

History and Theory of Compromises

Compromise is an essential technique for regulating conflicts. Compromises do not eliminate disagreements between conflict parties, but require often difficult concessions from all sides.

Some disciplines, such as political science and philosophy, have dealt intensely with compromise. In other disciplines, such as history, the concept of compromise offers an innovative approach to established research subjects. The conference brings theoretical research and diachronic and cross-cultural comparative approaches to compromise into conversation.

In terms of theoretical perspectives, the conference addresses questions concerning preconditions of compromise, types and varieties of compromise, and successful and problematic compromises. In terms of empirical perspectives, it is concerned with case studies from early modern to modern periods in different regions and settings. The question of how compromises and perceptions of compromise vary across time, region, or culture, receives particular attention.

The goal of the conference is to stimulate an interdisciplinary exchange on compromise and open novel perspectives for future collaborative research beyond disciplinary boundaries.

Organisation

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The conference is organised by the interdisciplinary research project "Cultures of Compromise" and funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Registration

Places are limited and those interested in attending the conference are asked to send a request no later than 12 June via email: kompromisskulturen@gmail.com

Conference Venue

Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI)
Goethestraße 31
45128 Essen

The keynote lectures on Wednesday and Thursday will take place at:

University of Duisburg-Essen
Bibliothekssaal (Building R11)
Universitätsstraße 9
45141 Essen

International Conference

History and Theory of Compromises

21–23 June 2023 | Essen, Germany



Wednesday, 21 June 2023

13:30 Registration

14:15 Welcome and Introduction

14:45 Panel 1 – Conditions of Compromises

Chair: Manon Westphal

Compromise and Trust
Daniel Weinstock (McGill University, Montréal)

Katéchon and Dilatorius:
On Preconditions of Compromises
Benjamin Schmid (Bundeswehr University Munich)

Confronting Climate Compromise:
A Double Role for the Emotions

17:00 Friderike Spang (University of Lausanne)

Keynote Lecture

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18:15 Welcome Address

Rectorate UDE

Ute Schneider, "Cultures of Compromise"

18:30 The Shame of Compromise?

The Politics of Education and the Education of Politics
Alin Fumurescu (University of Houston)

20:00 Reception

Thursday, 22 June 2023

9:30 Panel 2 – Transformations

Chair: Stefan Zeppenfeld

The Power of the Purse:
Budget Laws and Cultures of Compromise in the
Second Empire, Weimar, and Bonn
Philipp Nielsen (Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville/
University of Groningen)

The Search for a "Golden Mean":
The State Compromise With the House of Wittelsbach
in the Weimar Republic

11:00 Nina Kreibitz (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Coffee Break

11:30 Panel 3 – Premodern Compromises

Chair: Jan-Hendryk de Boer

From Conflict to Cooperation:
Compromises in the Late Medieval German Feud
Claudia Garnier (University of Vechta)

Negotiations and Compromises in 15th- and 16th-
Century Sino-Japanese Tributary and Trade Relations
Csaba Olah (International Christian University, Tokyo)

13:00

Lunch Break

14:30 Panel 4 – Inclusion and Exclusion

Chair: Julia Mariko Jacoby

Switzerland as Compromise? The Federal State of
1848 Between Reconciliation and Exclusion
Moisés Prieto (University of Bern)

The Dynamics of Compromise in African Societies:
The Nigerian Experience
Lucky Ugbudian (Alex Ekwueme Federal University
Ndufu-Alike, Abakaliki)

Between Relinquishment and Compromise:
Jewish Survivors Striving for Normality in Postwar
Rural Germany

16:45 Anna Junge (TU Berlin)

Keynote Lecture

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18:15 The Compromise of Return:

Viennese Jews after the Holocaust
Elizabeth Anthony (United States Holocaust Memorial
Museum, Washington, D.C.)

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 23 June 2023

9:00 Panel 5 – Living With Compromise

Chair: Karsten Mause

Intellectual Humility and Compromises
Antoine Vuille (University of Neuchâtel)

Compromise or Truce? Epistemic Phenomena in
Global Architectural Research

10:30 Beate Löffler (TU Dortmund)

Coffee Break

Keynote Lecture

11:00 Compromise in Civic Education:
Applicability to the Japanese Context
Yusuke Hirai (University of Tsukuba)

12:30 Closing Remarks
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