



Contested Institutions in Modern German History

Second Annual Conference of the *Platform voor Duitse Geschiedenis*

Utrecht University, 12 January 2024

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| 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM | Registration – Drift 21, central hall |
| 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM | Opening remarks – Drift 21, room 0.05 |
| 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Keynote lecture: Professor Ute Frevert (Max Planck Institute, Berlin), <i>Contestation and Acceptance: German Constitutions since 1849</i> – Drift 21, room 0.05 |
| 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Coffee and tea break – Drift 21, central hall |
| 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Panel Session A |

Panel I: *Transnational and Enduring Institutions in the 19th and 20th Century* (chair: Beatrice de Graaf, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 1.04

- Stefano Lissi (Utrecht University) *Young Europe and the Transnational Collaboration between German, Italian and Polish Nationalists (1834-36)*
- Federico Ottavio Reho (University of Oxford) *Lingering Legitimacies and Contested Institutions; the Holy Roman Empire as a German Ideal of Order in the First Half of the 19th Century*
- Ronny Grundig (University of Greifswald) *Finding Compromise. Arbitration as a Legal Institution to Resolve Conflicts and Discipline the Population*
- Ewout van der Knaap (Utrecht University) *Institutionelle Wege der Minderheit der Sorben*

Panel II: *Corruption and Memory as Institutional Challenges during and after the Nazi-Dictatorship* (chair: Laura Almagor, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 1.05

- Laura Brinkhorst (Radboud University Nijmegen) *'Corrupt Officials or Loyal Servants of the State?' Police Corruption in Berlin and Amsterdam during the NS-Zeit (1933-1945)*
- Aline Sierp (Maastricht University) *Victims, Power and Discrimination – Contesting Memorial Sites in Italy and Germany*
- Anne-Lise Bobeldijk (Wageningen University) *Holocaust Memory Diplomacy in Maly Trostenets: German-Belarusian Bilateral Relations over Contested Pasts*



Panel III: *State and Democratic Institutions in Germany after 1945* (chair: Lorena De Vita, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 0.05

- Rick Tazelaar (Utrecht University) *Bavaria First: The Bavarian State Chancellery and the Reconstruction of the Bavarian State after the Second World War*
- Martijn Lak (Utrecht University) *(Re-)learning Democracy? (Re-)introducing Democratic Institutions in Germany, 1945-1949*
- Frederik Frank Sterkenburgh (Utrecht University) *The Kanzlerdemokratie Contested: Redefining a Disputed Concept*
- Thomas Zaugg (University of Oxford) *No Way Back to Liberal Democracy, Then as Now? The Restrained Restoration of Economic and Democratic Liberalism in Post-war Western Europe*

Panel IV: *Education and Academia as Contested Institutions in the 19th and 20th century* [chair Krijn Thijs, Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam) – Drift 21, room 1.09

- Yuetong Li (University of Cambridge) *Nationalisation of History Education: Features of History Textbook Writing in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century*
- Yuhei Obayashi (University of Tokyo / Universität Erfurt) *Die wissenschaftspolitische Konkurrenz der drei Arte von der Nützlichkeit: Zur Institutionalisierung der Biologie im frühen 19. Jahrhundert*
- Todd Weir (University of Groningen) *Challenges to the Authority of Academic Science in Germany 1875 to 1955: Socialist Critiques and Liberal Responses*

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch – Drift 21, central hall

Book pitch: Jochen Hung, *Moderate Modernity. The Newspaper Tempo and the Transformation of Weimar Democracy* (Michigan 2023)

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Panel Session B

Panel V: *New Institutions facing Institutional Challenges in the 19th and 20th Century* (chair: Frederik Frank Sterkenburgh, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 1.05

- Tobias Hirschmüller (Haus der Frauengeschichte Bonn) *Das vergessene Amt? Der Reichsverweser der Provisorischen Zentralgewalt für Deutschland in der Revolution von 1848/1849*
- Jan Markert (University of Trier) *In the Beginning there was a Revolution: Wilhelm I and the Development of Germany*
- Frans Willem Lantink (Utrecht University) *Dominanz der Exekutive. "Staatsmänner" als liberal-demokratisches Verfassungsproblem, Preußen-Deutschland im Vergleich (Österreich(-Ungarn), Italien, Spanien) 1860-1914*
- Hanco Jürgens (Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam) *Why is Institutional Trust so much lower in East Germany than in West-Germany?*



Panel VI: *Education and Academia as Contested Institutions in the 20th century* (chair: Lars Behrisch, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 1.04

- Britta Schilling (Utrecht University) *Contesting the Colonial University: 'Decolonization' in the 1960s?*
- Phillip Wagner (University of Halle-Wittenberg) *Disputed Institutions: Schools and Democracy in West Germany after '1968'*
- Anne van Mourik (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Amsterdam) *(Mis-)trusting Hunger: The Political Use of Hunger Education in Germany 1914-89*
- Krijn Thijs (Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam) *Bringing Excellence and Democracy into East-German Humanities. The case of the History Department at the Humboldt University after 1990*

Panel VII: *Contested Institutions during the Weimar Republic* (chair: Ido de Haan, Utrecht University) – Drift 21, room 0.05

- Christoph Nonn (Düsseldorf University) *"Party Quarreling" and "Common Good": Criticism of Parties in the Weimar Republic*
- Thomas Weber (University of Aberdeen and Hoover Institution, University of Stanford) *Laboratories of Illiberal Democracy & wehrhafte Demokratie: 1920s to 1940s Parliaments as Contested Institutions in a World of Existential Crisis*
- Doron Avraham (Bar Ilan University) *Functional Inversion: Conservative Contestation of Liberal Democratic Institutions in Germany and Israel*
- Jochen Hung (Utrecht University) *Museums in Weimar Germany: Producing Democratic Citizens?*
- Robert-Jan Wille (Utrecht University) *Trust, Science and Geopolitics: Meteorologists and Realpolitik in Weimar Germany*

Panel VIII: *Economic Institutions Contested* (chair: Wim van Meurs, Radboud University Nijmegen) – Drift 21, 1.09

- Jorrit Steehouder (Utrecht University) *European Security in the 'Shatter Zone': Elémer Hantos and the Mitteleuropäische Wirtschaftstagung, 1924-1939*
- Kees van Paridon (Erasmus University) *In the Bundesbank We Trust*
- Philipp Urban (University of Bochum) *Das Vertrauen des Verbrauchers. Konsumgenossenschaften zwischen „KONSUM“ und „CO OP“*
- Timon de Groot (International Institute for Social History Amsterdam) *From Welfare State Dependency to Welfare State Abuse. The Evolution of Critique of the Welfare State in Germany and the Netherlands, 1975-2000*

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Coffee and tea break – Drift 21, central hall



4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

Podium discussion: *The Past, Present and Future of Institutions in Modern Germany* – Drift 21, room 0.05

- Annelien de Dijn (Utrecht University)
- Ute Frevert (Max Planck Institute, Berlin)
- Beatrice de Graaf (Utrecht University)
- Frederik Frank Sterkenburgh (Utrecht University)
- Thomas Weber (University of Aberdeen and Hoover Institution, Stanford University)

5:15 PM – 5:20 PM

Closing remarks – Drift 21, room 0.05

6:00 PM

Conference dinner for speakers and panel chairs at Restaurant PK Utrecht, Oudegracht 101-103, 3511 AE Utrecht

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