9 November 2026

PhD-Symposium: Facing Deconstruction: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Identity, Transformations, and Agency

12./13.11.2026, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 3, OEC 0.211

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Interdisciplinary Dialogue on evolving identities in Times of Democratic Transformations

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Day 1 – 12 November 2026 (Thursday)

09:45 – 10:15 **Arrival, Registration and Coffee**

10:15 – 11:00 **Opening and Welcome**

11:00 – 11:15 **Short Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Keynote and Discussion with Prof. Dr. Christiane Thompson: "Academic Freedom in Times of Transformation"** (Keynote: 45 min + Discussion)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Research Panel 1: Identity, Power and Discourse in Media and Law**

For all panels: PRESENTATIONS can take up to 10 min presentation, followed by up to 5 min clarification questions. **Comments** are to take up to 5 min comment, followed by a Q&A		
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction / Moderation:	Dr. Honor Tuohy (University of Galway, Online)
13:35 – 13:50	Presentation 1:	*Teresa Casas Grille (Basque Country):* Agenda Construction and Emotional Juridification in Legislative Discourses: A Discourse Analysis of Parliamentary Debates on Spain's "Only Yes Means Yes" Law
13:50 – 14:05	Presentation 2:	*Lisa Brünig (Göttingen):* The entanglements of abortion rights and democratic transformation – the example of anti-choice harassment in Germany
14:05 – 14:20	Presentation 3:	*Aleksander Rammos (Galway):* The Unknown in Our Pocket: Identity, Law, and the Limits of Reconstruction
14:20 – 14:35	Presentation 4:	*Tianming Yao (Galway, Online):* The Intimate Battleground: Discourse, Power, and Social Change in UK Media Representations of Polyamory
14:35 – 15:00	Comment and Discussion:	Dr. Ignacia Perugorría (University of the Basque Country, Online)

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee and Refreshments**

15:30 – 17:00 **Research Panel 2: Migration, Identity and Belonging**

15:30 – 15:35	Introduction / Moderation:	Elena Futter-Buck
15:35 – 15:50	Presentation 5:	*Saeede Mokhtarzade (Galway):* Gendered Constraints, Agency and Transnational Belonging in Iranian Women's Migration Narratives
15:50 – 16:05	Presentation 6:	*Irene Cisma (Basque Country):* Voices of agency: Migrant Narratives, Collective Action, and Solidarity
16:05 – 16:20	Presentation 7:	*Eva-Katharina Winkler (Göttingen/Fulda):* Transnational Diaspora Belonging, Agency and Health Inequalities: Diaspora Health Engagement of the British-Ghanaian and German-Tamil Communities in Ghana and Sri Lanka
16:20 – 16:35	Presentation 8:	*Sofi Aulia Rahmania (Galway):* Constructing an Eco-friendly Muslim Identity through a Social Media Campaign
16:35 – 17:00	Comment and Discussion:	Dr. Lars Klein

17:00 – 17:15 **Short Break**

17:15 – 18:15 **Interim Reflection**

Interactive exchange format. Venue: Digital Creative Space, State and University Library

18:15 – 18:30 ***Group walk to the restaurant***

18:30 – Open End **Conference Dinner (APEX Göttingen – Restaurant)**

Day 2 – 13 November 2026 (Friday)

08:30 – 09:00 **Arrival, Registration and Coffee**

09:00 – 10:30 **Research Panel 3: Identity, Culture and Social Change**

09:00 – 09:05	Introduction / Moderation:	Prof. Dr. Pascal Legrain, Dr. Sophie Sanchez-Larréa (University of Bordeaux)
09:05 – 09:20	Presentation 9:	*Kristal Aina Jericho (Galway):* Navigating Turbulence: An Examination of Identification Processing and Identity Reassessment for Airline Professionals Facing Industry Disruptions
09:20 – 09:35	Presentation 10:	*Arini Nurul Hidayati (Galway, Online):* Intercultural Communicative Competence and Teacher Identity: Stories from Indonesian EFL Teachers Studying Abroad Across Anglophone Borders
09:35 – 09:50	Presentation 11:	*Areti-Kristin Bouras (Göttingen):* Ultra-Masculinities: Construction, Reproduction, and Transformation in Football Fan Culture
09:50 – 10:30	Comment and Discussion:	Prof. Dr. Pascal Legrain, Dr. Sophie Sanchez-Larréa (University of Bordeaux)

10:30 – 10:45 **Short Break**

10:45 – 12:15 **Research Panel 4: Digitalisation, Technology and Agency**

10:45 – 10:50	Introduction / Moderation:	Prof. Dr. Anne Schacht (University of Göttingen)
10:50 – 11:05	Presentation 12:	*Emma Louise Rachel Crichi (Bordeaux)*: Who Participates? Civic Tech and the Normative Reconstruction of Democratic Agency
11:05 – 11:20	Presentation 13:	*Jadranko Gjerek (Galway):* Questioning a Prescribed Social Identity Within Rigid Algorithmic Matrices That Resist Personal Agency
11:20 – 11:35	Presentation 14:	*Adam Matthews (Galway):* Identity After Loss: Trauma, Memory and Agency in Transmedia Narrative Design
11:35 – 12:15	Comment and Discussion:	Prof. Dr. Anne Schacht (University of Göttingen)

12:15 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:30 **Roundtable Discussion and Closing Plenary**

14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee and Refreshments**

15:00 – 16:30 **Reflective Career Session (with coach Dr. Kerstin Mauth)**

16:30 – 17:00 **Farewell coffee and networking**