



Directions

Train to Tübingen Hbf

From Stuttgart central station it takes just 55 minutes to the centre of Tübingen.
From Main Station it takes a **15min walk** to the workshop venue

Plane to Stuttgart Airport

From Stuttgart airport by airport shuttle, „Airport Sprinter“ No. 828, in 50 minutes to Tübingen's bus terminal. The bus runs hourly from the central bus stop in front of Terminal 1 of the arrival section.

Workshop venue

A | Universität Tübingen, Neue Aula,
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
Room: HS 4

Also: Air Port Sprinter stop

Main hotels

B | Hotel Krone: Uhlandstraße 1

C | Hotel Hospiz: Neckarhalde 2

Restaurant (Lunch)

D | Thursday:
Restaurant Museum
Wilhelmstraße 3

E | Friday:
Restaurant Die Kelter
Schmiedtorstraße 17

Restaurant (Dinner)

F | Thursday:
Restaurant Mauganeschtle
Burgsteige 18

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Workshop on

Living the New Normal: post-crisis politics of money, debt and time

6–8 April 2016, Tübingen, Germany

Convenors:

Nina Boy, Timo Walter, Benjamin Wilhelm and Joscha Wullweber

The global financial crisis has left the European Union in a protracted 'post-crisis' state defined by on-going crisis dynamics of sovereign risk, clashes between financial rationalities and democratic legitimacy, and growing social tensions and inequality. While some of these shifts manifest themselves openly, their full reach is hidden in the complexities of recent structural reformations in the EU. The post-crisis transformation of fiscal relations, financial regulation and governance, as well as economic policy, have shifted the very meaning of normality outside of public debate but with profound social, political and economic implications. This workshop wants to shed light on the new normal in the EU and beyond, by examining the politics of three central aspects: money, debt and time.

The politics of money concerns the new role of the common currency in the Eurozone and its impaired symbolism for the imaginary of a unified Europe in an era of 'unconventional' monetary policy and excess liquidity. The nature of debt, and in particular of sovereign debt, is undergoing a profound transformation, requiring increasing levels of collateral and guarantees. Both money and debt crucially involve the notion of time. The moment when debt turns into the obligation to pay is politically highly contested and implies a particular formatting of possible futures in the present. The workshop will explore these new configurations in terms of their production of specific social futures, their relation to power and sovereignty and new epistemologies of safety.

Programme

Day 1 | Wednesday, 6 April 2016

13.30–14.00 Welcome and introduction to the workshop

14.00–15.30 #1 – Lost in foundation

Chair: Benjamin Wilhelm

Nina Boy End of sovereign safety? Debt as security and the security of debt
Andreas Langenohl Indebtedness as imaginary basis for politics and social contracts
Amin Samman A genealogy of the financial machine

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–18.00 Plenary and Keynote

19.00 Reception

Day 2 | Thursday, 7 April 2016

09.00–10.30 #2 – Valuing politics

Chair: Timo Walter

Joscha Wullweber Politics of money and debt
Kai Koddenbrock Towards an ontology of money in the 21st century

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 #3 – Time is money

Chair: Joscha Wullweber

Nathan Coombs What is an algorithm? Performative representation in the German High-Frequency Trading Act
*Andrea Lagna/
Marc Lenglet* The dark side of liquidity: shedding light on dark pools' marketing and market making
Benjamin Wilhelm Culture, Finance and the Value of Future

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.30 #4 – Normal states of exception

Chair: Benjamin Wilhelm

Ismail Ertürk Epistemic maze of post-crisis central bank unconventional policies and self-referential finance
Timo Walter Towards a semiotics of the (financial) market form

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 #5 – Normal hierarchies

Chair: Nina Boy

*Hans-Jürgen Bieling/
Julia Lux* Diverging realities – uneven development and the dynamics of social inequality and uncertainty

Brigitte Young The New Normal Inequality: Central Bank Policies and its Gendered Credit, Risk and Asset Biases

19.00 Dinner

Day 3 | Friday, 8 April 2016

09.00–10.30 #6 – Daily new normals

Chair: Joscha Wullweber

Angus Cameron The New Wastes
Caroline Metz Reconstructing the European asset-securitisation market in Europe: the legitimization of private debt commodification

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 #7 – Workings of the new normal

Chair: Timo Walter

*Daniel Mertens/
Matthias Thiemann* Smooth Operators? Public Development Banks in the New European Political Economy
Steffen Murau European Monetary Integration and the Public-Private Money Divide: Can Post-Crisis Reforms Harmonize Private Money Creation in the Eurozone?

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.30 #8 – Financial normalization

Chair: Nina Boy

Mathis Heinrich The new normality of central banking in European governance: On the transformation of the ECB in crisis

Huon Luke Curtis Essential Hybridity of Money: If everything is hybrid, is anything hybrid?

15.30–16.00 Concluding remarks, coffee and departure