

Race, Racism, and Racialisation in The European New Right

Graduate Conference



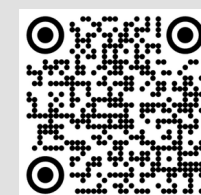
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Keynotes:

Leerom Medovoi (University of Arizona)

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In seeking greater acceptance within mainstream politics, the New Right has adopted a defensive posture: its rhetoric frames exclusionary politics as the protection of threatened groups rather than aggression towards others. Examples include the 'Great Replacement' conspiracy theory, which casts immigration and demographic change as an existential threat, and ethnopluralism, which recasts biological races as ethnic groups, while legitimising cultural separatism, civilisational chauvinism, and an adaptive form of alterophobia and autophilia.

Focusing on ethnopluralism and the 'Great Replacement' theory, this conference will explore how the New Right's defensive racism operates. What processes of racialisation does it involve, and what conception of race emerges from them?

This graduate conference forms part of a three-day programme and is followed by the workshop 'Race, Racialisation, and Racism in the European Context: Crossdisciplinary Perspectives' (25-26 September 2025, Institute for Philosophy, FU Berlin).



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Programme

10:00-10:15 Arrival

10:15-10:30 Welcome Address

Panel 1 (Chair: Mihnea Chiujdea, Freie Universität Berlin)

10:30-11:00 Christian Demmelbauer, Universität Wien – *Ethnopluralism and the Defense of "Clear and Strong Identity"*

11:00-11:30 Mintae Hwang, University of Bristol – *Horizontality and Verticality: The Concepts of Difference in Ethnopluralism of Nouvelle Droite (1968 – 1978)*

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-13:15 Keynote Address, Leerom Medovoi, University of Arizona – "The Defense of Society has Been Betrayed": Ensoulment and the Biopolitics of Race War on the Far Right (Chair: Mihnea Chiujdea, Freie Universität Berlin)

13:15-14:45 Lunch Break

Panel 2 (Chair: Hisham Abushamseih, Freie Universität Berlin)

14:45-15:15 Çağla Güzelgün, Freie Universität Berlin – *Ethnopluralism and Micro-Racist Discourses: The European New Right*

15:15-15:45 Maximilian Schulte-Südbeck, Freie Universität Berlin – *Identity Is Not What Matters. Nor Nationality: Parfit, Goodin, Ethnopluralism*

(Cancelled due to illness: Vanessa Masur, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin – *Pink Slip for Descriptive Social Ontologies?*)

15:45-16:15 Break

Panel 3 (Chair: Maximilian Schulte-Südbeck, Freie Universität Berlin)

(Cancelled due to illness: Karin Kuchler, Universität Wien – *Mathilde Ludendorff and "Ethnic Feminism", or: What Matriarchy Theories and Right-Wing Extremism Have in Common*)

16:15-16:45 Gopika Gurudas, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg – *Caste, Race, and Racial Capitalism: Revisiting Colonial Legacies in Europe*

16:45-17:15 Andrei Belibou, Independent Researcher – *Eastern European Whiteness at the Nexus of Labor and Migration*

17:15-18:00 Break

18:00-19:15 Keynote Address, Urs Lindner, Universität Duisburg-Essen – Racialisation beyond Race: Challenges and Prospects (Chair: Mihnea Chiujdea, Freie Universität Berlin)