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# POLARIZATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TRIANGLE



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# **REGISTRATION:**

Registration mandatory by 15 Nov. 2021 via email to *anna.zalto@oeaw.ac.at*; please indicate whether you would like to participate on-site or online.

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# **PROGRAM**

# THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

#### 14:00-16:00 Welcome Address & Introduction

**Arnold Suppan** | Vice President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences Markus Schweiger | Executive Director of the Austrian Marshall Plan

Waldemar Zacharasiewicz | Chair of the Commission The North Atlantic Triangle

# Kevnotes

Manfred Prisching | University of Graz

Resentment and Anger: Deep Structures of Social Polarization

**Reinhard Heinisch** | University of Salzburg

In from the Cold: The Mainstreaming of Radical Right Populism in the US and Europe: a Comparison

**Eva Nowotny** | Former Ambassador; University of Vienna Recent Developments in the Transatlantic Relationship

COFFEE BREAK

#### 16:30-18:00 Perceptions of Polarization on the Other Side of the Atlantic

Chair: Werner Sollors

Wynfrid Kriegleder | University of Vienna

Germanophone Novelists of the 19th and 20th Centuries Depicting a Polarized America

Kirsten Krick-Aigner | Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC Between Assimilation and Otherness: An Examination of Jazz and the Reception of Ernst Krenek's 1927 Opera "Jonny spielt auf"

**Jörg Türschmann** | University of Vienna

"God of Carnage": The Representation of Suspicious Comrades in Screen Fiction

# FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

#### 09:30-11:00 Polarization and Its Impact on National Identities: Europe, Canada, the USA

Chair: Christoph Irmscher

Martin Löschnigg | University of Graz

Beware of Uncle Sam! Anti-Americanism in Canadian Literature

Werner Sollors | Harvard University Challenges of Diversity in American Culture George Blaustein | University of Amsterdam

The Politics of Threnody: On Grief and American Polarization

**COFFEE BREAK** 

#### Polarizations at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class 11:30-13:00

Chair: Herta Nagl-Docekal

Carmen Birkle | Philipps University Marburg

Overcoming Polarization: Kamala Harris and the Intersectionality of Race and Gender in Politics

Dawn Gartlehner | University of Vienna

United we Stand. Divided we Fall: Frances E. W. Harper and Pertinent Lessons for the Struggle for Gender and Racial Equality

**Brigitte Buchhammer** | University of Vienna

Alison Jaggar's Research on Polarization at the Intersection of Gender and Poverty

**LUNCH BREAK** 

#### **Racial Polarizations** 15:00-17:00

Chair: Philipp Gassert

Robert H. Brinkmeyer, Jr. | University of South Carolina, Columbia "I'll Take My Stand" and "What the Negro Wants": Understanding Race, Region, and Nation in the Shadow of Europe

Rebecca Brückmann | Ruhr-University Bochum

Pointing Fingers: Transatlantic Perspectives on the Black Freedom

Movement and White Supremacist Resistance

**James C. Cobb** | University of Georgia, Athens

Polarity and People on the Move: Domestic Migration and the Shifting Political Landscape of the American South

Tatiana Konrad | University of Vienna

Segregation, Environmental Racism, and Polarization in the USA in the Era of Climate Change

# **SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER**

#### **Protest, Polarizations and Politics** 10:00-12:30

Chair: Carmen Birkle

**Rolf Kreyer** | Philipps University Marburg

Make Political Discourse Rational Again: Language and Polarization

**Philipp Gassert** | University of Mannheim

Is Social Polarization Always Bad? A Historical Perspective on the Postwar Sociology of Conflict

Mitchell G. Ash | University of Vienna

Hasn't America Always been a Polarized Country? The Persistent Renewal of Polarization in American Political Culture

Christoph Irmscher | Indiana University, Bloomington

Polarizing Science under Trump

#### 13:00 **End of Conference**