

**“Communism of Spirits”:  
Aesthetics and Critique of Political Life in Classical German Philosophy**

26.-28.2. 2026  
Universität Potsdam/Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy  
Am Neuen Palais, Haus 8, 14469 Potsdam  
Seminarraum 0.58

*Organization*

David Haunschmid-Jacobs (University of Potsdam), Jonas Heller (Goethe University Frankfurt a.M.),  
Gregor Schäfer (University of London/University of Basel)

*First Day: Thursday 26.02.*

13:00-13:15

*Welcome and Introduction*

13:15-14:15

Barbara Santini (University of Padova):

*“alles Menschliche an uns und andern in immer freieren und innigern Zusammenhang bringen”.*  
*Hölderlin und die Frage nach der menschlichen Gemeinschaft*

14:15-14:30

*Break*

14:30-15:30

Alexander Hufford (Stony Brook University/University of Potsdam):

*Hegel and Hölderlin: The Heroic Age of Modern Revolution*

15:30-16:00

*Break*

16:00-17:00

Elizabeth Millán (DePaul University):

*Poetry as Republican Discourse and Schlegel’s Call for a New Critique of Philosophy*

17:00-17:15

*Break*

17:15-18:15

Jacob Blumenfeld (Humboldt University Berlin):

*Planning on an Unstable Planet: Fichte in the Anthropocene*

*Second Day: Friday 27.02.*

10:00-11:00

Jonas Heller (Goethe University Frankfurt a.M.):

*Dissolving the Fatherland in Retrospect: The Next Political Step According to Hölderlin*

11:00-12:00

Diogo Ferrer (University of Coimbra):

*Imagination and Aesthetic Act in Schelling’s System of Transcendental Idealism*

12:00-12:15

*Break*

12:15-13:15

Arash Abazari (Bilkent University of Ankara):

*Hegel's Emancipatory Theology: The Attempt to Ground the Society on "Love"*

13:15-15:15

*Lunch Break*

15:15-16:15

Erzsébet Rózsa (University of Münster):

*Das Versöhnungsmotiv im Blick auf unsere Existenzialität als Hegels Beitrag zum Einheitsprogramm im Deutschen Idealismus*

16:15-16:30

*Break*

16:30-17:30

Félix Duque (Autonomous University of Madrid):

*Schellings Philosophie der Offenbarung oder die Dialektik der Geschichte*

*Third Day: Saturday 28.02.*

10:00-11:00

Gregor Schäfer (University of London/University of Basel):

*Art's – Critical – Place in the Political-Historical World. A Hegelian Setting*

11:00-12:00

David Haunschmid-Jacobs (University of Potsdam):

*Being and Consciousness. On the Necessity of Philosophy in Marxism*

12:00-12:45

*Lunch Break*

12:45-13:45

Francesca Iannelli (University of Roma Tre):

*Ästhetische Blitzlichter und politische Kurzschlüsse zwischen Idealismus und Vormärz*

13:45-14:00

*Break*

14:00-15:00

Allen Speight (Boston University):

*Hegel at Frankfurt: Critique, Exegesis, and the "Needs of Humankind"*

15:00-15:15

*Closing Remarks*



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