

Forum Internationale Wissenschaft

The Forum Internationale Wissenschaft is a central research unit of the University of Bonn. It carries out research and teaching activities with a global comparative perspective on democratic and authoritarian regimes, science and society, religious pluralism, and the digitalization of societal communication. The FIW also contributes actively to academic cooperation and networks with international and German organizations of the city of Bonn.

One Resilient Earth

One Resilient Earth is an international non-profit organization that empowers people to become resilient to the environmental crisis, by fostering the regeneration of communities and ecosystems in a climate altered world. One Resilient Earth shares and inspires transformative ideas, initiatives and practices to grow regenerative resilience, by weaving together art, science, ancient wisdom and new technologies. The organization is based in Bonn, Germany, and New York, USA.

The Lecture Series

The public lecture series „Perspectives on Modernity“ is a regular feature of the work of the FIW. On the one hand, it is directly coupled with the research agenda of the FIW. Each semester, one or several of our departments organize a lecture series which investigates both the foundations and the extreme regional diversity of modern world society and its heterogeneous functional spheres. On the other hand, the lecture series of the FIW bring together scholars, students, professionals, and interested citizens to share knowledge and debate on key questions of our time.

Organization

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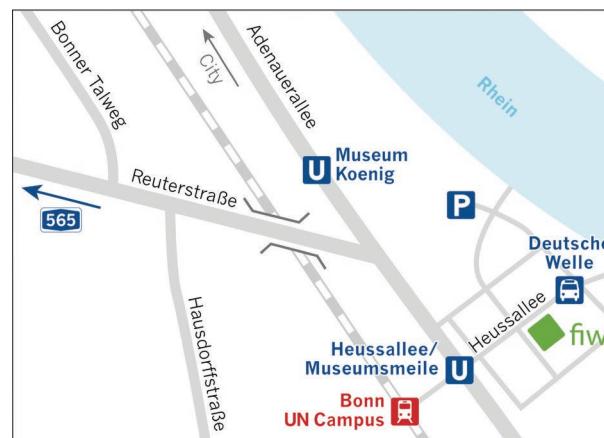
www.fiw.uni-bonn.de/perspektiven-der-moderne
<https://oneresilientearth.org>

Attendance to lectures can be validated for the D2 component of the „Internationale Kompetenz“ certificate.

Location

Bonner Universitätsforum
Heussallee 18-24
53113 Bonn

Limited public parking capacities are available in the surrounding area. The location is easily accessible with public transports: regional trains to the station UN Campus; metro lines 16 and 63 towards Bad Godesberg and metro line 66 towards Bad Honnef to the station Heussallee/Museumsmeile; bus lines 610 and 611 to the stop Deutsche Welle.



Perspektiven der Moderne

Ecology and the Metamorphosis of Modern Society

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Public Lecture Series of the Summer Term 2020



Ecology and the Metamorphosis of Modern Society

Wednesday 18:00 - 19:30
Bonner Universitätsforum, Heussallee 18-24, room 0.109

For about 250 years, the biophysical environment of society was primarily viewed as nature governed by objective laws. No longer divine providence, but rationality became the dominant paradigm to understand, control and exploit nature for the good of human 'civilization'. Mines, factories, airplanes and many other avatars of progress emerged as both the outcome of this worldview and the backbone of our present social order. Ecological problems, such as the loss of pristine landscapes, industrial pollution, or climate change, were not ignored. But overall, modern society considered such ecological side-effects to be manageable.

The recent introduction of the 'Anthropocene' as a geological age marks the genesis of a new kind of ecological reflexivity, in which modernity faces existential threats. As evidence-based environmental governance, green finance, or geo-engineering illustrate, the belief in the manageability of 'nature' continues to inform societal responses to ecological disruptions. At the same time, growing ecological concerns can also lead to socio-ecological transformation beyond the modern framework – what Ulrich Beck called a 'metamorphosis', a 'radical transformation in which the old certainties of modern society are falling away and something quite new is emerging'.

What is this new world that may arise? Which worldviews and practices are engaged in socio-ecological metamorphosis? This lecture series addresses these questions by exploring processes of metamorphosis in politics, science, religion and art. In collaboration with One Resilient Earth, the lecture series will integrate artworks and interactive formats to engage participants through both thoughts and emotions.

15th April 2020

From Climatic Paradigm to Socio-Ecological Metamorphosis?

KAAT LOUCKX, DAMIEN KRICHEWSKY

» University of Bonn

6th May 2020

From Biopolitics to Ontopolitics: Ecology and the Governance of Effects

DAVID CHANDLER

» University of Westminster, London

20th May 2020

Growing Freedom. Toward an Environmental History of Political Ideas

PIERRE CHARBONNIER

» École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

3rd June 2020

A Great Cleansing of Gaia: Narratives of Climate Change in Contemporary Spirituality

SUSANNAH CROCKFORD

» Ghent University

17th June 2020

Knowing and Managing Socio-Ecological Transformation: Urban Agriculture in London

JENS LACHMUND

» Maastricht University

1st July 2020

Socio-Ecological Metamorphosis in Praxis

INTERACTIVE PANEL