

Adorno on Right-Wing Extremism in Late Capitalism

A Social Theory Study Group Event

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Online

Speakers

- Matthias Benzer, Department of Sociological Studies, University of Sheffield
- Juljan Krause, Department of Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton

About the Event

In his sociological writings, Theodor W. Adorno discusses a range of connections between the problems of racism and fascism on the one hand and the conditions of late capitalist society on the other. The recent publication of his reflections on the rise of right-wing extremism in the 1960s justifies a renewed engagement with this important dimension of Adorno's work.

We are pleased to announce a conversation with Matthias Benzer (University of Sheffield) and Juljan Krause (University of Southampton) in our series on influential sociological thinkers. Matthias and Juljan will talk with us about Adorno's sociological examinations of racial prejudice, its role in 20th century capitalism, the social conditions fostering right-wing extremism, and the peculiar longing for destruction among its supporters. We will also inquire into the relevance of Adorno's observations and arguments for debates about right-wing extremism today.

Matthias Benzer is Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Sheffield. He has written on Adorno's sociology, including the monograph *The Sociology of Theodor Adorno*, and on 20th and 21st century sociological thought more widely.

Juljan Krause is Policy Associate at the University of Southampton and Editor-in-Chief of the interdisciplinary philosophy journal *Evental Aesthetics*. Together, Matthias and Juljan have contributed to the recent *Companion to Adorno* and are currently conducting further research on Adorno's sociological thought.