

## About the Conference

The conference aims to examine the contemporary diagnostic thesis of a brutalization of the culture of debate and, by bringing together perspectives from the history of ideas, philosophy, and democratic theory, to contribute to the understanding and further development of a civil culture of debate in liberal democracies.

We ask which basic political concepts (e.g., civility, respect, trust, friendship, community) the history of political ideas has in store to organize the current approaches of normative democratic theory, to understand and evaluate recent developments in the practice of democratic debate, and to develop impulses for its further development and improvement.

By combining perspectives and approaches from the history of ideas, philosophy, and democratic theory, the conference aims to contribute to methodological innovation in the study of political thought: Focusing on the topic of democratic debate culture, the contours of an applied theory of democracy, based on political philosophy and the history of political ideas, are to be developed.

To attend the conference, please send an email to [ricarda.wuensch@ur.de](mailto:ricarda.wuensch@ur.de) by June 5.

### Organizers

Prof. Dr. Eva Helene Odzuck  
Prof. Dr. Daniel Eggers  
Prof. Dr. Dr. Manfred Brocker  
Dr. Sarah Rebecca Strömel  
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### Location

Haus der Begegnung  
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### Registration

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12/06 - 14/06/24

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## Program

### Wed 12/06/24

17.00-18.30 Start of the conference with a  
City Tour [Haidplatz]  
18.30 Conference Dinner

### Thu 13/06/24

09.00 Arrival: Coffee & Tea  
09.15 Welcome Introduction

Chair: Manfred Brocker

**09.30 -10.45 Marie-Luisa Frick**  
(University of Innsbruck):  
*Conflict and Civility:  
Complementarity and Tension*

**10.45-12.00 Eva Marlene Hausteiner**  
(Friedrich-Alexander-University  
Erlangen-Nürnberg):  
*Stories against democracy?  
Conspiracy Theories as Political  
Narratives*

12.00-14.00 Lunch

Chair: Daniel Eggers

**14.00-15.15 Marcus Llanque**  
(University of Augsburg):  
*Hannah Arendt, the concept of the  
persona and the mask of civility*

**15.15-16.30 Erica Benner** (Berlin):  
*How civic discourse gets  
corrupted: lessons from ancient  
Athens*

16.30-16.45 Coffee & Tea

Chair: Frank-Lothar Kroll

**16.45-18:00 Peter Schröder &  
Samuel Garrett Zeitlin**  
(University College London):  
*Wie wir's so herrlich weit  
gebracht — History of Political  
Thought and Contemporary  
Political Theory*

18.30 Conference Dinner

### Fri 14/06/24

09.00 Arrival: Coffee & Tea

Chair: Eva Helene Odzuck &  
Sarah Rebecca Strömel

**9.15-10.30 Annalisa Antonia Ceron**  
(University of Milan):  
*What Friendship? Aristotle,  
Rousseau and current debates  
on civic friendship*

**10.30-11.45 Oliver Hidalgo**  
(University of Passau):  
*(Un-)Democratic Polarisation or  
the Contradiction between Reason  
and Emotions*

12.00 Concluding Lunch



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