4th Witten Conference on Institutional Change, 1.+2. February 2018

Institutional Pathologies

What can we learn from severely malfunctioning economic and political organizations, institutions and networks?

Thursday. 1. February

9:30 Welcome
10:00-11:30 Plenary Panel Discussion: “On the Very Idea of a Socio-Cultural Pathology”
Audimax
Chair: Dirk Sauerland. Input by Kerrin Jacobs + Matthias Kettner
Panel: Nadia von Jacobi, Kerrin Jacobs, Rasmus Johnsen, Heikki Koskinen, Matthias Kettner
11:30-12:00 Coffee break
12:00-13:30 Parallel sessions with 30-minutes timeslots for each presentation:

Session A
Parasitism in institutional interconnections: Asymmetric relationships
Room: 1.181
Chair and Intro: Nadia von Jacobi: Symbiosis as lens on institutional interconnections
Alice Nicole Sindzingre: Understanding asymmetries among institutions: hierarchies and cumulative causation
Ugo Pagano: Complementarities and Pathologies in Human and Animal Societies
Thorvald Gran: Is the employment contract exploitative? Is it – in case – a manifestly unsuccessful institution?

Session B
Perspectives from Social Psychology and Systemic Therapy
Room: E 109
Chair: Johannes Michalak
Frieder Kittler + Herbert Dietrich: Is the Societal Ideal of Self-Realization pathogenic?
Julia Prager: Why did Systemic Therapy stop to speak of Illness and Health? The Benefits and Limitations of Systemic Perspectives

Session C
Perspectives from Economics (1): Sharing, Property Rights, and Social Choice
Room1.151
Chair: Jens Harbecke
Tobias Kollner: Sharing by Demand? Ethnographic Examples from Businessmen in Russia.
Heike Walterscheid: Adapted Exclusive Property and Missing Links in Democratic Social Systems
Jacob Rodriguez + Joseph Weeres: Markets & Institutions: Resolving the dilemma of social choice

Session D
Perspectives from Economics (2): Gradualism, Crises, Institutional Health
Room: 1.203
Chair: Dirk Sauerland
Christian Berker: Big Bang versus Gradualism in Institutional Economics
Thomas Marmefelt: On the Pathology of Money and Credit: Policy Responses to the Large-Scale Crises 1929 and 2008
Ravish K. Shukla: A healthy institution is associated with positive economic outcome along with mutual re-enforcement
Session E  Disorders of Moral Responsibility and Awareness  
Room: DG 476  
Chair: Heikki Koskinen  
Uta Müller: The Problem of Institutional Responsibility  
Jacob Dahl Rendtorff: Conceptualizing moral Blindness as an Institutional Pathology

13:30-15:00  Lunch Break

15:00-16:30  Parallel sessions with 30-minutes timeslots for each presentation:

Session F  Construing Corruption as an Institutional Pathology  
Room: 1.181  
Chair: Lea Diederichsen  
Dirk Tänzler: Corruption as Institutional Pathology and Symbolic Disorder  
Wolfgang L. Schneider: Parasitical Social Systems as Compensatory Mechanisms for Functional Deficiencies of Societal Subsystems – exemplified by violent Entrepreneurs in Post-Soviet Russia  

Session G  Existential Loneliness and Collective Trauma  
Room: E 109  
Chair: N.N.  
Kerrin Jacobs: Reframing Loneliness: Social Pathology meets Critical Theory  
Lukas Herrmann: How is Collective Trauma Integration related to Organizational Innovation?  
Adrian Wagner: Conceptualizing Institutional Pathologies through the Lens of Collective Trauma Studies in the Context of the Great Transformation towards Sustainability

Session H  Modern Society, Social Criticism, and the Observer’s Perspective  
Room: 1.151  
Chair: Matthias Kettner  
Dirk Baecker: Modern Society’s Abundant Criticism  
Isabel Kusche: Observing Pathologies. Conditionality Instruments, the Greek State in the Euro Crisis  
Marcelo da Veiga: Society as a social organism

Session I  Conflicting Institutional Logics in Education and Arts  
Room: 1.203  
Chair: N.N.  
Thomas Kühn: The Impact of Measuring Impact – The Contemporary Struggle of Universities between Reflexivity and Market Orientation  
Martin Teising: Psychodynamic processes and pathologies in institutions of psychoanalysis  
Session J  
 Pathologies of Large Social Entities: States and Juridical Systems  
 Room: DG 476  
 Chair: Joachim Zweynert  
 Martin Mendelski: Transitional institutional pathologies: fragmenting and integrating effects in South Eastern Europe  
 Mariella Falkenhain: Mind the gap: Understanding the Emergence, Persistence and Implications of Institutional Gaps in Non-democratic Regimes  
 Sylwia Morawska+Małgorzata Godlewska: Institutional Pathologies in the Justice System in Poland  

16:30-17:00  
 Coffee break  

17:00-18:30  
 Room: Audimax  

19:30-....  
 Conference Dinner at Restaurant Mondo (Bergerstraße 25, near Park-Hotel)  

Friday, 2. February  

9:30-11:00  
 Invited Lecture: Hartmut Rosa (Schiller-University, Jena)  
 “Pathological Potentials of Dynamic Societal Stabilization”  
 Room: Audimax  

11:00-11:30  
 Coffee Break  

11:30-13:00  
 Parallel sessions with 30-minutes timeslots for each presentation:  

Session K  
 Round Table Session: Institutional Transfers and Social Pathologies  
 Room: 1.181  
 Chair: Joachim Zweynert  
 Elsje Fourie: Input and Discussion  
 Robbert Maseland: Input and Discussion  
 Valentin Seidler: Input and Discussion  

Session L  
 Morally-normative Constraints, Institutional Stress, and Critical Systems Theory  
 Room: 2.303  
 Chair: Dirk Tänzler  
 Elias L. Khalil + Alain Marciano: Dysfunctional Institutions. Why Sincerity Matters  
 Tobias Schottdorf: Institutional Stress as a Social Pathology? Two Terms of Contemporary Social Philosophy and their Complex Relation  
 Jan Overwijk: Social Pathology in Critical Systems Theory  

Session M  
 Perspectives from Economics (3): Equilibrium and Institutional Deformations  
 Room: DG 476  
 Chair: N.N.  
 Eduard Braun: Accounting for Equilibrium  
 Chen Li: Pathology of institutional hybridization: hybrid regulatory regime and the role of state in China’s stock market crisis 2014-2015  
 Anna Horodecka + Liudmyla Vozna: Long-Wave Rhythms, Change of Generations, and Erosion of Institutions  

Session N  
 Perspectives from Economics (4): Institutional Neutrality and Adaptability  
 Room: 1.203  
 Chair: Dirk Sauerland

Julia Tschersich: Institutional Adaptability and Learning as a Feature of Institutional Health: Institutional Pathologies in Variety Breeding for an Industrialized Agriculture

Session O  Masterstudents’ Session: Pogromes and Pathologies of Political Power
Room: 1.151
Chair: Lea Diederichsen
Stefania Andriolo, Michaela Mancini, Bita Naghashian, Justus von Verschuer:
The Mass Killings in Indonesia 1965-1966
Waidi Adebayo, Hannah Cramer, Carlos Mairoce, Simon Schlederer, Christian Walker:
Genocidal Pogromes in Ruanda 1994

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Invited Lecture: Prof. Rasmus Johnson (Copenhagen Business School “Chronopathic Feelings: Time Pressure and the Pathologies of Contemporary Work-Life”

15:30-15:45 Plenary: Recapitulation and Farewell
Matthias Kettner, Dirk Sauerland

[16:30-18:30 Perhaps: Post-Conference Exploratory Panel: Prospects for a joint research network]