



22 May 2024

A day to celebrate the book series *Beyond Universalism?* and conclude the ERC Project *Minor Universality* in cooperation with the Käte Hamburger Centre for Cultural Practices of Reparation (CURE)

The ERC Project *Minor Universality. Narrative World Productions After Western Universalism* took up its work in September 2019 and shipped through the troubled waters of a planetary crisis. Here we are in late spring 2024 and one crisis seems to have replaced another. It appears as if repair follows injury, and our planet and societies accumulate their scars.

But we also learn, understand, and developed different understandings of *which* and *whose* universalism matter, where they are contested, and in what fields and concrete settings. Over the last five years, our team of researchers and associated scholars – Elsie Cohen, Azyza Deiab, Clément Ndé Fongang, Franck Hofmann, Maria-Anna Schiffers, Hélène Thiérard, Jonas Tinius, and the project Principal Investigator Markus Messling – has worked through a range of methodological ways across fields of literary, narrative, museological, archival, and translation studies to discuss how Universalism and Universality has been challenged, rethought, or reclaimed.

We will be launching for the first time all books published until now in our series *Beyond Universalism? Studies on the Contemporary* (de Gruyter). More books are in the pipeline, including *Universalism(e) & ... Conversations* (see announcement below), which is based on our YouTube series of conversations with writers, philosophers, and scholars. For more information look for *Minor Universality* on YouTube and consult the website with our publisher de Gruyter.

We conclude the project with a day of discussions, presentations, and lectures with our esteemed guest and collaborator Prof David Scott (Columbia). Organised by the Minor Universality project (ERC) in cooperation with the Käte Hamburger Centre for Cultural Practices of Reparation (CURE).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the scientific coordinator of the ERC project *Minor Universality* Dr. Jonas Tinius (Jonas.tinius@uni-saarland.de).

Programme

Universality, Revolution, Reparation

A workshop with David Scott (Columbia University)

Venue: KHK CURE, Neugrabenweg 4, 66123 Saarbrücken

9.30-11.00

Reading *Minor Universality*

A comment by David Scott and discussion

Moderation: Franck Hofmann

11.30-13.00

Reading *Irreparable Evil. An Essay in Moral and Reparatory History* (Columbia University Press)

Discussion with David Scott

Moderation: Markus Messling

13.30-14.30 Lunch

Minor Universality: A Finissage

Venue: KHK CURE, Neugrabenweg 4, 66123 Saarbrücken

14.30-16.30

Roundtable with Azyza Deiab, Clément Ndé Fongang, Maria-Anna Schiffers, Hélène Thiérard

Moderation: Jonas Tinius

Käte Hamburger Lecture

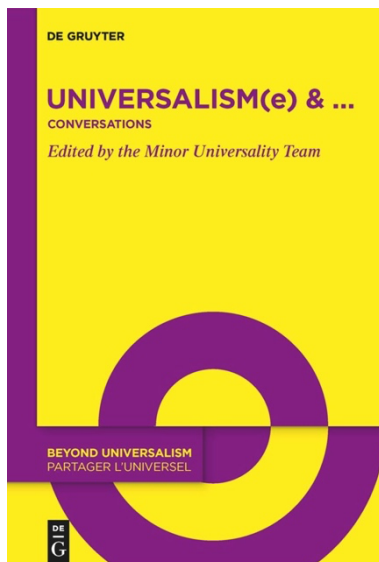
Venue: Gebäude B3 2, Hörsaal 0.03 (Phil. Fakultät), Campus Saarbrücken

18.00-20.00

Reparations of the Republic? The case of the Champollion statue

Markus Messling

Moderation: Christiane Solte-Gresser



In print / coming soon

Universalism(e) & ...

Conversations

Edited by: Elsie Cohen , Azyza Deiab , Franck Hofmann , Markus Messling , Clément Ndé Fongang , Hélène Thiérard and Jonas Tinius

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Volume 6 in the series Beyond Universalism / Partager l'universel

This book confronts the history and legitimacy of Western Universalism. In the form of conversations, it documents thinking-in-process about how new forms of universality after imperial universalism can be thought and practised. Bringing into play their practices and theories, the interlocutors of *Universalism(e) & ...* lay their own traces of a minor universality, situated in the troubling present of our times.

Ce livre s'attaque à l'histoire et à la légitimité de l'universalisme occidental. Sous la forme de conversations, il documente la réflexion en cours sur les façons de penser et de pratiquer de nouvelles formes d'universalité après l'universalisme impérialiste. À partir de leurs pratiques et de leurs théories, les interlocuteurs d'Universalism(e) & ... font apparaître leur propre cheminement autour de cette universalité mineure située dans le présent troublant de notre époque.

Universalism & ... révolution, histoires concrètes, préhistoire, multilatéralisme, savoir(s), the partisan position, narration, reparation

Entretiens avec / Conversations with: Arjun Appadurai, Leyla Dakhli, Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Giovanni Levi, Gisèle Sapiro, David Scott, Adania Shibli, Maria Stavrinaki

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