89 were united in a belief in 'Europe' – defined not only as an end to the division of the continent, but also as a return to the path of democracy and self-determination. The opening section of the conference reflects on the promises of '89.

- 10:15–11:00 — Talk I
Venue (all panels): Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Successes and failures of 1989***
The collapse of communism in 1989 was the result of much longer processes, realizing hopes and ideals going back decades. But the end of the Cold War was in another sense just the beginning: the intervening years have also brought bitter disappointments. Looking back, what has remained of '89?
- Karl Schlögel | Historian and writer
- In German with simultaneous translation into English.*
- 11:00–11:20 — Coffee Break

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11:20–12:45 ——— Conversation I
Compass '89
What significance does '89/'91 have for our understanding of contemporary politics and society in Europe? An inter-generational conversation.

Réka Kinga Papp | Editor-in-Chief, Eurozine
Karl Schlögel | Historian and writer
Karolina Wigura | Editor, *Kultura Liberalna*

In English with simultaneous translation into German.

12:45–14:15 ——— Lunch
Venue: Cafeteria

PART II: REALITY CHECK

The second part of the conference focuses on the various challenges and conflicting objectives with which Europe is confronted since the turn of the millennium: how far does solidarity go? And what is the nature of Europe?

14:15–15:30 ——— Conversation II
Belonging in Europe: Nation state, sovereignty and solidarity
In the decades following the collapse of communist rule, the significance of the nation state in Europe has changed dramatically, largely as a result of deeper integration within the EU and an increase in immigration. At the same time, conflicts have emerged over the resources of social integration and solidarity. What holds European society together today?

Jan Plamper | Professor of History, Goldsmiths, University of London
Susan Neiman | Moral philosopher; director, Einstein Forum
Gary Younge | Journalist, author and broadcaster

In English with simultaneous translation into German.

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- 15:30–16:15 — Coffee break
Venue: Foyer, first floor
- 16:15–16:45 — Performance
30.after.89
German-Polish-Russian youth theatre

Uta Plate, Birgit Lengers | Deutsches Theater
- 17:00–18:00 — Talk II
It's the economy, Europe
After '89, the ideology of 'free' markets prevailed not just in eastern Europe, but also in the West. The consequences were particularly evident in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis and the 2010 euro crisis. What effect did the economic restructuring have on the European project and what are the key issues facing Europe today?

Philipp Ther | Historian of central and eastern Europe, University of Vienna

In German with simultaneous translation into English.
- 18:00–18:15 — Coffee break
Venue: Foyer, first floor

PART III: RECALL

Today, people across Europe are taking to the streets to protest against growing social inequality, racism and populism, and – not least – political and corporate failure to confront climate change. What can the new popular movements learn from those of thirty years ago, and where do they differ?

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- 18:15–19:45 — Conversation III
Europe and the future of protest
Those who own the future should have the word. Claus Leggewie in dialogue with protagonists of contemporary protest movements.
- Claus Leggewie | political scientist; Ludwig-Börne-Professor, University of Gießen
- Further speakers to be confirmed.
- In English with simultaneous translation into German.*
- 19:45–21:00 — Reception (Eurozine network and invited participants only)
Venue: Cafeteria

Sunday 3 November 2019

- 10:00–11:00 — Political matinee (invited participants only)
The light that failed? Liberal democracy and eastern Europe
- Holly Case | Historian of modern Europe, Brown University
Ivan Krastev | Political scientist; CLS Sofia, IWM Vienna
- 11:00–11:15 — Coffee break
Venue: Foyer, first floor
- 11:15–13:15 — Cultural Journals Barcamp (invited participants only)
- Peer-to-peer exchange for journal makers. The participants will suggest and choose the topics during the conference.
- 13:15–14:15 — Lunch
Venue: Cafeteria
- 14:30–16:00 — Guided tour (invited participants only)
Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer)
Meeting point: Visitor Center, Bernauer Str. 119, 13355 Berlin

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