

Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät
Philosophisches Seminar

Philosophisches Kolloquium HS 2018

Dienstag, 16. Oktober 2018, 18.15 Uhr, Raum 3.B58

The Rights of Women and the Equal Rights of Men

Prof. Dr. Karen Green (Melbourne)

Dienstag, 13. November 2018, 18.15 Uhr, Raum 3.B52

Stimmungsästhetik

PD Dr. Friederike Reents (Heidelberg/Trier)

Dienstag, 16. Oktober 2018, 18.15 Uhr, Raum 3.B58

The Rights of Women and the Equal Rights of Men

Prof. Dr. Karen Green (Melbourne)

Abstract

It is generally accepted that claims for women's rights arose after, and as a result of, the development of the theory of the equal rights of men. In support of the established view one can point to the fact that democracies in which men were enfranchised existed long before those in which women were granted the vote on an equal basis with men. Nevertheless, this paper explores a deviant account of the history of the modern discourse of equal natural rights, according to which, in fact, demands for the rights of women preceded the development of the theory of the equal rights of men. These demands did not involve women's position within the state, but pertained to their position within marriage. I will call the thesis that claims for women's rights within marriage preceded claims for the equal rights of men, the priority thesis. Ultimately, I argue, that while it is difficult to establish the priority thesis in its full generality, a weaker, contemporaneity thesis, can be supported. The modern concept of the equal rights of men developed in tandem with, and is intimately connected to, the emergence of modern companionate marriage. As a result, modern democratic theory came to acquire completely different philosophical foundations from those accepted by neo-Roman republicans. Rather than being essentially a theory of non-domination, the enlightenment democratic theory that resulted in Wollstonecraft's *Vindication of the Rights of Woman* was based on a notion of positive liberty, thought of as virtuous self government, which also underpinned the earlier emergence of the modern understanding of marriage as, ideally, a relationship of friendship among equals.

Zur Person

Karen Green is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne. She has published numerous articles and books, including *A History of Women's Political Thought in Europe, 1700-1800* (Cambridge University Press, 2014); *Citizenship and Origins of Women's History in the United States*, in: *Perspectives on Politics* / 12, 2014; *Republic of Women: Rethinking the Republic of Letters in the Seventeenth Century*, in: *American Historical Review* / 119, 2014.

Dienstag, 13. November 2018, 18.15 Uhr, Raum 3.B52

Stimmungsästhetik

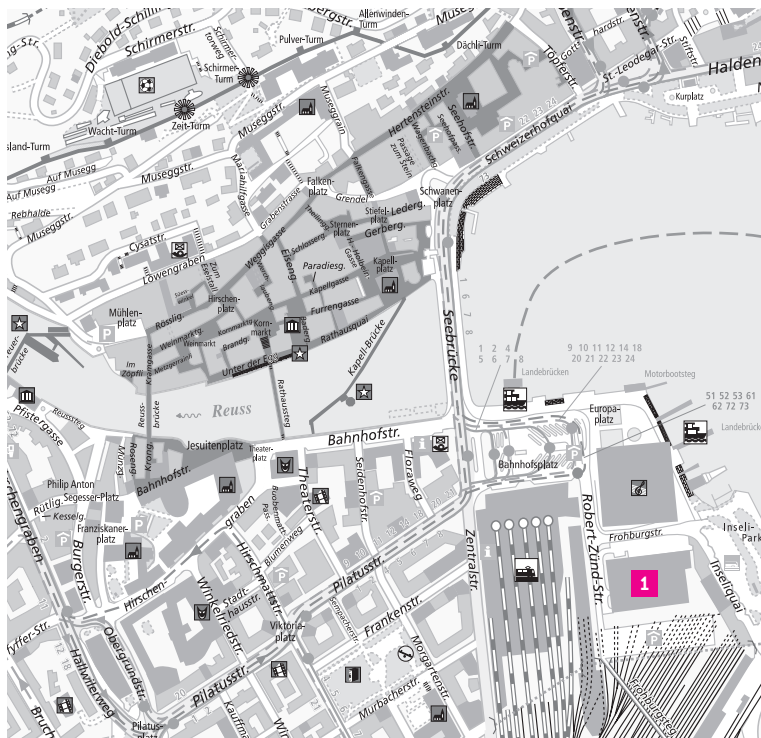
PD Dr. Friederike Reents (Heidelberg/Trier)

Abstract

Stimmungen gehören zweifelsohne zu den Phänomenen, die einerseits das menschliche Dasein in der Welt konstituieren, ohne dabei andererseits eindeutig greifbar und damit sprachlich genau begreifbar zu sein. Sie adäquat darzustellen, macht sie daher auch zu einer besonderen Herausforderung für jeden Künstler, aufgrund der Gebundenheit an die Sprache in besonderem Maße für den Schriftsteller. Im Anschluss an den Vortrag über Stimmungsästhetik soll es im gemeinsamen Gespräch um die Herausforderungen, Möglichkeiten und Grenzen von Stimmungsästhetik, man könnte auch sagen: von künstlerischer «Stimmungsmache» gehen.

Zur Person

Frederike Reents studierte Germanistik und Philosophie in Heidelberg und promovierte 2007 mit «*Ein Schauern in den Hirnen*». *Gottfried Benns „Garten von Arles“ als Paradigma der Moderne* (Göttingen 2009). 2012 Habilitation zu *Stimmungsästhetik. Realisierungen in Literatur und Theorie vom 17. bis ins 21. Jahrhundert* (Göttingen 2015). Seit 2013 ist Reents Hochschuldozentin am Germanistischen Seminar der Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. Zurzeit arbeitet sie mit am DFG-Forschungskolleg «Lyrik in Transition» an der Universität Trier.



Information und Kontakt:

Universität Luzern
 Philosophisches Seminar
 Postfach 4466
 6002 Luzern
 T +41 41 229 55 31
 philsem@unilu.ch

1 Veranstaltungsort

Universität Luzern
 Froburgstrasse 3
 6002 Luzern