

New Regimes of Indifference: Within Academia and Beyond

Date: May 22, 2026

Venue: Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt

Location: Room C19.00.04

Organizers: Zahra Naghshband, Andreas Pettenkofer, Vincenzo Cerulli



10:45 – 11:00 | Welcome

11:00 – 11:15 | Introduction

11:15 – 12:00 | *The Abandoned Iron Cage: Values and Institutional Erosion* | Henrike Kohpeiß (Lüneburg)

12:00 – 12:45 | *Times of Indifference: Temporality, Racial Solidarity, and Palestine* | Samu/elle Striewski (Oxford)

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch Break

13:45 – 14:30 | *Ungrievable and Untheorized: Iran and the Eurocentric Architecture of Indifference* | Azadeh Shabani (Kassel)

14:30 – 15:15 | *Dirty Work: On the History and Context of a Political Trope* | Andreas Pettenkofer (Erfurt)

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:30 | *Between Compassion and Indifference: Academic Voyeurism and the Disposability of Lives* | Maryam Roosta (McGill)

16:30 – 17:15 | *Can Architects Change the World? Notes on Professional Activism and Indifference in Israel* | Noam Shoked (Tel Aviv)

17:15 – 17:45 | Coffee Break

17:45 – 18:30 | *Impossibilising Palestine: On Indifference, Erasure, and Subversive Laughter* | Hanna Al-Taher (Amman)

18:30 – 19:30 | Roundtable, concluding discussion

20:00 | Dinner

Participation is free upon registration: vincenzo.cerulli@uni-erfurt.de

Travel to the Max-Weber-Kolleg

Address

University of Erfurt (Campus)
Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies
C19 – research building "Weltbeziehungen"
Max-Weber-Allee 3
99089 Erfurt

By train and long-distance bus:

You can find information about train connections to Erfurt on the [Deutsche Bahn AG website](#). Trains arrive at the main station, which is located in the city centre.

The bus station is also located directly at the station, where various long-distance bus lines start and arrive. Information about connections to and from Erfurt by long-distance bus can be found on the [following pages](#).

The University of Erfurt is easily reached by tram or taxi from the main railway station.

By tram:

To get from the train station to the university, take lines 3 (direction Europaplatz) or 6 (direction Rieth). The main entrance of the university is directly opposite the "Universität" stop.

You can buy your ticket at the ticket machines at the stops or in the [EVAG-Center](#) at "Anger".

You can find live timetable information as well as information on the [current timetables](#) and the Erfurt [line network](#) on the pages of Erfurt's public transport company.

By car:

Coming from the west, take the A4 Frankfurt - Dresden to the Erfurt junction. There you take the A71 until the exit Erfurt Bindersleben (Airport). Then follow the signs for Erfurt Nord and Universität. Coming from the east, take the A4 Dresden - Frankfurt to the Erfurt-Ost exit. Then follow the signs first in the direction of "Zentrum", then "Hauptklinikum" and "Universität". If you are using the B4 or B7 main roads, also follow the signs for "Zentrum", "Hauptklinikum" and "Universität".

Parking facilities:

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