

**Truth Politics between Science and Society.  
Political Epistemologies of the 1990s Science Wars**

July 8-9, 2025, Workshop Program

Workshop Day 1, 07/08/2025

12.30-01.00 pm	Arrival & Welcome
01.00-01.30 pm	Bernhard Kleeberg & Meike Katzek (U Erfurt): Introduction
01.30-03.00 pm	<b>PANEL 1</b> <b>/ Defending Truth against Relativism in the 1990s Science Wars</b> // Chair: Monika Wulz (ETH Zürich)
	Meike Katzek (U Erfurt): Doing 'Truth' while Hoaxing. Re-visiting 'Truth' Scenes from the Science Wars.
	Natacha Demoule (U Paris-Cité): 'Relativism' in the French-speaking World Before and After the 'Science Wars'. Genesis of a 'Danger'
03.00-03.30 pm	Coffee Break
03.30-04.15 pm	Myrna Perez Sheldon (U Ohio): <b>/ TITLE</b> // Chair: Meike Katzek (U Erfurt)
04.15-06.15 pm	<b>PANEL 2</b> <b>/ Re-Imagining Society and Human Nature from the 1980s on</b> // Chair: Bernhard Kleeberg (U Erfurt)
	Anna Klassen (KIT Karlsruhe): Constructing "the public" in the West German Genetic Engineering Debate of the 1980ies
	Alexej Lochmatow (U Erfurt): Why 'Jewish Intelligence'? The Political Imaginary behind the New-Old Debate
	Yiftach Fehige (U Toronto): The Offense of "New Atheism" in the 1990s Science Wars & the Defense of Scientific Pluralism for Democracy's Sake
07.00 pm	Dinner @ Nerly

## Workshop Day 2, 07/09/2025

09.00-09.30 am Coffee

09.30-11.00 am **PANEL 3**  
**/ Science Wars Skirmishes Beyond the Iron Curtain**  
// Chair: Anja Laukötter (FSU Jena)

Friedrich Cain (U Vienna): On Bourgeois Deficits and Marxist Perspective. Science Wars before the End of History

Martin Babička (U Essen): The End of State Socialism as the End of Modern Science. A Transnational History of Czech and US Science Wars

11.00-11.30 am Coffee Break

11.30-12.15 am Jamie Cohen-Cole (George Washington U):  
**/ Constructivism and the Politics of Human Nature**  
// Chair: Erik Kaiser (U Erfurt)

12.15-01.45 pm Lunch Break

01.45-03.15 pm **PANEL 4**  
**/ Epistemological Transformations in the Post-Soviet Era**  
// Chair: Jan Surman (MUA Prague)

Maksim Denim (U Bochum): The Epidemic of Disbelief in the Philosophy of Science in Post-Soviet Russia

Alexander Kochekovsky (U Bochum): Steven Greenblatt's New Historicism and Leonid Batkin's Post-Bakhtinism. Methodological Discussions on the Renaissance Culture as a Part of Post-Soviet Transformations in Academic Discourses of the 1990s

03.15-04.00 pm Final Discussion

06.00 pm Dinner @ Takumi

