

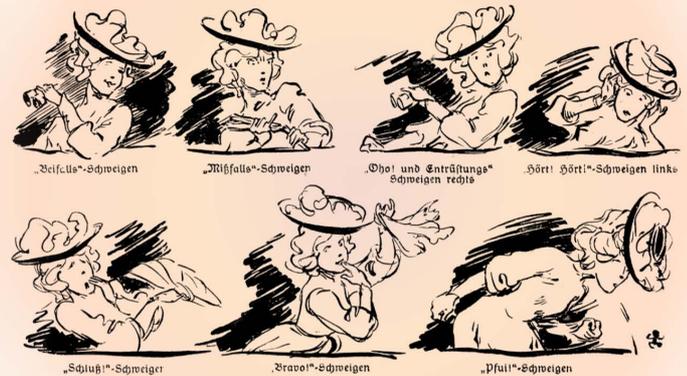
# SILENCE IN ANALOGUE AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION IN WESTERN MODERNITY

INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON ITS PHENOMENOLOGY AND CHANGE

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## THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2024

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Aula Löwengebäude, Universitätsplatz 11, Halle

**17:30** *Arrival / Registration*

**18:15** **Welcome and Introduction**

Theo Jung (Halle) and Elisabeth Décultot (IZEA)

**18:30** **Panel Discussion “Streitkultur oder Cancel Culture? Reden und Schweigen in der Demokratie” Chair: Theo Jung**

Karoline Preisler (journalist and author of “Demokratie aushalten!”) // Melani Schröter (Reading University) // Annamária Fábíán (Bayreuth University/Bavarian Research Institute for Digital Transformation) // Till Kössler (Halle) // N.N.

**20:00** *Dinner for Participants*

## FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2024

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Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies (IZEA), Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Franckeplatz 1 – Haus 54, Halle

**9:00** **Panel I: Silent Artistic Expressions in Social Contexts**  
**Chair: Judith Visser**

Cristina Spinei (Iasi): Where There Was Fear and Uncertainty, There Should be Narration: On Communism and Silence in Herta Müller’s Prose

Nina Tolksdorf (Berlin): Pantomime and/as Protest

Mahshid Mayar (Bonn): „my hands always laughing“ – The Many Silences of Erasure Poetry

**10:30** *Coffee Break*

**11:00** **Panel II: Changing Communicative Norms and Ideals**  
**Chair: Igor Trost**

Pia Schmöser (Halle): Is Silence Golden? Metacommunication on Silence in German Diaries from the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries.

Sina Lautenschläger (Magdeburg): „Ich hoffe, er meldet sich, damit ich es ignorieren kann“: Das (geschlechts-spezifische) Spiel mit Schweigen in Messenger-Kommunikation

Elena Mühlichen (Berlin/Bologna): Ritual Silence as a Spiritual and Escapist Experience. A Corpus Analysis of Advertising Texts for Silent Retreats

**12:30** *Lunch (on site)*

**14:00** **Panel III: Silences in Digital Discourse**

**Chair: Annamária Fábíán**

Simone Causa (Napels): Silencing Greta: Exploring Perceptions and Discourses of Climate Activism on TikTok

Merle Willenberg (Halle): Algorithmically Induced Silence? Sensitive Topics and Self-Censorship on YouTube

Ejvind Hansen (Aarhus): Silence Making Room for Thoughtfulness in an AI-Dominated Public Sphere

**15:40** *Coffee Break*

**16:10** **Panel IV: Silence in the Confrontation with Problematic Pasts**  
**Chair: Armin Owzar**

Friedrich Markewitz (Paderborn): Heideggers Schweigen zur Shoah: Kommunikationsanalytische Perspektiven auf das invektive Potential von Schweigen

Róza Vajda and Éva Kovács (Budapest): Voices of Silence: The Place of the Shoah in the Communication of Jewish Survivors and their Children’s Generation

Anne Peiter (La Réunion): Schweigemauern. Überlegungen zu Zeugnissen aus dem Genozid an den Tutsi Ruandas

**18:30** *Dinner for Participants*

## SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2024

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**9:00** **Panel V: Silence and Challenges to Power in Political Discourse**  
**Chair: Torsten Leuschner**

Felix Berge (Munich): “You can interpret lies, but the great silence remains a mystery.” Reflections Toward a History of Silence and Society under National Socialism

Alexandra Hartmann (Paderborn): Strategic Silence and Anti-Lynching Activism

Paul Sambre (Leuven): From Omertà to Legal Silence: Silence as Empty Signifier in a Civil Antimafia Cooperative

Jerzy Stachowiak (Łódź): Demystification as a Public Practice: Truth and Silence in the Critique of Western Civilisation

**11:00** *Coffee Break*

**11:15** **Final Discussion Chair: Melani Schroeter**

**12:00** *Lunch (on site) and Departure*