

International CERC Conference /
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**BEYOND
WESTERN
THINKING
PATTERNS**

THINKING THE
UNIVERSAL IN A
DIVIDED WORLD

Bonn, 21-22 May 2026

Keynote 21 May, 6:30 p.m., HS VIII (Am Hof 1)
Souleymane Bachir DIAGNE (New York):
**Thinking the universal
in a divided world**

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HYBRID KICK-OFF EVENT

Thursday, May 7 Chair Vice rector for International Affairs Birgit U. Münch

Festsaal im Hauptgebäude der Universität Bonn, Am Hof 1 and online (Webinar)

19:00 Antoine LILTI (Collège de France, Paris): *The Three Languages of the Universal: Europe and the World in Enlightenment Thought*

CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 21

P26, Seminarraum der Kunstgeschichte, 3. OG

14:00 Opening remarks (Dean Stephan Conermann) and introduction (Peter Geiss)

1st section: L'UNIVERSALISME ENTRE DIALOGUE ET CONFLIT / UNIVERSALISM: DIALOGUE AND CONFLICT

Chair Stephan Conermann (Bonn)

14:30 Karin Peters (Bonn): *Claire de Duras and the European myth of emotional universalism*

15:15 *Coffee break*

15:45 Verena Weiland (Bonn): *Speaking the Global Order: Metaphors in French Security Discourse*

16:30 Etienne Lock (Barcelona): *Whose Universal? Dialogue, Power, and Conflict*

P26, Seminarraum im Erdgeschoss

17:15 *Apéritif*

Keynote

Hörsaal VIII, Hauptgebäude der Universität Bonn, Am Hof 1

18:30 Opening remarks (Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Stephan Conermann)

18:45 Souleymane Bachir Diagne (New York): *Thinking the universal in a divided world*

20:30 *Dinner*

Friday, May 22

CERC, Konrad-Zuse-Platz 1-3

2nd section: ENSEIGNER L'UNIVERSEL / TEACHING THE UNIVERSAL

Chair Christina Schröer (Bonn)

9:00 *Welcome*

9:15 Nadine Fink (Lausanne): *L'orthodoxie disciplinaire en crise d'autorité: le cas de l'histoire*

10:00 Sylvain Doussot (Nantes): *Une procédure d'enquête historienne scolaire comme institution pratique universelle?*

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:00 Peter Geiss (Bonn): *L'enquête historienne peut-elle être universelle? L'enseignement de l'histoire face à aux tentations identitaires*

11:45 Sarah Dietrich-Grappin (Bonn): *Comment peut-on universaliser l'enseignement des langues étrangères? Penser l'espace et la compétence « pluriespaciale »*

12.30 *Lunch break*

3rd section: L'UNIVERSEL DANS L'ART, EN HISTOIRE, RELIGION ET DROIT / THE UNIVERSAL IN ART, HISTORY, RELIGION AND LAW

Chair Birgit U. Münch (Bonn)

14:00 Markus Dauß (Bonn): *Universalisme et concepts spatiaux. Homogénéisation globale et/ou espaces fragmentés*

14:45 Gabriel Galvez-Behar (Lille): *L'introuvable logique de l'histoire*

15:30 *Coffee break*

15:45 Christine Krüger (Bonn): *Jewish universalism in the 19th century*

16:30 Werner Gephart (Bonn): *Les droits de l'homme en tant que culture: entre universalisme et particularisme juridique*

17:15 *Coffee break*

17:30 Maria A. Gwynn (Bonn): *Universal Norms in a Conflicted World*

Final discussion

18:30 Conclusion and outlook (Moderation: Christina Schröer)

19:30 *Dinner*



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