1.+2. February 2018

4th Witten Conference on Institutional Change

Institutional Pathologies

What can we learn from severely malfunctioning economic+political organizations | institutions | networks?
Wednesday 31. January, 19:00-21:00, Optional Get-Together at Restaurant Ratskeller, Marktstraße 16

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
Room 1.151 Chair: Jens Harbecke
Tobias Köllner: 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): Big Bang, Money and Credit
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

Session E Disorders of Moral Responsibility and Awareness
Room: DG 476 Chair: Heikki Koskinen
Uta Müller: The Problem of Institutional Responsibility
Mica Valdivia: Institutionalised Defences Against Moral Responsibility:
A Systemic Disorder in European Post-Crisis Financial Markets Regulation?
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: About noise and parasites – pathologies of the legal system in post-Soviet Russia.

Session G  Existential Loneliness and Collective Trauma
Room: E 109  Chair: Johannes Michalak
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: Marie Bobe
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  Invited Lecture: Heikki J. Koskinen (University of Helsinki):
“Social Recognition and Institutional Pathologies: The Case of Religious Identities”

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)
Audimax
“Pathological Potentials of Dynamic Societal Stabilization”

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**
**Institutional Stress and Critical Systems Theory**
Room: 2.303
Chair: Dirk Tänzler
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: Rasmus Johnsen
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
13:00-14:00  Lunch Break

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

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]

16:30-19:00  [Student Guests from Göttingen University: Post-Conference Discussion]
Room Liz-Mohn  Chair: Kerrin Jacobs