

Invitation: Panel on Polycrisis with the Zeppelin University

The current high frequency of interrelated crises has been conceptualised as a 'Polycrisis'. A climate emergency, authoritarian regimes challenging the global order, military conflicts and societal alterations - our panelists are equipped to shed light into a world full of crises, and to ask whether the conceptualisation of 'polycrisis' fits, and we are indeed experiencing an increasing amount of crises in a shorter amount of time.

Friday May 10th, 2:00 -4:00 PM, Room ESA W 221 (Edmund Siemers Allee 1, West Wing). Event with Alumni of the Zeppelin University. Open to students and (academic and non-academic) personell of University of Hamburg. No registration necessary.

Prof. Dr. Stefan Aykut (University of Hamburg)

The central theme of Stefan Aykut's research and teaching is to understand how modern societies engage with global ecological problems - especially climate change. On the one hand, he is interested in how ecological crises are interpreted scientifically, dealt with politically and how they trigger dynamics of social change. On the other hand, he is investigating how ecological transformations lead to new social conflicts, but also new forms of social coordination, which link different societal actors, governance levels and arenas, and dimensions of authority (political, private, epistemic).

Prof Dr Eva Illouz (Hebrew University Jerusalem and Zeppelin University, pending travel security)

*Eva Illouz is a renowned sociologist. Her research focuses on the sociology of capitalism, the sociology of emotions, the sociology of gender and the sociology of culture. Her work explores several significant and thought-provoking themes, such as the influence of capitalism on emotions, the commodification of romance and the meaning of freedom, choice, and individualism in the modern world. Several of her major works are: *Consuming the Romantic Utopia: Love and the Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism* (University of California press, 1997); *Cold Intimacies: The Making of Emotional Capitalism* (Polity Press, 2007); *Why Love Hurts: A Sociological Explanation* (Polity Press, 2012); *Unloving: A Sociology of Negative Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2018).*

Prof Dr Nina Perkowski (University of Hamburg)

Nina Perkowski is Assistant Professor of Sociology, Violence and Security Studies at the University of Hamburg. She researches how borders are drawn, contested and negotiated within and around European societies and analyses the interplay of border security and border violence in various contexts. She has conducted research on crisis narratives in border governance and published her monographs "Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and Security: The Case of Frontex" and "Reclaiming Migration: Voices from Europe's 'Migrant Crisis'" (written with Vicki Squire, Dallal Stevens, and Nick Vaughan-Williams) in 2021.

Moderation: **Katharina Koerth** (DER SPIEGEL)

Katharina Koerth studied sociology, politics and economics at Zeppelin University, with stays in Japan, Poland and Ukraine. From 2018 to 2020, she worked as an editor at SPIEGEL.de, specialising in economics. Then trained at the German School of Journalism with stints at "ZEIT" and "Let's Flip". Editor

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