

DUTIES OF CIVILITY?

RAWLS'S THEORY OF DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY AND ITS RELEVANCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE | 11/03 - 13/03/24

Organizers

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Location

Haus der Begegnung
Hinter der Grieb 8
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Registration

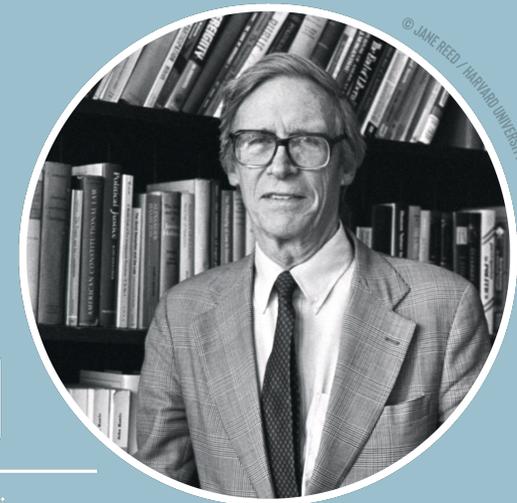
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Gestaltung: Paul Krauß, 2024

For more information, visit
→ go.ur.de/rawls-conference

About the Conference

Liberal democracies today seem polarized, radicalized and, at the same time, petrified. The decrease in civility and the increase in hate speech, astroturfing, silencing processes, and Twitter wars in the digital age give us strong reasons to rethink the foundations and presuppositions of liberal, deliberative democracies to understand better and to meet contemporary challenges. The conference focuses on the political philosophy and democratic theory of John Rawls, who claims that citizens of liberal democracies have a so-called "duty of civility" and should try to enable and foster civic friendship.

The conference's main aim is to reconstruct the core elements of Rawls's theory of deliberative democracy and to assess the contemporary relevance of these concepts in the digital age. To this end, established and next-generation Rawls scholars and scholars working on deliberative theories of democracy and digitization from the US and Europe will meet in Regensburg. The conference employs a workshop format: Speakers will provide written papers that are pre-circulated to all participants. At the conference, papers will be commented on by preassigned commentators and discussed in the plenum.

To attend the conference, please send an email to sarah.stroemel@ur.de by March 1.

Program

Mon 11/03/24

15.00-18.00 Arrival and informal get together
18.00 Conference Dinner

Tue 12/03/24

08.30 Coffee
9.00-9.15 Welcome Introduction

9.15 -10.30 Karoline Reinhardt:
Conceptual Resources of Rawls's Political Philosophy for the Digital Age
[Comment: Eva Buddeberg]

10.30-11.00 Coffee
11.00-12.15 James Boettcher:
Deliberative Democracy and Political Vice
[Comment: Stefan Gosepath]

12.15-14.15 Lunch
14.15-15.30 Gabriele Badano:
The Duty of Pressure: Common Citizens and Rhetorical Engagement in the Containment of Unreasonable Views
[Comment: Daniel Beck]

15.30-16.00 Coffee ↓

Tue 12/03/24

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16.00-17.30 Keynote – Paul Weithman:
Public Deliberation, Public Reason and Concern for Truth

18.00 Conference Dinner

Wed 13/03/24

08.30 Coffee
9.15-10.30 Valentina Gentile:
The Social and Political Dimensions of Civility
[Comment: Aurélia Bardon]

10.30-11.00 Coffee
11.00-12.15 Julian Culp:
Rawls, Education, and the Digitized Public Sphere
[Comment: Sarah Strömel]

12.15-14.15 Lunch
14.15-15.30 Roberto Luppi:
Rawlsian Citizen Virtues and their Relevance in the Digital Age
[Comment: Ricarda Wunsch]

15.30-16.00 Coffee
16.00-17.30 Keynote – S. A. Lloyd:
Reciprocity, Self-Interest, and Citizen Virtue in Justice as Fairness

18.00 Conference Dinner
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