

# Exploring Contradictions beyond Contradiction

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Contradiction Studies

University of Bremen | February 11–14, 2025

### Program

**Tue**  
**11.02.**

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12.30–  
13.30 p.m. **Registration**

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02.00 p.m. **Welcome**

—Prof. Dr. Michal Kucera (Vice President for Research and Transfer), Prof. Dr. Dagmar Borchers (Dean Faculty 9—Cultural Studies), Prof. Dr. Marcus Callies (Dean Faculty 10—Language and Literature Studies), Prof. Dr. Ingo H. Warnke (Spokesperson RTG 2686—Contradiction Studies)

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02.30 p.m. **Keynote #1**

*Power-Structures and their Implementation*

—Graham Priest & Anna Malavisi (Chair: Norman Sieroka)

03.30 p.m. **Coffee break**

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04.00–  
06.00 p.m. **SP #1 | Hegel’s Idealism as a  
World of Contradiction**  
(Chair: Tobias Wieland)

*On the Question of the  
Concrete Universal: The  
Plurality of Life Forms in a  
Critical Continuation of Hegel*  
—Tobias Wieland

*“The Universal Knowledge of  
Itself in its Absolute Opposite”:  
Hegel on Recognition, Contra-  
diction and Reconciliation*  
—Lilja Walliser

*Each One Exists by Excluding  
the Other from Itself, and  
Thereby Excluding Itself. On  
the Category of Contradiction  
in Hegel’s Logic*  
—Evgenia Sonnabend

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**GP #1 | Practices**  
(Chair: Martin Nonhoff)

*The Angry Feminist as a  
Contradictory Category in  
Bogotá’s Feminist Movement:  
On the Emancipatory Politics of  
Non-belonging*  
—Leonie Männich

*Between Reflection and  
Action: Dealing with Contra-  
dictions in Feminist Practices  
of Postmigrant Societies*  
—Miriam Gutekunst

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**GP #2 | Texts/Objects**  
(Chair: Deborah Nyangulu)

*Negotiating Contradictions:  
The Response of an Artist*  
—Silvia Adler & Ayelet Kohn

*Navigating Contradictory  
Identities: The Role of Contra-  
dictions in Diasporic African  
Literature*  
—Chinaza J. Egere

*From Here or from Elsewhere:  
The Dichotomy of Belong-  
ingness in Black African  
Diaspora Literature*  
—Nelson Sindze Wembe

Wed  
12.02.

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09.00 a.m. **Keynote #2**

*Tackling Contradiction Studies Through Hegel: Philosophical Meditations on the Politics of Identity*

—**Rozena Maart** (Chair: Deborah Nyangulu)

10.00 a.m. **Coffee break**

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10.30 a.m. **SP #2 | Institute for Social Research (IfS): Contradictions of Inclusion** (Chair: Stephan Lessenich)

*Managing Contradictions: Handling Conflicting Narratives in the Intergenerational Transmission of Work Experiences Among Former 'Guest Workers' from Turkey and Their Descendants*  
—**Gözde Çelik**

*Contradictions of Exit: Prepper and Eco-Individualists Between Self-Sufficiency and Community Desires*  
—**Anna Rosa Ostern**

*Between Criminalisation and Democratisation: A Legal Geography Perspective on the Mediterranean Borderscape*  
—**Sarah Kruck**

*The Dialectic of Emancipation and Solidarity*  
—**Gregor Berger & Constanze Stutz**

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**GP #3 | Texts/Objects** (Chair: Gisela Febel)

*"She never claimed her space": Literary (Re)Negotiations of Women and Motherhood in The School for Good Mothers and When She Woke*  
—**Esther-Marie Schilling**

*The North Writes Back: Contradicting and Correcting the (Imagined) North in Innu Literature*  
—**Jody Danard**

*The Politicization of Religion in Post-Colonial African Nations: The Contradiction of the Promotion of Christian Nationalism in DRC on the Backdrop of Decolonization [online]*  
—**Herbert Rostand Ngouo**

12.30 p.m. **Lunch break**

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02.00 p.m. **SP #3 | Dialogizität und Widerspruch (in) vormoderner deutscher Literatur** (Chair: Anja Becker & Britta Bußmann)

*Avas Johannes: Widerspruch und Widersprechen in mittel-hochdeutscher Biblepik*  
—**Anja Becker**

*Dialogizität als Strategie: Aus-handlungsprozesse über die Rolle Mariens in der späten Rezeption des Mönchs von Salzburg*  
—**Britta Bußmann**

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**GP #4 | Practices** (Chair: Kerstin Knopf)

*Social Media: The Breeding Ground of Contradiction?*  
—**Wolfgang Teubert**

*How a Counter-Discourse is Constituted: The Feminist Abortion Discourse as a Construct of Contradiction and Positioning*  
—**Fiona S. Makulik**

*Beyond the Contradictions of the Gender Binary*  
—**Helen Stephan**

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**GP #5 | Norms** (Chair: Ingo H. Warnke)

*Beyond In/Dependence: Freedom in a World of Contradictions*  
—**Samia Z. Mohammed**

*Contradiction-Responsive Law: A Search Formula for just Sustainability Transformations*  
—**Nils Kohlmeier**

*Living in/with Contradiction: Reality or Intellectual Utopia?*  
—**Jonas Trochemowitz**

*Die (De-)konstruktion dia-  
logischer Formen in der ‚Epistel  
des Rabbi Samuel an Rabbi  
Isaak‘ Irmhart Ösers*  
—Kathrin Chlench-Priber

*Widerstreit und metadiskursive  
Lücken im ‚Ackermann aus  
Böhmen‘ des Johannes von  
Tepl*  
—Albrecht Hausmann

04.00 p.m. **Coffee break**

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04.30 – 06.30 p.m.	<b>SP #4   Being One</b> (Chair: Tammo Lossau)	<b>GP #6   Practices</b> (Chair: Julia Lossau)	<b>Roundtable</b>
	<i>Nothing as the Ground for Everything</i> —Graham Priest	<i>Dis/En-Abling Contradictions: Practices and Problems of Contradiction in Radical Democracy [online]</i> —Carolin Zieringer	<i>“Es zählt nicht, wo was ist. Oder woher man ist. Es zählt, wohin du gehst. Und am Ende zählt nicht mal das”: Contradictions in German-Speaking Translingual Literature Through the Lens of globale° and POLYPHONIE</i> —Ramona Pellegrino & Daniel Schmidt
	<i>On Individuals and Substance</i> —Michael Hampe	<i>“It is I and It is not I”: Writing with Tape Recorders</i> —Philipp Leonhardt	
	<i>On the Coordination of Experience</i> —Norman Sieroka		

07.30 p.m. **Conference dinner**  
[LUV Restaurant](#)

**Thu  
13.02.**

**HS 1010**

09.00 a.m. **Keynote #3**  
*Navigating Contradictions: Addressing Wars, Pandemics, Climate Justice at Universities*  
—Shalini Randeria (Chair: Ulrike Flader)

10.00 a.m. **Coffee break**

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10.30 a.m.	<b>SP #5   Towards a New Humanist Praxis: Feminist Collaborations Through Contradictions</b> (Chair: Paula von Gleich)	<b>General Cross Panel #1</b> (Chair: Elisabeth Lienert & Ehler Voss)
	<i>Combahee River Collective and Black Feminist Critique of Western Bio-Humanist Onto-Cosmology</i> —Oluwadunni Talabi	<i>Literarische Antagonisten- Figuren der mittelhochdeut- schen Heldenepik im Kontext von Contradiction Studies</i> —Katharina Palme

*Re-Centering the Indigenous Lesbian Body and Desire: Contradicting Heteropatriarchy with Decolonial Conceptions of Gender and Sex in Ángeles Cruz's Filmography*  
—Corina Wieser-Cox

*Caste, Gender, and Lived Experiences: Dalit Feminist Voices in Contemporary Literary Memoirs*  
—Krutika Patri

*Im Widerspruch zwischen Inklusion und Exklusion: Tschechoslowakische Migration in Österreich zwischen Antikommunismus und Antiosteuropäischen Rassismus*  
—Klaas Anders

*Provincializing the Cosmopolitan? The Finnish Avant-Garde Discourse as a Case Study*  
—Benjamin Schweitzer

12.30 p.m. Lunch break

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02.00 p.m.	<b>GP #7   Practices</b> (Chair: Anna Mattfeldt)	<b>GP #8   Practices</b> (Chair: Yan Suarsana)	<b>General Cross Panel #2</b> (Chair: Ehler Voss)
	<i>Aushandlungen gesellschaftlicher Widersprüche in Verträgen</i> —Lilli Hasche	<i>Neighbourhoods: Spaces of Dissension</i> —Maren Schwarz	<i>Widerspruch und Repräsentation: Gedanken zum ontologischen Ansatz des Neuen Materialismus</i> —Ieva Höhne & Simon Clemens
	<i>What to Do Next? Dealing with Contradictions and Dilemmas in Ongoing Activities</i> —Jan Dittrich	<i>Packing Unpacked: From 'Spaces of Difference' to 'Spaces of Dissension'</i> —Julia Lossau	<i>Icons of Contradiction: Parallels and Contrasts of American First Ladies on Magazine Covers</i> —Natascha Joselita Kröcker
	<i>Der Erfolg rechtspopulistischer Bewegungen und wie man ihnen entgegentritt</i> —Jan Schulze Buschhoff	<i>Contradictions and Extremism: The Role of Contradictions in Processes of Radicalization and Deradicalization [online]</i> —Jonatan Kurzwelly	<i>Fear of Explosion: Or, How Logical Contradiction Can Be Weaponized Politically</i> —Eva Arnaszus & Lindokuhle Shabane

04.00 p.m. Coffee break

05.30– Bremen city tour  
06.30 p.m.

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07.00– WOC Lecture & Reception

09.00 p.m. *Botany of Empire: Plant Worlds and the Scientific Histories of Colonialism*  
—Banu Subramaniam (Chair: Andrea Muehlebach)

**Fri**  
**14.02.****HS 1010**09.00 a.m. **Keynote #4***Gramsci's Southern Question: 'An Infinite Contradiction'*  
—**Ranabir Samaddar** (Chair: Martin Nonhoff)10.00 a.m. **Coffee break****GW2 B3.009**10.30 a.m. **SP #6 | The Contradictions of  
'Soft Authoritarianism':****Understanding the Trans-  
formations Within Contem-  
porary Democracies**  
(Chair: Burcu Nur Binbuğa)*Constitutive Twists: Grasping  
Soft Authoritarian Government  
in Turkey*  
—**Ulrike Flader***Unpacking (Un)Predictability:  
Soft Authoritarian Drift and Data  
Politics in Turkey*  
—**Nurhak Polat***The Making of a 'Predatory  
Identity': Demographic Anxiety  
and Reactionary Mobilization in  
South India*  
—**Lipin Ram***Blurring Ideological Lines: Soft  
Authoritarian Shifts in French  
Public Discourse.*  
—**Hagen Steinhauer****GW2 B2.890****General Cross Panel #3**  
(Chair: Christian Bär)*"Problematic, Ambiguous,  
Humbling": Between Scientific  
Ethos and Everyday  
Experimental Practice [online]*  
—**Rebecca Carlson***Postcolonial Theories and  
Decolonial Methods:  
Distinguishing Theory and  
Practice*—**Brunn Morais****GW2 B2.900****General Cross Panel #4**  
(Chair: Rozena Maart)*Pages of Play: Transcription  
and Transvaluing Social Media  
Cultures*—**Deborah Nyangulu***Balancing Pairs of Opposites.  
Murray Gell-Mann's  
Conception of Science*  
—**Sophia Haude***Sensitive Encounters: Tracing  
Embodied Modes of Sense-  
Making in Paul Bowles's  
Writing*—**Juliane Gamböck-Strätz****HS 1010**12.30 p.m. **Closing**