

## Annual Conference of the Academy in Exile

# Dire Times: Critical Thinking Then and Now.

Conveners: Vanessa Agnew, Kader Konuk, Susanne Zepp-Zwirner

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Registration is required to attend the conference. To register, please contact: [academy-in-exile@fu-berlin.de](mailto:academy-in-exile@fu-berlin.de)



### Thursday, 16 January 2020

- 2:00** Arrival and Registration
- 3:00** Conference Welcome:  
**Verena Blechinger-Talcott** (Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin/ Institute of East Asian Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)
- 3:15** Opening Remarks:  
**Kader Konuk** (Director, Academy in Exile/ University of Duisburg-Essen)
- 3:30-5:30** Roundtable: What Is at Stake?  
**Bülent Eken** (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen), **Tijen Tunali** (Freie Universität Berlin), **Zeynep Türkyılmaz** (Forum Transregionale Studien/ Academy in Exile) and **Achim Rohde** (Academy in Exile)  
Chair: **Olga Hünler** (Academy in Exile)
- 5:30** Break
- 6:00** Performance:  
**Maryam Abu Khaled** (Gorki Ensemble)  
Monologue from "Betrothal in St. Domingo – A Contradiction" by Necati Öziri against Heinrich von Kleist  
Introduction: **Katrin Pahl** (German Studies, Johns Hopkins University)
- 6:30-8:00** Keynote Lecture:  
**Nishant Shah** (Vice-President of Research at ArtEZ University of the Arts, The Netherlands)  
"When We Can't Speak, We Shall Sing: Finding Voice in the Age of Information Overload"  
Chair: **Vanessa Agnew** (University of Duisburg-Essen/ Australian National University)
- 8:00** Reception

### Friday, 17 January 2020

- 9:00** Coffee
- 9:30-11:00** The New School: Building Institutions  
**Elzbieta Matynia** (Sociology and Liberal Studies/ Director of the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York)  
"Critical Thinking in Critical Times: 30 Years of *Democracy & Diversity* Institutes"  
**Arien Mack** (Psychology, New School for Social Research/ Founder of The New University in Exile Consortium)  
"The New School and its Universities in Exile: 1919–2019"  
Chair: **Kader Konuk** (Academy in Exile/ University of Duisburg-Essen)
- 11:00** Coffee
- 11:30-1:00** Judgement  
**Klaus Hoffmann-Holland** (Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin/ Criminology and Criminal Law, Freie Universität Berlin)  
**Susanne Zepp-Zwirner** (Romance Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)  
"Evidence, Reasoning, Judgement: A Case Study in Law and Literature"  
Chair: **Bülent Eken** (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen)
- 1:00** Lunch

- 2:00-4:00** Infringements on Academic Freedom  
**Paul Pickering** (Director, Research School of Humanities and the Arts/ Director, Australian Studies Institute, The Australian National University)  
"Profit or Loss: Is the Academy on Sale?"  
**Dariusz Stola** (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)  
"Polin Museum and Polish Memory Wars"  
**Éva Kovács** (Research Programme Director, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies)  
"Thought Police in an Illiberal Democracy: New Trends in Hungarian Politics of Science"  
Chair: **Vanessa Agnew** (University of Duisburg-Essen/ The Australian National University)
- 4:00** Coffee & Open Networking Session
- 5:00** End of Conference