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› Organisation

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Everybody welcome! Since capacities are limited, please **register by 2 November 2016** latest with: casb@wwu.de

› Workshop Venue

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› Political Virtues & Political Emotions

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In the face of events such as those which have led to the ‘Brexit’ referendum in Europe, the contested presidential elections in Austria, the upset caused by the envisaged total ban on abortion in Poland or the rugged and torn political landscape in the context of the 2016 election campaign in the US, it seems fairly hard to imagine ‘positive’ political emotions. We currently have to observe that and how ‘negative’ political emotions have entered the political rostrum again in a very unsettling way.

Yet, this workshop departs from the assumption that the role of emotions in any kind of decision-making must not be underestimated and that there is need for further philosophical reflection on what role emotions can and should play and on how best to integrate emotions in political processes. The equation of ‘emotions = populism = avenue to totalitarianism’, which in some form or other can be found in large parts of the literature of the twentieth century including authors as different as Cassirer, Habermas and Popper, seems lopsided and rather inadequate. The more recent intervention by Martha Nussbaum in her book on Political Emotions (Harvard University Press 2013) does not provide these answers either.

Against this background, the workshop raises questions ranging from which – if any – emotions might be characterized as ‘political’ to what can and should be done to ‘positively’ integrate emotions and ‘foster’ political virtue. It will be discussed what ‘political virtue’ consists in and how it relates to emotions. While the workshop addresses very specific problems from disciplinary perspectives in ethics, political philosophy, law and political sciences, it starts off with a key note address by Professor Robert Audi (Notre Dame, Indiana) doing the groundwork of exploring and analysing the semantic and normative dimensions of both political emotions and political virtues.

› Programme

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| 9:00 | Welcome & Introduction Jörg Hardy, Tim Rojek & Katja Stoppenbrink |
| First Section | Political Virtues & Political Emotions: Conceptual & Normative Issues |
| 9:15 – 10:30 | Keynote Address & Discussion Robert Audi (Notre Dame) |
| | Coffee break |
| Second Section | Emotions, Virtues & Ethical Theory |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Political Narratives and Emotions Tim Rojek (Münster) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Autonomy and the Love of Dignity Jörg Hardy (Oxford/Münster) |
| | Lunch break |
| Third Section | Emotions, Virtues & Political Theory |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Political Virtues and Dystopian Emotions Tommi Ralli (Bremen) |
| | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself? – From Mill’s ‘Common Sympathies’ to a ‘Sense of Belonging’ as a Political Emotion Katja Stoppenbrink (Münster) |
| Fourth Section | Emotions, Law & Judicial Decision-Making |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Law, Politics and Disgust Revisited Rodrigo de Souza Tavares (Rio de Janeiro) |