

## ***Contesting Authoritarianism: Perspectives from the South***

**May 16 – 21, 2022**

Berlin, Straße der Pariser Kommune 8a & Franz-Mehring-Platz 1

organized by

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### Conference Programme

#### **Monday, May 16**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

***Welcome, get-together & introductory words***

Patio @ Franz-Mehring-Platz 1, Berlin

#### **Tuesday, May 17**

**10 am - 12 am**

***Inaugural Conference: The crisis of civilization & the authoritarian turn***

Alex Demirovic (Institut für Gesellschaftsanalyse, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung)

Zeynep Gambetti (Independent researcher, Istanbul, Turkey)

Hugo Fanton (University of São Paulo, Brazil - IRGAC)

Börries Nehe (IRGAC / Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung)

**2 pm – 4 pm**

***Alternative Democracies / Alternatives to Democracy***

Azize Aslan (Autonomous University of México)

Inés Durán Matute (Benemérita Autonomous University of Puebla, México - IRGAC)

Katia Valenzuela Fuentes (University of Concepción, Chile)

Moderation: Dario Farcy (Bloque Latinoamericano, Berlin)

***Transnational Strategies of the Far-Right***

Erol Saglam (Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey/ Free University of Berlin - IRGAC)

Lise Benoist (Zetkin Collective, France)

R.Y. (Antifascist activist and journalist from Russia)

Moderation: Anika Taschke (RLS)

**8 pm – 10 pm**

***Film & Debate at SINEMA TRANSTOPIA:***

**Everything Must Fall** (Rehad Desai, South Africa/Netherlands/Belgium 2019, 85 min.)

The screening is part of the "[Contesting Authoritarianism](#)" film program curated by Berke Göl and Nafiseh Fathollahzadeh.

**Wednesday, May 18**

**10 am – 12 am**

***Labour policies and worker's struggles in authoritarian contexts***

Alexander Gallas (University of Kassel, Germany)

Verna Viajar (University of the Philippines - IRGAC)

Dario Azzellini (University of Zacatecas, Mexico)

Julia Drück (Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Berlin)

Moderation: Mariano Feliz (National University of La Plata, Argentina - IRGAC)

### ***Infringement of academic freedoms and counter-strategies***

Arshi Javid (Gender and Media Studies, Humboldt University Berlin / Kashmir)

Tatiana Levina (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen, Academy in Exile / Russia)

Tomasz Kitlinski (Margherita-von-Brentano-Zentrum, Freie Universität Berlin, Academy in Exile / Poland)

Achim Rohde (Freie Universität Berlin, Academy in Exile, Germany)

Ülker Sözen (Alice Salomon University Berlin - IRGAC / Turkey)

**2 pm – 4 pm**

### ***Ideological dimensions of the authoritarian Neoliberalism: Labour & Life***

Michael Hirsch (University of Siegen, Germany)

Fabio Franco (University of São Paulo - IRGAC)

Flora Partenio (DAWN Feminist)

Moderation: Gustavo Robles (National University of La Plata - IRGAC)

### ***Countering Authoritarianism Through Knowledge: Alternative Methodologies, Sources, and Approaches On and From the Middle East and North Africa***

Himmat Zoubi (Forum Transregionale Studien/EUME - IRGAC)

Nafiseh Fathollahzadeh (Forum Transregionale Studien/EUME - IRGAC)

Jeffrey G. Karam (Lebanese American University - Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität Berlin - Forum Transregionale Studien/EUME - IRGAC)

Dina El-Sharnouby (Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität Berlin)

Erol Saglam (Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies - IRGAC)

Saker El Nour (Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität Berlin - IRGAC)

Moderation: Jeffrey G. Karam and Dina El-Sharnouby

**4.30 pm – 6.30 pm**

***Media Practices as Acts of Resistance within Authoritarian Terrains***

Fathima Nizaruddin (Jamia Millia Islamia University, India - IRGAC)

Praphakorn Lippert (University of Passau, Germany)

Nwet Kay Khine (Myanmar / University of Passau, Germany - IRGAC)

Moderation: Wolfram Schaffar (University of Passau, Germany)

***Authoritarianism from a (post)colonial perspective***

Pedro Salgado (Federal University of Uberlândia, Brazil - IRGAC)

Amira Abdelhamid (University of Sussex, England)

Khanyile Joseph Mlotshwa (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa - IRGAC)

**Thursday May 19**

**10 am – 6 pm**

***Political City Tours***

**8 pm – 10 pm**

***Short Films & Debate at SINEMA TRANSTOPIA:***

**Monangambé** (Sarah Maldoror, Angola 1969, 16 min.)

**Bir Savunma / A Defense** (Aylin Kuryel, Turkey/Netherlands 2021, 16 min.)

**I Signed the Petition** (Mahdi Fleifel, UK/Switzerland/Germany 2018, 10 min.)

**Handbuch / Handbook** (Pavel Mozhar, Germany/Belarus, 2021, 26 min.)

A discussion with **Pavel Mozhar** and **Aylin Kuryel** will follow the screening.

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## **Friday, May 20**

**10 am - 12 am**

### ***Anti-gender politics: religious fundamentalism and political neoconservatism***

Ailynn Torres Santana (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Ecuador - IRGAC)

Sonia Correa (Sexuality Policy Watch, Brazil)

Ewa Majewska (Institute of Cultural Inquiry, Germany)

Funda Hülagü (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)

Moderation: Andrea Dip (IRGAC)

### ***Housing Crisis in a time of Democratic Backsliding***

Mariana Morais (Humboldt University-Berlin / Right to the City)

Natalie Koch (Syracuse University, USA)

Lorena Zarate (Global Platform for the Right to the City, Argentina/Mexico)

Moderation: Aysegul Can (Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey - IRGAC)

**2 pm – 4 pm**

### ***Queerfeminist strategies & transnational solidarity against gender-based violence***

Efruz Kaya (Pink Life, Turkey)

Javiera Manzi (Red Conceptualismo del Sur, Chile)

Magdo Chuchracka (Constellation of Liberation, Berlin)

Moderation: Jana Flörchinger / Susanne Hentschel

### ***Capitalist anti-ecologies and authoritarianism in the Global South (I)***

Mariano Feliz (National University of La Plata, Argentina - IRGAC)

Marco Antonio Teixeira (Freie Universität Berlin)

Myint Zaw (environmental activist and writer, Myanmar)

Saker El Nour (EHESS-MuCEM, France - IRGAC)

Moderation: Inés Durán Matute (Benemérita University of Puebla, México - IRGAC)

***4.30 pm – 6.30 pm***

### ***Capitalist anti-ecologies and authoritarianism in the Global South (II)***

Sabrina Fernandes (University of Brasilia - IRGAC)

Markus Wissen (Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany)

Erika Mendes (Justiça Ambiental, Mozambique)

Moderation: Boaventura Monjane (University of the Western Cape, South Africa - IRGAC)

### ***The Power of Music and Counterculture: A Focus on Counter-strategies and Resistance Through Sound***

Mazen El Sayed aka El Rass (Musician and artist based in Lebanon)

Mo'min Swaitat (Palestinian researcher and film director based in London)

Diana Abbani (Forum Transregionale Studien/EUME)

Enana (Syrian rapper, based in Berlin).

Moderation: Himmat Zoubi (Forum Transregionale Studien/EUME - IRGAC)

**Saturday, May 21**

***11 am – 1 pm***

## ***General Assembly***

***4 pm – 6 pm***

### ***Roundtable: Beyond Authoritarianism. Counterstrategies, Solidarities, Utopias***

Eva von Redecker (philosopher, researcher and writer, Germany)

Harsh Mander (author and activist; Robert Bosch Academy Fellow & Centre for Equity Studies, India)

Sabrina Fernandes (ecosocialist communicator and researcher, University of Brasilia - IRGAC)

Damir Arsenijevic (author, activist and psychoanalyst, University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Yunyun Zhou (feminist researcher, University of Oslo / China / East Asia)

***9 pm >***

### ***counter\ACT***

Music & Performance, Haus der Statistik