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Justice, Feminism and the Critique of Capitalism

Workshop with Nancy Fraser
Dates: October 17th and 18th 2016
Venue: Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt, room 121
Nancy Fraser is one of the most important political theorists and social philosophers of the present. She stands out by uniquely combining critical theory in the Frankfurt tradition with socialist and feminist thinking. Thus, her work covers a wide range of topics: from a feminist critique of Habermas and the welfare state via a ‘politics of need interpretation’ through to a critical appraisal of deconstruction and Foucault. Most importantly, she has rearticulated the socialist-feminist project within a framework of justice as ‘participatory parity’ that integrates a politics of recognition, redistribution and – more recently – representation.

Lately, Fraser has developed a multi-faceted conception of capitalism that comprehends both its ‘official’ story of the market economy and Marx’s ‘hidden abode of production’ as well as its background conditions of social reproduction, public power and natural environment. According to Fraser, not only the official economy, but these very conditions of capitalism’s possibility are today in crisis and give rise to conflicting normativities of care, collective autonomy and ecological responsibility, which might also fuel a renewed critique of capitalism.

The workshop specifically addresses junior researchers and offers them an opportunity to gain acquaintance with Fraser’s work by discussing parts of it with the author. Two questions occupy center stage: What happens to feminism after some of its demands have been (allegedly and/or partially) fulfilled? How does a critique of capitalism that has learned its lessons from history and is on par with the complexities of the current world look like?

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