

For the 16th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality, the WZB, Humboldt University of Berlin, and the Irmgard Coninx Stiftung cordially invite you to a series of lectures on

From Rebellion to Revolution: Dynamics of Political Change

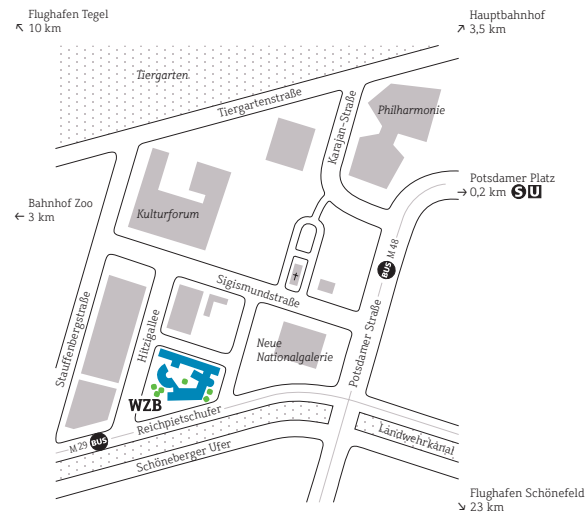
Since 2010 mass demonstrations and violent conflicts have broken out in many parts of the globe. Massive revolts swept away autocratic regimes in the Muslim World while in Western societies citizens continue to protest the outcomes of market driven policies and the ever-growing power of financial markets. The credibility of democratically elected governments in the West is put into question while changes in the Muslim world have so far not lead to more stability and economic prosperity. Who picks up the power that is lying in the streets? Where are the new social utopias and alternative societal arrangements that could lead to real change – in the global South and the North? And where are the groups and charismatic leaders to communicate these ideas successfully? On three evenings internationally distinguished political theorists and politicians will trace these urgent questions.

The events are followed by a discussion and reception.

All lectures are held in English.

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October 17 - 19, 2012
Venue: WZB, Room A 300

Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6 p.m.

Nancy Fraser

From Neoliberalism to Liberation: Pathways of Emancipatory Struggle

We live in a period of severe crisis, both objective and subjective. Objectively speaking, our crisis comprises many dimensions; financial/economic, ecological, social, and political. Subjectively speaking, its gravity is widely felt and generally acknowledged. Thus, we have before us indispensable preconditions for an emancipatory social transformation. Unlike its predecessors, however, this crisis has precipitated neither a comprehensive vision of alternative societal arrangements nor the sort of sustained, coherent matrix of organized opposition that could lead to an emancipatory resolution. The lecture reflects on this paradox.

Nancy Fraser is a critical theorist and the Henry A. and Louise Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science and professor of philosophy at The New School New York. Her research areas are social and political as well as feminist theory, and concern the politics of recognition and redistribution and concepts of justice within the conditions of a post-Westphalian and post-socialist frame. Among her most recent works are *Scales of Justice: Reimagining Political Space in a Globalizing World* (2008) and *Abnormal Justice*, published in *Critical Inquiry*, vol. 34/3 (2008), which is part of a book in progress.

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 6 p.m.

John Foran and Jeff Goodwin

From Rebellion to Revolution: Chances for Political and Social Change?

Panel Discussion

Two renowned experts for radical social and political movements discuss the potentials of rebellion and revolution today. What can be labelled as revolution in comparison to the great revolutions of the past? Are former revolutions, for example the French and the Russian, still points of departure for radical social movements today or is the radical change of the socio-economic system abandoned altogether? What role will religion play in future developments? What could be ideologies behind revolutionary movements in the 21st century?

John Foran is professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His areas of interest include the comparative study of 20th-century revolutions and 21st-century radical social change. His most recent book *Taking Power: On the Origins of Revolutions in the Third World* (2005) presents a new theory of the causes of revolutions across three dozen cases. Other publications include *Revolution in the Making of the Modern World: Social Identities, Globalization, and Modernity* (co-ed., 2008).

Jeff Goodwin is professor of sociology at New York University. He has written on social movements, revolutions, political violence and terrorism. In his view, revolutions are not only a reaction to social and economic inequality but also as result of political oppression. Among his most recent books are *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945–1991* (2001) and *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements* (co-ed., 2001) and *Rethinking Social Movements: Structure, Culture, and Emotion* (co-ed. 2004).

Friday, October 19, 2012, 6 p.m.

Amr Hamzawy

Revolution and beyond – Egypt's Future

From the inner perspective as political activist and member of the newly elected Egyptian Parliament, Amr Hamzawy will delineate the current situation of the Egyptian society and forces of the power struggle behind the scenes. From the more distanced view point of a political scientist, he will draw on potential perspectives of his country and the region in the near future. Is Egypt heading into an Islamic Republic similar to Iran or into a stage of permanent crisis and smouldering civil war? What role could civil society forces, the educated liberal classes and moderate religious forces play to prevent such a gloomy scenario?

Amr Hamzawy is professor of political science at the University of Cairo. He received his PhD from the Free University Berlin. He worked as research director at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Beirut. During the Egyptian revolution, he was spokesman of the "Board of Wise Men" that offered to negotiate between government and protesters. He is founding member of Freedom Egypt Party and was elected member of the Egyptian Parliament in 2012. Among his publications are *Civil Society in the Middle East* (2003) and *The Arab Future: Contemporary Debates on Democracy, Political Islam, and Resistance* (2010).
