

Social conflicts over property arise against the background of historically contested concepts of property. In social and political conflicts about who owns what, there is always a social struggle about what counts as property and what does not. Concepts of property are contested in at least three ways. First, property rights take on historically specific forms of the private, the social, and the public. Second, these rights are shaped by different goods; property is held in infrastructures, energy, labor, knowledge, land, data, and nature. Third, property rights are embedded in a social context of appropriation, propriation, and expropriation. Goods are taken into possession, placed under a property regime, or transferred to new owners both with and without the consent of the old ones.

At the international and interdisciplinary conference of the Collaborative Research Centre *Structural Change of Property*, these contested concepts of property will be discussed using case studies that are socially and politically relevant for the present. These case studies include questions about the history of colonial appropriation as well as the restitution of colonial plundered art. In addition, the conventional practice of appropriating natural goods will be questioned in terms of climate policy. A history of expropriation shows that social developments have always been enabled by policies of dispossession. Inheritance societies, with their growing inequalities, raise questions about the temporal limits of property. Digital and financialized capitalism create new kinds of property structures that need to be understood and criticized. The debate over housing and urban space shows the urgency of testing alternative forms of property.

The conference will conclude with a public panel discussion on the socialization of property.



## STRUCTURAL CHANGE OF PROPERTY

The conference is organized by the Collaborative Research Centre (Sonderforschungsbereich) 294 *Structural Change of Property*.

### Registration

You can register for the conference until September 19 at: [anmeldung.sfb-eigentum@uni-jena.de](mailto:anmeldung.sfb-eigentum@uni-jena.de)

### Locations

Friedrich Schiller University Jena  
Universitätshauptgebäude (UHG)  
Fürstengraben 1  
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### Information

More information about the conference and the Collaborative Research Centre can be found at: [www.sfb294-eigentum.de](http://www.sfb294-eigentum.de).



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# Contested Concepts of Property in Past & Present

Annual Conference of the Collaborative  
Research Centre Structural Change of Property · SFB 294



October 4–5, 2022  
Friedrich Schiller University Jena

## Tuesday, October 4

**12:00** **Welcome** **HS 24**  
by **Hartmut Rosa**, speaker of the SFB,  
and **Kim Siebenhüner**, Vice-President of  
the Friedrich Schiller University Jena  
Introduction by **Tilo Wesche**

**12:30 – 14:00** **Keynote 1** **HS 24**  
**Property, Modernity, Planetarity**  
**Dipesh Chakrabarty** University of Chicago  
Comment by **Hartmut Rosa**  
Chair: Helen Gibson

**14:00 – 14:30** **Break**

**14:30 – 16:00** **Panel 1** **HS 144**  
**History of Expropriation**  
**Eckart Conze** Marburg University  
**Nicholas Mulder** Cornell University  
Comment by **Florian Peters**  
Chair: Anna Möllers

**Panel 2** **HS 24**  
**Expropriation and Civil Disobedience**  
**Robin Celikates** Free University of Berlin  
**Andreas Malm** Lund University   
Comment by **Petra Gümplová**  
Chair: Steffen Liebig

**16:00-16:30** **Break**

**16:30 – 18:00** **Panel 3** **HS 24**  
**Colonial Appropriation**  
**Brenna Bhandar** University of British Columbia   
**Allan Greer** McGill University  
Comment by **Sophie Jossi-Silverstein**  
Chair: Jacob Blumenfeld

 virtual presentation    in german with english translation

**Panel 4** **HS 144**  
**Appropriation and Restitution**  
**Flower Manase** National Museum of Tanzania  
**Sophie Schönberger** University of Düsseldorf  
Comment by **Jürgen Martschukat**  
Chair: Dirk Schuck

**18:00-18:30** **Break**

**18:30 – 20:00** **Keynote 2** **HS 24**  
**On Race and Reinscription: Writing Enslaved  
Women into the Early Modern Archive**  
**Jennifer Morgan** New York University   
Comment by **Helen Gibson**  
Chair: Moana J. Packo

## Wednesday, October 5

**09:30 – 11:00** **Keynote 3** **HS 24**  
**A Right to Party?**  
**Towards a Critical Sociology of Structural Privilege**  
**Stephan Lessenich** Goethe University Frankfurt  
Comment by **Tilman Reitz**  
Chair: Verena Wolf

**11:00 – 11:30** **Break**

**11:30 – 13:00** **Panel 5** **HS 144**  
**Inheritance**  
**Stefan Gosepath** Free University of Berlin  
**Thomas Gutmann** University of Münster  
Comment by **Lydia von der Weth**  
Chair: Karlotta Böthig

**Panel 6** **HS 24**  
**Digital and Financial Capitalism**  
**Aaron Sahr** Hamburg Institute for Social Research  
**Philipp Staab** Humboldt University of Berlin  
Comment by **Marlen van den Ecker** and **Tobias Stadler**  
Chair: Sebastian Sevigiani

**13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**

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**14:00 – 15:30** **Dialogue** **HS 24**  
**Critique of Property**  
**Christoph Menke** Goethe University Frankfurt  
**Katharina Pistor** Columbia University   
Chair: Niklas Angebauer

**15:30 – 16:00** **Break**

**16:00 – 17:30** **Panel 7** **HS 24**  
**Housing: Comparative Studies**  
**Marie-Pierre Lefevre** University of Tours   
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Comment by **Daniel Kunze**  
Chair: Agnieszka Althaber

**Panel 8** **HS 144**  
**Who Owns the City?**  
**Rahel Jaeggi** Humboldt University of Berlin  
**Regina Kreide** Gießen University  
Comment by **Markus Kip**  
Chair: Lukas Lachenicht

**17:30 – 18:00** **Break**

**18:00 – 20:00** **Öffentliche Veranstaltung**  **Paradiescafé**  
**Wohnen, Wasser und Energie als  
öffentliche Infrastrukturen –  
Kommunalisieren, Vergesellschaften, Enteignen?**  
**Reinhard Guthke** Verein Bürgerenergie Thüringen  
**Sebastian Kohl** Freie Universität Berlin  
**Joanna Kusiak** DW&Co Enteignen / King's College, Cambridge  
**Cara Röhner** Hochschule RheinMain  
**Florian Schmidt** Bezirksstadtrat in Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Berlin  
**Barbara Schönig** Staatssekretärin Thüringer Ministerium für Infrastruktur  
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**Raul Zelik** Sozialwissenschaftler und Schriftsteller, Berlin  
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