

P139 Ignored Authors, Marginalized Documents. Diachronic Simultaneities and Discontinuities in the History of Political Thought

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Beschreibung:

Times of uncertainty have always been catalysts for political thinking, because they provoke reflection and open up alternatives. However, while societal challenges today usually unfold globally, the horizons of debate often remain limited. Thus, most university curricula and textbooks on the history of political thought in Germany focus on a particular group of authors: White men from Western Europe and the United States – women are rarely featured, authors from other contexts almost never (see Brocker 2006; Llanque 2012; Ottmann 2001). Only a few exceptions look beyond this horizon (see Babb 2018; Salzborn 2018), which leads to a problematic self-restraint in dealing with superordinate questions or common sources.

Internationally, with the emergence of Comparative Political Thought (CPT), a corrective has formed in recent years, which is already broadly differentiated in its approaches and epistemological interests (Ackerly/Bajpai 2017; Little 2018), but has received little attention in Germany to date. With the goal of demystifying the difference between the idealized thinking of the “Western” center and the marginalized thinking of the “non-Western” periphery (March 2009), it tries to deconstruct or complement a problematic Western universalism.

Since it is precisely the non-Western perspective on the West that is characterized by a distinct power of observation, the panel invites contributions from all areas and perspectives of CPT to discuss

- detailed analyses of ignored non-Western authors and marginalized documents
- as well as comparisons of authors between non-Western or with Western contexts.

In this way, the panel aims to point out simultaneities and similarities as well as discontinuities and differences in the history of political thought, to provide inspiration for supplementing university teaching, to develop new research debates and to explore alternative paths for common problems.

The abstracts must be submitted here until 28th of February:

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