

Exploring Contradictions beyond Contradiction

1st 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**

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02.30 p.m. **Keynote #1**
Power-Structures and their Implementation
—Graham Priest (Chair: Norman Sieroka)

03.30 p.m. **Coffee break**

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04.00–
06.00 p.m. **SP #1 | Towards a New
Humanist Praxis: Feminist
Collaborations Through
Contradictions**
(Chair: Paula von Gleich)

*Combahee River Collective and
Black Feminist Critique of
Western Bio-Humanist Onto-
Cosmology*
—**Oluwadunni Talabi**

*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**

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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**

The Irony in Selling to the Poor
—**Eva Riedke**

*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
Belongingness 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 p.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
—**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‘ Imhart 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.	SP #4 Being One (Chair: Tammo Lossau)	GP #6 Practices (Chair: Julia Lossau)	Roundtable
	<i>On Nothingness and Unification into Wholes in Heidegger and Nishida</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 & David Pappalardo
	<i>On Substance and Individuals in Spinoza</i> —Michael Hampe	<i>From Unspecific Ambivalence to Dealings with Ambiguity: Dealing with Contradictions Without Resolving Them</i> —Antonia Schirgi	
	<i>On the Coordination of Experience in Whitehead</i> —Norman Sieroka	<i>“It is I and It is not I”: Writing with Tape Recorders</i> —Philipp Leonhardt	

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

Thu
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09.00 a.m.	Keynote #3 <i>Who Counts? Living in an ‘Overpopulated’ and ‘Underpopulated’ World Today</i> —Shalini Randeria (Chair: Ulrike Flader)	
10.00 a.m.	Coffee break	
10.30 a.m.	GW2 B2.890 SP #5 Hegel’s Idealism as a World of Contradiction (Chair: Tobias Wieland)	GW2 B2.900 General Cross Panel #1 (Chair: Elisabeth Lienert & Ehler Voss)
	<i>On the Question of the Concrete Universal: The Plurality of Life Forms in a Critical Continuation of Hegel</i> —Tobias Wieland	<i>Literarische Antagonisten- Figuren der mittelhochdeut- schen Heldenepik im Kontext von Contradiction Studies</i> —Katharina Palme

*“The Universal Knowledge of Itself in its Absolute Opposite”:
Hegel on Recognition, Contradiction 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

*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.	GP #7 Practices (Chair: Anna Mattfeldt) <i>Aushandlungen gesellschaftlicher Widersprüche in Verträgen</i> —Lilli Hasche <i>What to Do Next? Dealing with Contradictions and Dilemmas in Ongoing Activities</i> —Jan Dittrich <i>The Rise of Right-Wing Movements and How to Develop Counter-Hegemonic Strategies</i> —Jan Schulze Buschoff	GP #8 Practices (Chair: Yan Suarsana) <i>Neighbourhoods: Spaces of Dissension</i> —Maren Schwarz <i>Packing Unpacked: From ‘Spaces of Difference’ to ‘Spaces of Dissension’</i> —Julia Lossau <i>Contradictions and Extremism: The Role of Contradictions in Processes of Radicalization and Deradicalization</i> —Jonatan Kurzwelly	General Cross Panel #2 (Chair: Ehler Voss) <i>Widerspruch und Repräsentation: Gedanken zum ontologischen Ansatz des Neuen Materialismus</i> —Ieva Höhne & Simon Clemens <i>Icons of Contradiction: Parallels and Contrasts of American First Ladies on Magazine Covers</i> —Natascha Joselita Kröcker <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** (TBC)
06.30 p.m.

Haus der Wissenschaft | House of Science 

07.00– **WOC Lecture & Reception**
09.00 p.m. *Hospitality and Tolerance*
—Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Chair: Norman Sieroka)

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09.00 a.m. **Keynote #4**

Gramsci's Southern Question: 'An Infinite Contradiction'
—**Ranabir Samaddar** (Chair: Martin Nonhoff)

10.00 a.m. **Coffee break**

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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**

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General Cross Panel #3
(Chair: Christian Bär)

*"Problematic, Ambiguous,
Humbling": Between Scientific
Ethos and Everyday
Experimental Practice [online]*
—**Rebecca Carlson**

*Post-Colonial Theories and
Decolonial Methods:
Distinguishing Theory and
Practice*
—**Brunn Morais**

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General Cross Panel #4
(Chair: Jonas Trochemowitz)

*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**

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12.30 p.m. **Closing**