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DAY ONE, OCTOBER 18 2023



8:45-9:30 Coffee & Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome to Heidelberg (Elisabeth Becker)

9:45-10:00 Opening Remarks (Jeffrey Alexander)

10:00-12:00 The Global Civil Sphere [upstairs room]

CHAIR: Celso Villegas

David Inglis, "Globalizing the Civil Sphere: Civilizing the Civil Order"

Farhad Khosrokhavar, "The Global Civil Sphere"

Jackie Harrison, "The Nascent Global Civil Sphere and the Global News-scape"

Hizky Shoham, "Can 'Belonging Tools' Expand?"

Arabs/Palestinians/Muslims in Israeli Civil Sphere
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10:00-12:00 Emotions and Embodied Experience in the Civil Sphere
[downstairs room]

CHAIR: Guiseppa Sciortino

Anna Durnová, "Politics of Vulnerability and the Role of Emotions in Civil Sphere Theory"

Ming-Cheng M. Lo and Hsin-Yi Hsieh, "Countering Populism through Emotive Transformation?"

Political Performances during Taiwan's 2021 COVID Outbreak"

Stef Pukallus, "Civil Society: Listening and Consequences"

Jan Vana, "Write It Out Loud: Bodily Experience of Otherness through Literary Fiction as a Mobilizing Power"

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:15 Multiplicity: Civil, Uncivil and Public Spheres in Conversation [upstairs room]

CHAIR: Paula Arana Barbier

Jean-François Côté, "Civil Sphere or Public Sphere? The Looming Debate between Alexander and Habermas"

Liv Egholm, "Stimulating Societalization. The problem-solving of civil society organizations"

Fuyuki Kurasawa, "Canadianizing' Civil Sphere Theory? On the Interplay of Civil Spheres Within Canada's 'Strange Multiplicity'"

Mervyn Horgan, "The Interaction Order and the Civil Sphere: Commonalities, Tensions, Possibilities"

Brad West, "Professionalizing Militaries and the Civil Sphere: Moving Beyond the Militarization of Culture Thesis"

13:00-15:15 Civil Sphere, Racism, and Racism [downstairs room room]

CHAIR: Elisabeth Becker

Jakob Egholm Feldt, "Re-Societalizing Antisemitism in Denmark"

Nadya Jaworsky, "'You can't take it to heart': Responding to Racialization and Othering in the Czech Civil Sphere."

Carly Schall, "Swedish Anti-Racism and the Global Civil Sphere"

Celso Villegas, Racialization, "Racecraft, or Something Else?"

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15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:45 Multiculturalism and its discontents [upstairs room]

CHAIR: Paula Arana Barbier

Stefan Lund, "School Achievement Multicultural Incorporation"

Anna Lund, Rebecca Brinch and Ylva Lorentzon, "Staging Civil Sphere Values: Theater and the Pursuit of Solidarity"

Tariq Modood, "Can Multiculturalism Contribute to Depolarising the Civil Sphere?"

Marcel Knochelmann, "Im-/Moral Narratives: Book Banning in US Schools and the Civil Sphere"

15:45-17:45 Shifting Meanings within Civil Spheres [downstairs room]

CHAIR: Giuseppe Sciortino

Ondřej Klíma, "The Rise and Fall of the Lootbox in the Western Gaming Sphere"

Milica Resanović and Ivana Spasić, "Against the 'New Janissaries': Anti-Gender Ideology Media Activism in Serbia"

Xi She, "Mechanism of Maintaining Silence: The Mechanism of Eastern Cultural Authoritarianism in the New Media Era"

Emily Campbell, "Institutionalizing Civility: Alaskan Voting Reform"

18:15 GKAT Lecture, Heidelberg Center for American Studies Atrium

Jeffrey Alexander, "Performing Nature as a Sacred Icon"

DAY TWO, OCTOBER 19 2023



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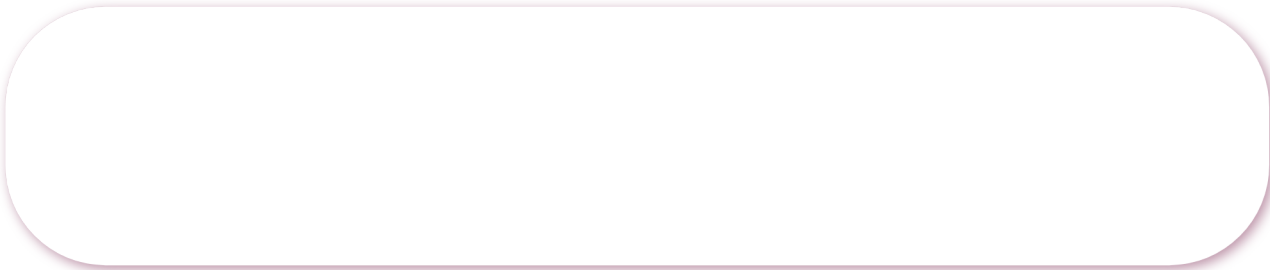
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MILICA RESANOVIĆ AND IVANA SPASIĆ: AGAINST THE 'NEW JANISSARIES': ANTI- GENDER IDEOLOGY MEDIA ACTIVISM IN SERBIA

The paper analyzes recent activism in the digital sphere by representatives of the new Serbian right, a group of conservative intellectuals with a self-appointed role in what they explicitly call the “culture wars” and particularly engaged in attacks on “gender ideology”. Data gathered from posts, articles, journalistic pieces, and statements in podcasts, in which various aspects of gender and sexuality are tackled will be analyzed using the tools of Civil Sphere Theory. CST seems particularly helpful in this case because these actors and their discourse entertain a multiply ambiguous relation to the idea of “civility”, of which several aspects will be discussed. The first aspect concerns the paradox of “uncivil society”, since the new Serbian right speaks from within civil society and urges civil action in the name of cherished values, but their arguments are based on highly un-civil exclusionary categorizations of whole groups of citizens. The second aspect is that they call for civic, non-institutional, even “guerilla” mobilization of citizens, because state institutions are allegedly colonized by foreign interests and their domestic hirelings, while on the other hand these actors themselves almost always occupy positions of institutional power, and their activities often result in institutional change (e.g. changed educational policies). Thirdly, the final irony to be discussed is a curious internationalism of this discourse: while it is obsessively protective of the nation and insists that the Serbian state is held captive to foreign powers, especially the USA, almost all the arguments used are not home-grown but rather copied from this same USA, that is, from the American new right.



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