



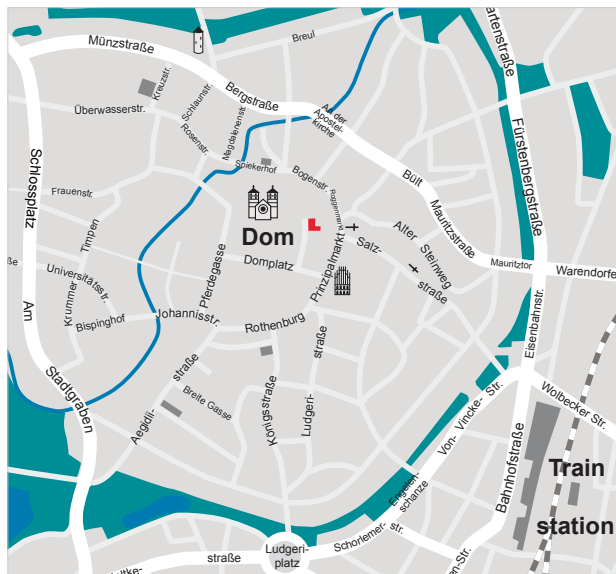
› Organisation

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› Conference Venue

Freiherr-von-Vincke-Haus
Freiherr-vom-Stein-Saal (1st floor)
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› Registration

Participation is free of charge to anyone interested. How-
ever, registration is required due to the limited capacity.
Please send your registration inquiry to casb@wwu.de by
29 June 2018 at the latest.

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› Doing Realist Political Theory

Conference | 4–6 July 2018



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There has been a lot of talk *about* realism but rather less work that explicitly *does* realist political theory. Our aim in this conference is to explore what realist political theory might look like through actually doing it.

We presuppose neither a particular view of realist political theory nor hold any preconceptions about how it should be done. There is no ‘party line’ and no preference for one strand or interpretation of realism over another. Indeed, one of our principal interests is the potential diversity of kinds of theorising that could be described as ‘realist’.

However, we would like to move beyond commentaries on Williams, Geuss or other figures in the realist pantheon, unless such commentaries are also closely connected to showing how realist political theory can advance beyond the explication and refinement of what are by now quite familiar arguments. Contributions show how the agenda of realist political theorising stimulates engagement with new or neglected aspects of politics, discuss what it means to ‘realistically’ theorise subjects that have been dealt with mainly in ‘ideal’ political theory, or in other ways explore new possibilities of doing realist political theory.

› Programme

Wednesday, 4 July 2018

10:00	Welcome
10:15 – 11:15	Political Theory and Political Populism Theresa Scavenius (Aalborg)
11:15 – 12:15	Uses of Realistic Political Theory Gulsen Seven (Ankara)
Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Realism, Authority and Disobedience Robert Jubb (Reading)
14:30 – 15:30	(Post-)Truth and Politics Matt Sleat (Sheffield)
Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	The Political, the Social, and Realist Assessments of the Status Quo Manon Westphal (Münster)
17:00 – 18:00	The Continuity of Ethics and Political Theory Alice Baderin (Oxford)

Thursday, 5 July 2015

9:15 – 10:15	Radical Realism: Political Theory as Social Criticism Janosch Prinz (Norwich)
10:15 – 11:15	Evidence-based Political Theory Ulrich Willems (Münster)
Coffee break	
11:45 – 12:45	Realist Political Theory and the Feasibility Issue Greta Favara (Milano)
Lunch	

14:00 – 15:00	Can an Action Ground a Principle? Real Behavior as a Guide to Realist Politics Jonathan Floyd (Bristol)
15:00 – 16:00	Political Naturalism: Legitimate Coercion Without Sovereignty Enzo Rossi (Amsterdam)
Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	From Conflict to Compromise Edward Hall (Sheffield)
17:30 – 18:30	May Political Parties Refuse to Govern? A Look at the FDP in the 2017 Coalition Talks in Germany Fabian Wendt (Orange)

Friday, 6 July 2015

9:15 – 10:15	Political Realism & Climate Change: Setting the Agenda Thomas Fossen (Leiden)
10:15 – 11:15	The Party Platform as a Moral Idea(l) Daniel Weinstock (Montreal)
Coffee break	
11:45 – 12:30	Final discussion