

Since the 1970s Critical Realism has been developed as a theoretical framework that opens up new directions within the social sciences and social theory. Against the alternatives of positivism and hermeneutics as well as their current ramifications, Critical Realism offers a combination of ontological realism and constructionist epistemology, a non-reductive naturalism that situates the social within the natural realm, a social theory that emphasises the importance of social structures and human agency without neglecting the role of culture, and finally an ethics that is both emancipatory and close to everyday concerns.

The goal of the conference is to introduce this primarily Anglo-Saxon approach to German speaking social scientists, set it into communication with local perspectives, and, in doing so, initiate a dialogue between different traditions of critical thinking.

# KRITISCHE SOZIOLOGIE MEETS CRITICAL REALISM

A Dialogue between Social Research,  
Social Theory and Philosophy of Science



## LOCATION

Rosensäle, großer Saal  
Fürstengraben 27  
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Conference in Jena, Germany,  
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17<sup>00</sup> - 18<sup>00</sup> INTRODUCTION**PROMOTING CRITICAL REALISM IN THE GERMAN SPEAKING ACADEMIA – BASIC INTERVENTIONS, DEVELOPMENTS AND THE IDEA OF THE CONFERENCE**

Urs Lindner (Zurich), Dimitri Mader (Jena) and Hans Pühretmayer (Vienna)

18<sup>00</sup> - 19<sup>30</sup> DIALOGUE**SOCIAL MORPHOGENESIS AND ACCELERATION**

Margaret S. Archer (Lausanne): Why Realism needs Reflexivity; Hartmut Rosa (Jena): The Speed of Social Change and the Forms of Human Reflexivity. A Three-Stage-Model

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09<sup>30</sup> - 11<sup>00</sup> DIALOGUE**PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS**

Clive Spash (Vienna): New Foundations for Ecological Economics; Barbara Muraca (Jena): Whitehead's Philosophy as a Foundation for Ecological Economics?

11<sup>00</sup> - 11<sup>30</sup> COFFEE BREAK11<sup>30</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup> DIALOGUE**SOCIAL ONTOLOGY, GENDER AND INTERSECTIONALITY**

Isabella Crespi (Macerata): Contributions of the Morphogenetic Approach to the Perspective of Intersectionality; Ina Kerner (Berlin): Differences and Power. A Foucauldian Perspective on Intersectionality

13<sup>00</sup> - 14<sup>00</sup> LUNCH**2**

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14<sup>30</sup> - 17<sup>00</sup> INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

Hartwig Schuck (Berlin): Power and Domination. A Realist View; Heiner Koch (Tübingen): Intentionality and the Social Ontology of Domination; Georg Gangl (Leiden): Critical Realism and Historical Theory; Elmar Flatschart (Vienna): Dialectical Traditions and Critical Realism; David Strecker (Jena): Reflexive Habitus. Making Sense of an Oxymoron

17<sup>00</sup> - 17<sup>30</sup> COFFEE BREAK17<sup>30</sup> - 19<sup>00</sup> DIALOGUE**SOCIAL SCIENCE, ETHICS AND CRITIQUE**

Andrew Sayer (Lancaster): Normativity and the Importance of Naturalism; Robin Celikates (Amsterdam): Immanent Critique and the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory

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09<sup>30</sup> - 11<sup>00</sup> DIALOGUE**CRITICAL REALISM, POLITICAL ECONOMY AND THE CURRENT CRISIS OF CAPITALISM**

Steve Fleetwood (Lancaster): Ontology and the Current Crisis; Frieder Otto Wolf (Berlin): How can Marx's Critique of Political Economy and Critical Realism help us to understand the Present Crisis?

11<sup>00</sup> - 11<sup>30</sup> COFFEE BREAK11<sup>30</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup> DIALOGUE**THE EMERGENCE OF SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND AGENCIES**

Dave Elder-Vass (Loughborough): Critical Realism and the Causal Power of Social Structures; Uwe Schimank (Bremen): How can Social Structures cause Something?