

Beyond (Private) Property

International Annual Conference
of the Collaborative Research Center 294
Structural Change of Property



November 6 to 9, 2024
Volkshaus Jena

As a basic institution of capitalist societies, private property plays a crucial role in the social, ecological, infrastructural, and political crises of the present day. At the same time, the strong orientation towards continually expanding private sector dynamics has itself entered into crisis. But what might social relations or a whole society beyond (private) property look like? Where, in the present, can we observe developments and new arrangements that point in this direction? What challenges and difficulties do these efforts face? And what can be learned from the successes and failures of similar attempts in the past, as well as from utopian and dystopian visions?

The focus of the conference is not solely on private property but also on other forms of property, as well as on critical engagements with the concept of property itself. Even where private property is the dominant social form of property, it always exists alongside and in conjunction with other forms—most notably state and common property—or within arrangements that regulate the control over things but have not (yet) taken the form of property. Moreover, private property serves different functions, depending on whether it pertains to personal property, which is primarily intended for consumption or livelihood, or to private ownership of societal means of production and infrastructure. Alternative forms of property, in turn, can perpetuate the problems associated with private property. It is reasonable to assume that the distinction fundamental to modern conceptions of property—between the (property) subject and the (property) object—is generally linked with a logic of control and possession. When this logic governs social relationships, interactions with non-human nature, or our own self- and world-relations, more horizontal ways of relating to the world are curtailed.

The conference is organized around three interconnected thematic streams: **(A) Making the diversity of property visible**, **(B) Are there alternatives to property?** and **(C) Societies beyond private property**. Central topics include: (global) commons, sharing economies, property relations in digital capitalism, indigenous and multi-species perspectives on property, provisioning infrastructures and infrastructural socialism, genetic resources and resistances to propertization, as well as the challenges of socio-ecological transformation.

The conference is aimed at scholars, practitioners, activists and students with an interest in property-related issues.



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The conference is organized by the Collaborative Research Centre (Sonderforschungsbereich) 294 *Structural Change of Property*.

Registration

You can register for the conference at:
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Venue

Volkshaus Jena
Carl-Zeiss-Platz 15
07743 Jena

Information

More information about the conference and the Collaborative Research Centre can be found at:
www.sfb294-eigentum.de.



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November 6

3:30 – 4:30 pm Welcome address and Registration

4:30 – 7:30 pm **Plenary Session 1**
Commons and/against Property

Keynote 


Revolution of Common Property and Right of Use
Christian Laval
Université Paris Nanterre

Keynote 

Decolonising Common Property: Toward a Just Ecological Political Economy?
Franklin Obeng-Odoom
University of Helsinki

Featuring the Commons Research of the SFB
Silke van Dyk, Petra Gümplová, Markus Kip
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November 7

9:30 – 11 am **Plenary Session 2** 
Discussion of the working paper »Beyond (private) property/ Jenseits des (privaten) Eigentums«
Susanne Lettow, Sebastian Sevignani, Stefanie Graefe, Mike Laufenberg, Marco Sonnberger
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11 – 11:30 am **Break**


11:30 –1 pm **Plenary Session 3** 
Keynote: Infrastructures of Care
Daniel Loick University of Amsterdam

1 –2 pm **Lunch Break**

2 –3:30 pm **(A) Panel** 
Materielle Versorgungsinfrastrukturen im Wandel: Wem gehören Wind und Wasser?
Robert Wade
Eindhoven University of Technology
Stefan Brachat, Laura Künzel, Stephan Lorenz, Roberta Wetzol
Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Marco Sonnberger, Maria Pfeiffer, Matthias Groß
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(C) Panel 
Societies Beyond Private Property: Anticolonial Visions
Hakim Adi
University of Chichester
Simon Barber
University of Otago, Aotearoa, New Zealand

3:30–4 pm **Break**

4 – 6 pm **(C) Plenary Session 4** 
Beyond (Private) Property: Theoretical Perspectives
Ève Chiapello École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris
Hartmut Rosa SFB Structural Change of Property

8 pm **Party im Theatercafé Jena (Schillergässchen 1)**

November 8

10 – 11:30 am **(B) Panel** 
Funktionale Äquivalente zum geistigen Eigentum im digitalen Kapitalismus
Christoph Sorg
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Jan-Felix Schrape
Universität Stuttgart
Doris Schweitzer
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
Tilman Reitz, Sebastian Sevignani, Marlen van den Ecker
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(A) Panel 
The Ocean and the Atmosphere: Global Commons or National Property?
Isabel Feichtner
Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg
Petra Gümplová
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11:30–12 am **Break**

12 –1:30 pm **(C) Plenary Session 5** 
Society beyond Property – Von sozialen Bewegungen lernen
Marlene Engelhorn taxmenow, Wien
Justus Henze communia, Berlin
Christopher Schmidt Klimagerechtigkeitsaktivist, Köln


1:30 – 2:30 pm **Lunch Break**

2:30 – 4 pm **(B) Panel** 
Collective Entanglements as Challenges or Alternatives to Individual Property
Graham Dutfield
University of Leeds
Veit Braun
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
Eduardo Relly, Anne Tittor
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(A) Panel 
More-than-human property and the multi-species community – philosophy meets practice
Carsten Herrmann-Pillath, Tilo Wesche
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Samantha Skenandore
Madison

4 – 4:30 pm **Break**

4:30 – 6:30 pm **(A) Plenary Session 6** 
Das Öffentliche neu denken: Über Infrastruktursozialismus, Fundamentalökonomie und Vergesellschaftung
Oliver Prausmüller
Arbeiterkammer Wien, Abteilung EU & Internationales
Klaus Dörre, Silke van Dyk
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8 pm **Kulturveranstaltung** 
Was lernen wir aus Science Fiction über alternative Gesellschaften?
Lesung und Diskussion mit Dietmar Dath

November 9

9:30–11:30 am **(C) Panel** 
Vergangenheit und Zukunft des Sozialismus
Hauke Neddermann
Berliner Institut für kritische Theorie
Heide Lutosch
Autorin/Übersetzerin, Leipzig
Magnus Neubert
Leibniz-Institut für Agrarentwicklung in Transformationsökonomien, Halle

(B) Panel 
Sharing as an Alternative: Ambivalent Developments in the Sharing Economy
Christina Hecht
Technische Universität Berlin
Patrick Vonderau
Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
Malte Janzing, Jörg Oberthür
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11:30–12 am **Break**

12 – 1:30 pm **Closing Plenary Session 7** 
Gesellschaften jenseits des Privateigentums in Science-Fiction-Romanen
Isabella Hermann Politikwissenschaftlerin, Berlin
Annette Schlemm Philosophin und Autorin, Jena
Simon Sutterlütti Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
Dietmar Dath Schriftsteller, Frankfurt am Main

1:30 pm **Departure**

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(B) Are there alternatives to property?

(C) Societies beyond private property

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