



PROFESSUR FÜR MODERNE POLITISCHE THEORIE

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RESEARCH TOPICS

- contemporary normative political theory (democracy, justice, communitarianism, politics, and religion)
- interpretative policy analysis, research on discourse and hegemony
- local and urban politics
- governance and statehood

RESEARCH PROJECTS

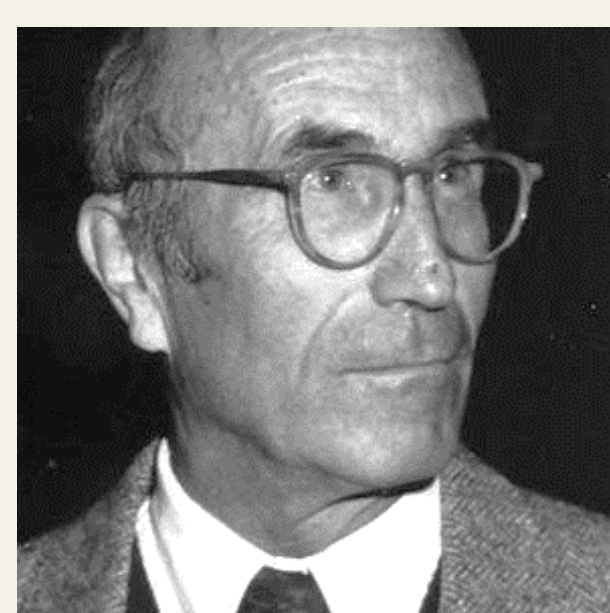
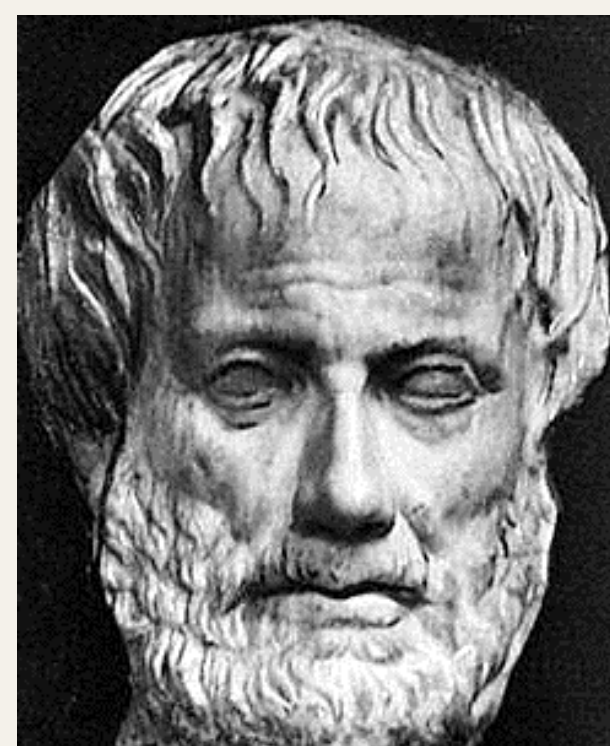
- "Wie zentral ist die Mitte? Mittelschichtsdiskurse und wohlfahrtsstaatlicher Politikwandel im internationalen Vergleich", funded by German Research Foundation (DFG), 2015-2019.
- "Security and Human Rights: Policing and Politicizing Refugees", funded by FRONTIER (excellence initiative II), 2018.
- "Problemdiskurse: Eigenlogik der Städte und politische Agenda", funded by German Research Foundation (DFG), 2010-2015.

TEACHING

- seminars on social justice, democratic theory, feminist theory, migration, capitalism, constructivism
- variety of methods to teach hermeneutic and argumentative competences and to show options for using political theory (confrontation of classical with contemporary sources, roundtable discussions and disputations, autonomous group work, relating elements of pop culture such as movies to political theory)
- instruction for interpretative research practice
- interdisciplinary projects and cooperation with civil society, artists etc.

FURTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- reform of the university's teacher education within the Heidelberg School of Education (advisory board, research cluster "society and health", seminars on teacher education)
- editorial board "heiEDUCATION Journal – transdisciplinary studies for teacher education"
- editorial board "Politische Vierteljahresschrift", Journal of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)
- "Conflict Barometer", Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research e.V. (HIK)
- Schader-Stiftung, Darmstadt, member of Großer Konvent



FAVOURITE THEORISTS

- ARISTOTLE, since old, white (?), heterosexual (?) men who lived two-and-a-half thousand years ago are still inspiring – if read alongside with young, non-white, feminist theorists of today. (Prof. M. Haus)
- HANNAH ARENDT, because nobody has the right to obey. (M. Geugjes)
- NIKLAS LUHMANN, since we can observe politics and society with the help of his systems theory while at the same time realising that we can never observe everything. (M. Barbehön)
- JACQUES RANCIÈRE, for democracy only takes place on rare occasions. (A. Agridopoulos)
- MICHEL FOUCAULT, because normality is disciplining and sanctioning. (A. Folberth)

PUBLICATIONS

- Haus, Michael (2018): Equality beyond Liberal Egalitarianism: Walzer's Contribution to the Theory of Justice, in: Knoll, M./ Snyder, S./ Simsek, N. (eds.): New Perspectives on Distributive Justice. Berlin/Boston (De Gruyter) 2018, p. 71-89.
- Barbehön, Marlon / Folberth, Anja (2019): Die Temporalität der Biopolitik: Eine systemtheoretische Perspektive auf die Regierung „symptomfreier Kranker“, in: Braun, K./ Gerhards, H. (eds.): Biopolitiken. Regierungen des Lebens heute. Wiesbaden: Springer VS (will be published soon).
- Barbehön, Marlon / Geugjes, Marilena (2019): Caught in the middle? Welfare state legitimisation and problematisation in German and Swedish middle class discourse, in: International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society, 32 (1), p. 1-20.
- Barbehön, Marlon / Geugjes, Marilena / Haus, Michael (2018): Separate, but central? Distinktionspraktiken und Normalitätsanspruch der Mittelschicht in der medialen Repräsentation, in: Schöneck, N./ Ritter, S. (eds.): Die Mitte als Kampfzone. Wertorientierungen und Abgrenzungspraktiken der Mittelschichten. Bielefeld: transcript, p. 143-159.
- Agridopoulos, Aristotelis / Abbas, Nabila (2018) (eds.): Demokratie - Ästhetik - Emanzipation. Jacques Rancières transdisziplinäres Denken (special issue). kultuRRRevolution. Zeitschrift für angewandte Diskurstheorie, No. 75, 02/2018.



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