

March 11-13, 2024

## **The System of Science and Democratic and Authoritarian Social Structures in the Twenty-First Century**

**Location:** Main Conference Room, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science  
(MPIWG), Boltzmannstrasse 22, 14195 Berlin + Zoom

### **Day 1: March 11**

09:00-09:15 Arrival

09:15-09:30 *Introduction*

Anna L. Ahlers (LMRG/University of Oslo) & Rudolf Stichweh (University of Bonn/LMRG)

### ***Session I – Comparative Perspectives on the Early Twenty-First Century***

09:30-10:15 *Is There A Scientific Ethos in Knowledge Societies?*

Cornelia Schendzielorz & Martin Reinhart (Humboldt University of Berlin)

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15 *Democracy and Authoritarianism as Political Environments for Science and Scholarship in the Twenty-First Century*

Anna L. Ahlers & Rudolf Stichweh

11:15-12:00 *Merton’s Thesis and Contemporary Global Research Cultures: Results From a Global Survey About Research Conditions*

Clemens Blümel (DZHW, German Center of Higher Education Research and Science Studies)

12:00-13:30 Lunch (MPIWG)

### ***Session II – Historical and Contemporary Case Studies***

13:30-14:15 *Ding Wenjiang’s Observations of Science in Soviet Russia*

Sally Chengji Xing (Nankai University)

- 14:15-15:00 *Scientific Relations Between Democratic and Non-Democratic Systems. The Max Planck Society's Research Collaborations with the Soviet and the Chinese Academies for Sciences (1955-2000)*  
Carola Sachse (University of Vienna/MPIWG)
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-16:15 *Science, Universities and Democracy in the American Intellectual Tradition*  
Rudolf Stichweh (University of Bonn/LMRG)
- 16:15-17:00 *tbc [Israel, Elkana, ...]*  
Ohad Parnes (MPIWG, Dept. I)
- 18:00 Dinner at *Schnitzerei Wilmersdorf* (Landauer Strasse 8, 14197 Berlin)
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## **Day 2: March 12**

### ***Session III – The Elephant in the Present-day World: The Case of China***

- 09:30-10:15 *“La science n’a pas de patrie, mais l’homme de science...”: The Constructed Testimony of Science (/S&T) and its Political Rhetoric*  
Yang Wang (Fudan University)
- 10:15-11:00 *From Science with Integrity to Science with Intimacy: The Role of Chinese Political Culture in the Normative Structure of Science*  
Nicolas Silva (Yenching Academy of Peking University)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:15 *Science and the Nation-State: What China’s Experience Reveals About the Role of Policy in Science*  
Caroline Wagner (Ohio State University)
- 12:30-13:45 Lunch (MPIWG)
- 13:45-14:30 *Environmental Technocracy Contested: The Epistemic Community and Knowledge-based Activism in China’s Biodiversity Governance Reforms*  
Li Guo (King’s College London)

### ***Session IV.1 – Science and Politics: Studies on Knowledge Fields***

- 14:30-15:15 *Guardians of Science: Validation and Institutionalization of Parallel Psychology Fields in Contemporary Iran*  
Zahra Abbasi (University of Oslo/Cambridge)
- 16:00-17:30 Afternoon program: *The Measurement of Humans* – Guided tour of the historical/political sites of science in Berlin-Dahlem in the first half of the twentieth century
- 18:00 Dinner at *Luise* (Königin-Luise-Strasse 40-42, 14195 Berlin)
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### **Day 3: March 13**

### ***Session IV.2 – Science and Politics: Studies on Knowledge Fields***

- 09:30-10:15 *Normative Differences of Open Science Practices in University-Industry Research Collaboration in Finland and China*  
Annina Lattu (Tampere University/Peking University/LMRG)
- 10:15-11:00 *Para-Academic Knowledge Production in Russian Social Sciences in Times of War*  
Petr Torkanovskiy (King's College London)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:15 *Scientific Autocracy in Times of Climate Crisis*  
Silke Beck (Technical University of Munich)
- 12:15-13:45 Lunch (MPIWG)

### ***Session V – Summary and Outlook***

- 13:45-14:30 *Final Discussion & Publication Plans*  
Anna L. Ahlers & Rudolf Stichweh & Fiona Bewley
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