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HISTORY

War of liberation. *Nation building and violence in Ukraine*

Anna Veronika Wendland

Understanding the History of Ukraine

For many Germans, the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine was the occasion to perceive this second-largest territorial state in Europe as a player in European history for the first time. For the Ukrainians, however, this conflict is only the temporary climax in a long series of attempts to put their country on the map as an independent state.

In her book, Anna Veronika Wendland unfolds a panorama of Ukrainian history from its beginnings in medieval Kiev to the early modern attempts at state-building and the catastrophic experiences of the 20th and 21st centuries. Wars and violence played just as formative a role in Ukraine's repeatedly interrupted nation-building as did the phases of arranging, appropriating or even profiting from the suzerainty of the Russian empire or the Soviet Union. In this interplay, the Ukrainians developed their specific constitutional traditions and ideas of freedom - and thus went from being a peasant nation under foreign masters to a modern, pluralistic industrial nation, which today is fighting for its skin in a war against the nuclear power Russia.

Anna Veronika Wendland, Dr. habil., is a historian with a research focus on the history of Ukraine and the Soviet Union as well as environmental and technological history. She works at the *Marburg Herder Institute for Historical Research on Eastern Central Europe* in Marburg.



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Making Peace. *The Allies and the Reordering of Europe (1940-1945)*

Wilfried Loth



Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin and later de Gaulle: What did the Allies think about the future of Germany and Europe after the victory over the Nazi empire? How did they want to secure the peace that would stand at the end of the Second World War? Wilfried Loth sketches a comprehensive panorama of the plans and negotiations of the future victorious powers, which is not limited to the question of the causes of the Cold War and the responsibility for the division of Germany. He evaluates new material, especially from Russian and French archives, and for the first time includes the plans of the anti-fascist resistance and exile in the tracing of the discussion of war aims. In this way, he is able to show that there was more common ground than antagonism between the Allies. The Yalta and Potsdam conferences therefore formed the basis for a peace order that could only be fully realised after 1989. Last but not least, hindsight can help to find benchmarks for peace after today's war against Ukraine.

Wilfried Loth is Professor Emeritus of *Modern and Contemporary History* at the *University of Duisburg-Essen*.



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POLITICAL SCIENCE

In the Twilight. *Fragility and Resilience of Democracy in the 21st Century*

Wolfgang Merkel

Democracy today is confronted with an extraordinary concentration of external crises: Climate change, migration, pandemics, war and unbounded capitalism. But what do we actually mean when we speak of "the" democracy? How do the developed democracies deal with these challenges? Do they meet the time pressure by "streamlining" the democratic process? Are they responding to populist movements with illiberal instruments such as bans, surveillance and exclusions? Are democracies in decline? The paths are not marked out, the decline is not sealed. For alongside party disenchantment, fragility and parliamentary weakness stand notable successes of democratisation, for example in gender issues or civil society. Despite all the chants of crisis - according to Wolfgang Merkel - one should not underestimate the innovative power and resilience of liberal democracies.

Wolfgang Merkel was Director of the Department of Democracy and Democratisation at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and Professor of Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin from 2004 to 2020.



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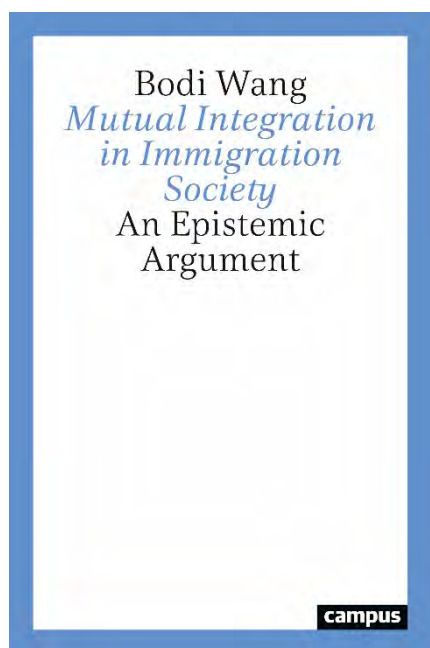
The Middle East in a Globalised World. *Lines of Development, Contrasts, Challenges*

Edited by Bastian Matteo Scianna / Stefan Lukas



The Middle East is often perceived as a crisis region. The social, economic and political changes, terrorism and state collapse, the consequences of the Arab Spring and climate change pose major problems for the states of this region. This volume provides well-founded information beyond these areas on neglected and long-term lines of development beyond the quick headline. The contributions shed light on transnational dynamics and challenges facing the key states of the region. The influence of external actors, such as the USA, the European Union, the United Nations, Russia and China, is also analysed.

Bastian Matteo Scianna, Dr. phil. Assistant Professor at the University of Potsdam. **Stefan Lukas** is an Associate Fellow at the Center for Middle East and Global Order in Berlin and a lecturer at the University of Potsdam.



**Mutual Integration in Immigration Society. An
*Epistemic Argument***

Bodi Wang

According to the standard model of integration, an integration process is successful when the immigrant adapts as completely as possible to the culture of the new home country. Such a form of one-sided assimilation, however, neither has a particularly high chance of success nor is it desirable against the background of ethical and justice theory considerations. On the basis of feminist theory, critical race theory and Chinese philosophy, Bodi Wang therefore argues for a concept of integration that also makes the partial adaptation of the natives to the immigrants' culture a condition of a successful integration process.

Bodi Wang is a postdoc at the Chair of Practical Philosophy at *ETH Zurich*.

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Fraternal Justice. *Principles of a Political Utopia*

Jochen Bojanowski

In the tradition of political liberalism, fraternity is often understood as a moral value that goes beyond the ideal of justice. In contrast, Jochen Bojanowski argues for a new understanding: according to this, we are fraternal to each other in a political context if we advocate a social framework of cooperation in which mere differences in happiness cannot be converted into distributive advantages. Based on this idea, Bojanowski develops a theory of justice according to which fraternity is a constitutive part of justice.

Jochen Bojanowski is Professor of *Philosophy* at the *University of Illinois*.

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Climate Crisis and Social Theory. *On the challenges and opportunities of global environmental policy*
Helmut Willke

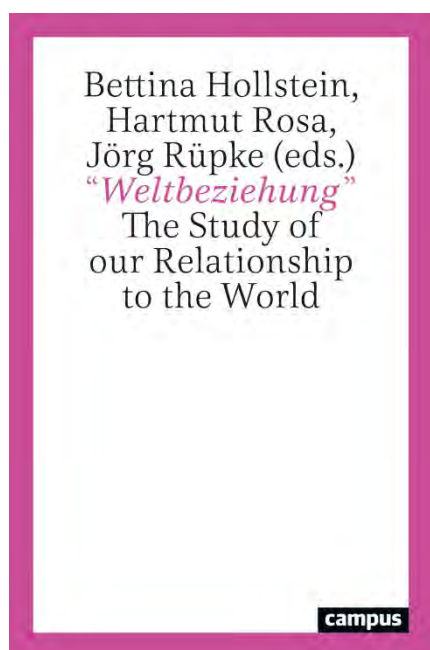
Most politicians are aware of the steadily increasing climate change and the associated global extinction of species. Nevertheless, too little is still being done to effectively counter the global ecological crisis. Helmut Willke analyses the failure of global environmental policy from a socio-theoretical perspective. His analysis shows to what extent this failure is due to the fact that the social subsystems "science", "economy" and "politics" each follow their own mutually exclusive partial logics. Only if it is possible to overcome these partial logics and the associated systematic blanking out of certain aspects of the ecological catastrophe can global environmental policy be successful.

Helmut Willke, Prof. Dr, taught *Sociology, Global Governance and State Theory* at the *University of Bielefeld* and *Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen*

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SOCIOLOGY



"Weltbeziehung". The Study of our Relationship to the World

Edited by Hartmut Rosa, Jörg Rüpke, Bettina Hollstein

The sociology of world relations examines how people locate themselves in the world and connect with it. This volume shows how this approach can be made fruitful for different disciplines. The authors devote themselves to an analysis of fundamental concepts of Western modernity - such as the practices of sharing and exchange. In addition, they open up a historical and global comparative perspective on the basis of diverse topics, such as the understanding of the market and property in China or the decolonisation of research in India. They then formulate concrete proposals for a reorientation of the social and cultural sciences.

Hartmut Rosa is a Sociologist and Director of the *Max Weber College* at the *University of Erfurt*. **Jörg Rüpke** is a Religious Scholar and Deputy Director of the *Max Weber College*. **Bettina Hollstein** is a Cultural Scientist and Managing Director of the **Max Weber College**.

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PHILOSOPHY

Between Freedom and Alienation. A Social Philosophy of Money according to Georg Simmel

Johannes Röß



What does it mean that modern societies realise their economic relations through money? Does money orientation - as often claimed in the history of ideas critical of capitalism - destroy social bonds? Following Georg Simmel, Johannes Röß argues for a differentiated understanding of the social role of money. Not only its objectified moments of domination have to be taken into account, but also the ambivalent effects of freedom: On the one hand, monetary relations establish an individualised understanding of freedom, which is central to our liberal culture. On the other hand, they alienate from an understanding of freedom that is grounded in non-instrumental practices. The author explores this constellation of domination, freedom and alienation with Simmel. Following recent social philosophy, he asks about the rationality potential of money beyond its capitalist form.

Johannes Röß is a research associate at the *Frankfurt Institute for Social Research*.



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CULTURAL STUDIES

Infrastrukturen der Anerkennung

Christian Schulz

Social media platforms can be described as infrastructures of recognition. This is the conclusion reached by Christian Schulz, who examines the structures of social networks as well as their concrete practices of use against the background of Axel Honneth's and Cornelius Castoriadis' approaches to social theory. Starting from the history of the Like button on Facebook and an accompanying algorithmisation, he develops a general theory of social media. With its help, it is possible to explain not only how certain dynamics of digital communication emerge, but also how a cross-platform infrastructure of social networks institutionalises itself.

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