

# Truth and Lies in Politics

29–31 March 2023

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## WEDNESDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

14:00  
Welcoming

### PSYCHOPATHOLOGY OF LYING

14:30  
**Hans Werbik**  
On the origin and spread of  
Donald Trump's conspiracy  
claim that the Democrats  
stole the election

15:30  
**Andrea Lailach-Henrich**  
Beyond truth.  
*On Hannah Arendt's conception  
of truth and lie in politics*

Break

17:00  
**James E. Mahon**  
Why Deception is Worse  
than Coercion

18:00  
**Lars Allolio-Näcke**  
Deliver us from eval.  
*The QAnon Movement, Donald  
Trump, and the Republicans*

19:00  
Dinner

## THURSDAY MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>

ON POLITICS

9:00  
**Bandy Lee**  
Dangerous Leadership  
and a Culture of Violence

10:00  
**Simone Dietz**  
Sense of Trust –  
*Foundation or Missunder-  
standing of Politics?*

Break

11:30  
**Carl Ratner**  
The Cultural Psychology  
of Political Lying

Break

### THEORIES

14:00  
**Tilman  
Bechthold-Hengelhaupt**  
Rejection of scientific know-  
ledge as a misguided search  
for epistemic autonomy.  
*Some reflections on  
disinformation from a  
constructivist perspective*

15:00  
**Gerhard Benetka &  
Anna Schor-Tschudnowskaja**  
»Post-truth« and the  
authority of science

Break

16:30  
**Wilhelm Kempf**  
»Truth«, »Lies« and beyond:  
*Epistemological prerequisites  
for a constructive political  
discourse*

17:30  
**Roy Sorensen**  
How a Kantian Politician Lies

18:30  
Conference Dinner

## FRIDAY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

ON ART

9:00  
**Verena Wagner**  
The Role of Bullshit in  
Politics: *Philosophical and  
Psychological Perspectives*

10:00  
**Hadas E. Kedar**  
The Art of Fake News –  
*How art challenges fake  
news with fake news*

Break

11:30  
**Jennifer Saul**  
Figleaves for Falsehood

12:30  
Final Discussion

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