

International Conference
Vulnerability. Theories and Concepts in Philosophy
and the Social Sciences

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Venue

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Lecture rooms: SZ 15.21 [[map](#)]; LS 15.01 [[map](#)]

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Day 1 (October 20, 2022)

Until 1:30 pm	Arrival and registration	
1:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Session 1a: Basic reflections on vulnerability (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Denis Džanić</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Huth: What does it mean to experience vulnerability? Investigations in an elusive phenomenon • Chin-Yu Lee: A Phenomenological Analysis of the Sense-Origin of Vulnerability • Gerhard Thonhauser: The Ontological Status of Vulnerability 	<p>Session 1b: Vulnerability as a concept of critique (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Abbt: Vulnerability as a democratic concept • Noemi Magnani: Liberal multiculturalism, autonomy and the vulnerability test • Arthur Bueno: Reification, Vulnerability, and Emancipatory Praxis
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 pm – 6:15 pm	<p>Session 2a: Levels and types of vulnerability (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Barbara Hönig</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jule Govrin: Embodied Vulnerability as Radical-Relational Equality. On the Ontological, Structural, Solidarity and Universal Dimensions of Vulnerability (online) 	<p>Session 2b: Psychology and vulnerability (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Denis Džanić</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerrin Jacobs: Narcissism and vulnerability (online) • Florian Schmidberger: Registers of Vulnerability. Elements of a Phenomenology of Vulnerability • Paulino Jimenez: Vulnerability in the Working Environment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Hernandez: Everyday Vulnerability, Extraordinary Vulnerability, and Virtual Vulnerability: An Approach from the Notion of Grievance • Bernhard Weicht: The vulnerable subject – relationality as foundation of personhood • Danielle Petherbridge & Roxane Pret Théodore: Is Vulnerability Related to Trust and Recognition? 	
	Break	
6:30 pm – 8:00pm	Keynote 1 (SZ 15.21) Thomas Fuchs: <i>Why Does Mental Illness Exist? Reflections on Anthropological Vulnerability</i> <i>Chair:</i> Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl	

Day 2 (October 21, 2022)

9:00 am – 10:45 am	Session 3: No presentations	
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am– 12:45 pm	Session 4a: Masculine vulnerabilities (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Antonia Schirgi <ul style="list-style-type: none">Charlotte Corchete: Non-white men specific vulnerability and power relations perpetrated by white women: the importance of cultural circumstances and socio-historical contextAnita Gyekye: “Toxic” Masculinity and Implications for Men’s Sexuality in Ghana (online)	Session 4b: Groups, generations, and vulnerability (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Stefan Laube <ul style="list-style-type: none">Florian Weitkämper: Understanding the Mutual Vulnerability and Relevance of Inequality in Negotiations of Authority between Pupil and TeachersJulian Möhring & Dirk Medebach: Vulnerability and Power of Generations and Groups. A Generative Approach
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Lunch break	

2:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>Session 5a: Intersectionality and vulnerability (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Karin Scaria-Braunstein</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erinn Gilson: Sexual Injustice and Gendered Vulnerability: from a Reductive to a Complex Account • Abigail Moses: Manufactured Vulnerability and its Harms towards Disabled People (online) • Petra Klug: Vulnerability in context. An intersectional typology • Miri Rozmarin: Beyond intersectionality: how to use vulnerability as a critical category (online) 	<p>Session 5b: Ethics and vulnerability (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Denis Džanić</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Breuer: What is vulnerability? – Reflections on a phenomenological ethics grounded on the recognition of vulnerability (online) • Gernot Schilcher: Vulnerability in the Medical Context • Monica Cano Abadia: Vulnerability and Bioethics • Lisa Schmalzried: Vulnerability and Human Well-Being
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Break	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<p>Keynote 2 (SZ 15.21) Kate Brown: <i>The Vulnerability Zeitgeist: Insights from Empirical Studies on Care and Control</i> <i>Chair:</i> Frithjof Nungesser</p>	

Day 3 (October 22, 2022)

8:30 am – 10:15 am	<p>Session 6a: Institutions and vulnerability (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Philipp Berghofer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Eckhardt: The Fading of Vulnerability in the Activating Welfare State (online) • Tim Rohmann: Vulnerability in the Legal System • Helena Wilke: Contemporary penalties and the combat against vulnerabilities under the neoliberal rationality 	<p>Session 6b: Migration and vulnerability (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Anja Eder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Kohlen: Vulnerability and structural responsibility. Empirical studies about multi-cultural nursing care in the hospital • Juliette Monvoisin: Vulnerability, States' Obligations and Migration Justice (online)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Session 7a: Institutions and vulnerability continued (SZ 15.21) <i>Chair:</i> Philipp Berghofer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonia Schirgi & Stefan Laube: Vulnerability at a Distance. Relevance, Specificity and Variability of Vulnerability in Mediated Social Interaction • Eric Brown: Vulnerability and risk: conceptual issues with illustrations from financialization (online) • Marta Zimniak-Hałażko: The value of life itself, vulnerability and ethics of care. The case of Polish “pro-life” movements (online) 	<p>Session 7b: Modes of violence (LS 15.01) <i>Chair:</i> Frithjof Nungesser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabea Anna Koepp: Bound through Violence – Theoretical Implications of Victimhood (online) • Ivana Zagorac: Vulnerability and the language of special protection
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch break	

1:15 pm –
3:00 pm

Panel discussion (SZ 15.21)

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