Echoes of Solidarity: Political Cultures of (Counter-)Collectivity

4-5 December 2026, University of Regensburg

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Conference Location:

University of Regensburg (main campus), Room H25 (Vielberth-Gebäude)

Friday 4th December

9:00-9:15	Coffee	
9:15-9:30	Welcome Remarks	
9:30-10:30		Johannes Voelz (Frankfurt), 'The Rally as Political Form'
10:30-10:45	Coffee	
10:45-12:15		**Panel 1: "Performance"** *Chair:* Laura Bieger (Bochum) Philipp Hohmann (Vienna), 'Beyond (Human) Belonging? Aesthetic Articulations of Queer Collectivity with Antonia Baehr, Henry Wilde, Neo Hülcker' Anna Fech (Friedrichshafen), 'Ztohoven's Moral Reform: Activism and Imagination' Hannah Eder (Regensburg), '"The People" under Construction: Competing Solidarities in Arnold Wesker's Community Theatre'
12:15-14:00	Lunch (speakers only)	
14:00-15:00		Mark Schmitt (Berlin), 'Crowds and Collectivity between Folk Politics and Late Fascism'
15:00-15:30	Coffee	
15:30-17:00		**Panel 2: "Mediation"** *Chair:* Benjamin Kohlmann (Regensburg) David Strong (Norwich), 'Contesting the Individual: Staging Anti-Hegemonic Collectivity in *Murder in the Cathedral* and *The Ascent of F6*' Anna Devereux (Norwich), 'Left Solidarity and Crisis in Doris Lessing's The Golden Notebook'

		Naemi Victoria Dehde (Konstanz), 'Staging the Miners' Strike: Working-Class Solidarity in *Billy Elliot: The Musical*'
20:00	Dinner (self-paid)	

Saturday 5th December

10:00-11:00		Laura Bieger (Bochum), 'Infra-Solidarity'
11:00-11:15	Coffee	
11:15-12:45		**Panel 3: "Infrastructure"** *Chair:* Mirja Lecke (Regensburg) Natalie Erkel (Bochum), 'Black Power Manifestos' Paweł Matusz (Regensburg), 'Queer Collectivity in Translation: James Baldwin behind the Iron Curtain' Thomas van Gaalen (Nijmegen), 'Vertical solidarity: Curaçao's *Unión General de Trabajadores* and its answers to the global flexibilization of labor'
12:45-14:30	Lunch (speakers only)	
14:30-15:30		Anne Brüske (Regensburg), 'Memories of Solidarity and Social Imaginaries in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Caribbean Youth Literature'
15:30-16:30		**Panel 4: "Memory"** *Chair:* Mark Schmitt (Berlin) Lívia de Souza Lima (Regensburg), 'Archiving the Collective: Black Women's Political Memory in Brazil' Marit van de Warenburg (Utrecht), 'Contingent Loops and Retroactive Copyright: Reconciling Appropriation with Accountability in Memory Work'
16:30-17:00	Coffee	
17:00-18:00		Jan Marschelke (Regensburg), 'Learning by doing. Suitable subjects for doing counter-collectivity'
18:00-18:15	Closing Remarks	
19:30	Christmas Market	

Lunch will be at DAS UNIKAT & dinner on Friday will be at Regensburger Weissbräuhaus.