

# 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:  
[anmeldung.sfb-eigentum@uni-jena.de](mailto:anmeldung.sfb-eigentum@uni-jena.de)

## 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](http://www.sfb294-eigentum.de).



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## November 6

<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Welcome address and Registration</b>	
<b>4:30 – 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1</b>	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Commons and/against Property</b>	
	<b>Keynote</b> 	<b>Keynote</b> 
	<b>Revolution of Common Property and Right of Use</b>	<b>Decolonising Common Property: Toward a Just Ecological Political Economy?</b>
	<b>Christian Laval</b>	<b>Franklin Obeng-Odoom</b>
	Université Paris Nanterre	University of Helsinki
	<b>Featuring the Commons Research of the SFB</b>	
	<b>Silke van Dyk, Petra Gumplová, Markus Kip</b>	
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## November 7


<b>9:30 – 11 am</b>	<b>Plenary Session 2</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Discussion of the working paper »Beyond (private) property/ Jenseits des (privaten) Eigentums«</b>	
	<b>Susanne Lettow, Sebastian Sevignani, Stefanie Graefe, Mike Laufenberg, Marco Sonnberger</b>	
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<b>11 – 11:30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
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<b>11:30 –1 pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session 3</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Keynote: Infrastructures of Care</b>	
	<b>Daniel Loick</b> University of Amsterdam	

<b>1 –2 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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<b>2 –3:30 pm</b>	<b>(A) Panel</b> 	<b>R.HH</b>	<b>(C) Panel</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Materielle Versorgungsinfrastrukturen im Wandel: Wem gehören Wind und Wasser?</b>		<b>Societies Beyond Private Property: Anticolonial Visions</b>	
	<b>Robert Wade</b>		<b>Hakim Adi</b>	
	Eindhoven University of Technology		University of Chichester	
	<b>Stefan Brachat, Laura Künzel, Stephan Lorenz, Roberta Wetzl</b>		<b>Simon Barber</b>	
	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena		University of Otago, Aotearoa, New Zealand	
	<b>Marco Sonnberger, Maria Pfeiffer, Matthias Groß</b>			
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<b>3:30–4 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>4 – 6 pm</b>	<b>(C) Plenary Session 4</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Beyond (Private) Property: Theoretical Perspectives</b>	
	<b>Ève Chiapello</b> École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris	
	<b>Hartmut Rosa</b> SFB Structural Change of Property	

<b>8 pm</b>	<b>Party im Theatercafé Jena (Schillergässchen 1)</b>
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## November 8

<b>10 – 11:30 am</b>	<b>(B) Panel</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>	<b>(A) Panel</b> 	<b>R.HH</b>
	<b>Funktionale Äquivalente zum geistigen Eigentum im digitalen Kapitalismus</b>		<b>The Ocean and the Atmosphere: Global Commons or National Property?</b>	
	<b>Christoph Sorg</b>		<b>Isabel Feichtner</b>	
	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin		Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg	
	<b>Jan-Felix Schrape</b>		<b>Petra Gumplová</b>	
	Universität Stuttgart		SFB Structural Change of Property	
	<b>Doris Schweitzer</b>			
	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt			
	<b>Tilman Reitz, Sebastian Sevignani, Marlen van den Ecker</b>			
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<b>11:30–12 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
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<b>12 –1:30 pm</b>	<b>(C) Plenary Session 5</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Society beyond Property – Von sozialen Bewegungen lernen</b>	
	<b>Marlene Engelhorn</b> taxmenow, Wien	
	<b>Justus Henze</b> communia, Berlin	
	<b>Christopher Schmidt</b> Klimagerechtigkeitsaktivist, Köln	



<b>1:30 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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<b>2:30 – 4 pm</b>	<b>(B) Panel</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>	<b>(A) Panel</b> 	<b>R.HH</b>
	<b>Collective Entanglements as Challenges or Alternatives to Individual Property</b>		<b>More-than-human property and the multi-species community – philosophy meets practice</b>	
	<b>Graham Dutfield</b> 		<b>Carsten Herrmann-Pillath, Tilo Wesche</b>	
	University of Leeds		SFB Structural Change of Property	
	<b>Veit Braun</b>		<b>Ronald Troser</b>	
	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt		University of Arizona	
	<b>Eduardo Relly, Anne Tittor</b>			
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<b>4 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>4:30 – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>(A) Plenary Session 6</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Das Öffentliche neu denken: Über Infrastruktursozialismus, Fundamentalökonomie und Vergesellschaftung</b>	
	<b>Oliver Prausmüller</b>	
	Arbeiterkammer Wien, Abteilung EU & Internationales	
	<b>Klaus Dörre, Silke van Dyk</b>	
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<b>8 pm</b>	<b>Kulturveranstaltung</b> 
	<b>Was lernen wir aus Science Fiction über alternative Gesellschaften?</b>
	<b>Lesung und Diskussion mit Dietmar Dath</b>

## November 9



<b>9:30–11:30 am</b>	<b>(C) Panel</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>	<b>(B) Panel</b> 	<b>R.HH</b>
	<b>Vergangenheit und Zukunft des Sozialismus</b>		<b>Sharing as an Alternative: Ambivalent Developments in the Sharing Economy</b>	
	<b>Hauke Neddermann</b>		<b>Christina Hecht</b>	
	Berliner Institut für kritische Theorie		Technische Universität Berlin	
	<b>Heide Lutosch</b>		<b>Carsten Herrmann-Pillath, Malte Janzing, Jörg Oberthür</b>	
	Autorin/Übersetzerin, Leipzig		SFB Structural Change of Property	
	<b>Magnus Neubert</b>			
	Leibniz-Institut für Agrarentwicklung in Transformationsökonomien, Halle			

<b>11:30–12 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
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<b>12 – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Closing Plenary Session 7</b> 	<b>R.GU</b>
	<b>Gesellschaften jenseits des Privateigentums in Science-Fiction-Romanen</b>	
	<b>Isabella Hermann</b> Politikwissenschaftlerin, Berlin	
	<b>Annette Schlemm</b> Philosophin und Autorin, Jena	
	<b>Simon Sutterlütti</b> Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	
	<b>Dietmar Dath</b> Schriftsteller, Frankfurt am Main	

<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Departure</b>
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- (A)** Making the diversity of property visible
- (B)** Are there alternatives to property?
- (C)** Societies beyond private property

-  in German
-  in English
-  virtual presentation

**R.GU** Venue: Raum Grete Unrein

**R.HH** Venue: Raum Helene Holzman