

Can Public Order Justify Interfering with Basic Rights and Civil Liberties?

International Public Conference*

We witness frequent restrictions and violations of basic rights and civil liberties allegedly in the name of maintaining public order in various parts of the globe. In this public conference, we discuss moral, legal-constitutional, and pragmatic aspects of this increasingly common phenomena. More precisely, ask the following questions: "Are public order and peace pragmatically sustainable when basic rights and civil liberties are neglected?"; "is it morally justifiable to restrict or even violate basic rights and civil liberties for the purpose of public order or peace?"; "can a legal-constitutional order justifiably include norms or regulations which effectively violate basic rights and civil liberties for the sake of public order?"; and "to what extent can one talk of public order or the rule of law, when basic rights and civil liberties (such as freedom of expression, freedom of the press, freedom of movement, the right not to be discriminated against on account of birth place, ethnic-cultural identity, religious affiliation, and political opinion) are disrespected and their restriction is even endorsed by legal norms and political regulations?"

Our conference will include scholars, journalists and politicians. As will be evident from the list of invited speakers, we will put a particular emphasis on the current situation in Turkey as a case illustrating the problem under consideration.

**Venue: Rooms AE-A 101 and 103 in Artur-Woll-Haus
Am Eichenhang 50, 57076 Siegen**

12:30 - 18:30

SPEAKERS

Alice Pinheiro Walla

Bayreuth / Germany

Aslı Kayhan

Kocaeli / Turkey

Mithat Sancar

Ankara / Turkey

Ömer Furkan Özdemir

Kocaeli / Turkey

Rıza Türmen

Ankara / Turkey

Sorin Baiasu

Keele / UK

Yossi Nehushtan

Keele / UK

Conference Program

12:30-13:10 Registration & Coffee/Tea

13:15-13:30 Opening

13:30-15:45: 1st Session - Philosophical Reflections on the Relation between Rights and Public Order

Moderator: Asli Telli Aydemir (University of Siegen)

Speakers:

- Alice Pinheiro Walla (University of Bayreuth): "Academic Freedom and Censorship"
- Yossi Nehushtan (Keele University): "Public Order and Freedom of Expression: The Limits of Neutral Balancing Tests and the Need to Take Sides"
- Sorin Baiasu (Keele University): "The Liberties of the Ancient and the Liberties of the Moderns: A Reconsideration"

15:45-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00-18:15: 2nd Session - Reflections on the Case of the "Extra-Ordinary Situation" in Turkey

Moderator: Deniz Yonucu (Free University of Berlin)

Speakers:

- Aslı Kayhan and Ömer Furkan Özdemir (Kocaeli Academy for Solidarity): "Kocaeli Academy for Solidarity: The Struggle to Defend the Universal Values of Academy under the Conditions of the Extraordinary Situation in Turkey"
- Mithat Sancar (Ankara): "Raison D'état und Rechtsstaatlichkeit in der Türkei"
- Rıza Türmen (Ankara): "State of Emergency and Human Rights"

18:15-18:30: Closing

20:30: Conference Dinner

All interested are warmly welcome to join the conference. Please let us know about your attendance in advance via an email to: ruhi.demiray@uni-siegen.de

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