

Fascism And Antifascism In Our Time: Critical Investigations

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International Conference in Hamburg

Topic of the conference:

The spread of nationalist and authoritarian movements in Europe and around the world have prompted debates about a return of global fascism. At the same time, many countries are witnessing civil society activities opposing such movements. Politicians and activists from both camps endorse like-minded actors across borders. Do these developments suggest that we are living in a time comparable to the 1930s, when the decisive marker in national and international politics was the one between fascism and antifascism?

The conference investigates the contemporary relevance of fascism and antifascism by bringing together scholarly experts on these historical movements and actors in civil society. It will discuss the interrelatedness of fascism and antifascism, illuminate their global networks and local trajectories, analyze central characteristics and ideas, and trace shifts in discourses and practices of remembrance. Another focus are memory politics, phenomenology, current adaptations as well as the aesthetic dimensions and artistic practices associated with fascism or antifascism.

The overarching aim of the conference is to explore whether and how the histories of fascism and antifascism offer insights into the rise of authoritarian regimes today. What makes a fascist regime? What is the line separating authoritarianism from fascism? Can we identify "tipping points"? How should a civil society react to these challenges? Do antifascist movements of the 20th century offer a role model? How can insights into such historical connections benefit proponents of a democratic civil society?

General information:

No conference fee; free accommodation; travel costs will be reimbursed up to 300 / 500 / 800 Euro. Conference language: English. Contact (only via E-mail): Victoria Romano, Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, antifascism@his-online.de.

Any further information
