

## Online Vitriol Conference Program

### Wednesday 28 June

- 18:00-20:00    Opening lecture: Sarah Kendzior (independent journalist)  
Moderator: Greta Olson  
**Coping with Social Media under a Post-Truth President**  
Alte Universitätsbibliothek, Bismarckstraße 37, Gießen
- 20:00            Dinner/drinks

### Thursday 29 June

- 9:00-9:30        Registration, coffee  
Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, Alter Steinbacher Weg 38, Gießen  
*Unless indicated all events take place at this address in the Multifunktionsraum (MFR)*
- 9:30-10:00       Welcome & introduction
- 10:00-10:40     **Keynote lecture:** Frans-Willem Korsten (Leiden University & Erasmus School of History,  
Communication and Culture)  
**Vitriol as an Attack on Culture: the Logic of Surplus Value and the Aestheticizing of the  
Political**
- 10:40-10:45     Quick break
- 10:45-11:25     **Keynote lecture:** Daniel Trottier (Erasmus University Rotterdam)  
**Visibility as Vitriol: Exploring User-led Shaming**
- 11:25-11:30     Quick break
- 11:30-12:30     Q&A and discussion with Frans-Willem Korsten and Daniel Trottier
- 12:30-14:00     Lunch  
Mensa, Otto-Behaghel-Straße 27, Gießen

14:00-16:00 **Session: History & Memory of/in Online Vitriol**, including contributions by:  
Chair: Wibke Schniedermann  
Gerlov van Engelenhoven (GCSC, JLU Gießen)  
**Telefilm *De Punt's* Online Discussion Forum: Participatory Space for Political Discussion, or Echo Chamber for the Polemical Few?**  
Elizabeth Tandy Shermer (Loyola University Chicago)  
**What's New About Online Vitriol? Pamphlets, Protests, and Letter Writing Campaigns and the Rise of the American Right**  
Sara Polak (Leiden University & GCSC, JLU Gießen)  
**Memory-making and the Birth of the 'Alt-Right' on Twitter**  
Tom Clucas (GCSC, JLU Gießen)  
**"Broadcast Yourself": The Public Hypersphere and the Limits of Free Speech**

16:00-16:15 Tea

16:15-18:15 **Panel discussion: Dealing with Online Vitriol in Theory and Practice**

Panelists:

- Penelope Kemekenidou (Stop BILD Sexism)
- Ramón Reichert (Universität Wien)
- Andreas Schwarzkopf (Frankfurter Rundschau)

Moderator: Greta Olson (JLU Gießen)

18:15 Walk to the hill top in the Schiffenberger Tal & informal dinner at Schiffenberg

Friday 30 June

9:00-11:00 **Session: Legal and Ethical Approaches**

Chair: Jutta Hergenhan

Penelope Kemekenidou (Stop BILD Sexism)

**"It's Nothing Personal": Misogyny as a Hate Crime**

Bernardo Caycedo (University of Amsterdam)

**Disrupting and Deceiving: A Phenomenological Approach to Online Political Violence**

Seda Gökçe Turan (Bahçeşehir University)

**Justification of Cyber-harassment in Terms of Digital Media Literacy**

11:00-11:15 Coffee

11:15-12:30 **Roundtable of Case Studies and Ideas**, with contributions from:

Burcu Alkan (GCSC, JLU Gießen), Sonja Schillings (GCSC, JLU Gießen), Rahel Schmitz (GCSC, JLU Gießen), Ann-Marie Riesner (GCSC, JLU Gießen), Marie Jude Bendiola (Philipps-Universität Marburg)

- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 **Session: Racism, Misogyny, Ableism Etc. Online**  
 Chair: Birte Christ  
 Stephanie Lotzow (JLU Gießen)  
**Offline Vitriol: Reactions to a Social Experiment on Feminism**  
 Monica Williams (independent journalist)  
**Fighting back against cyber harassment: A case study of rescue services to support female journalists**  
 Ewelina Pepiak (IPP, JLU Gießen)  
**#einearmlänge, taharrush, and “Nafris”: The Online Expressions of Whiteness after New Year’s Eve 2016 in Cologne**
- 16:00-17:00 **Brainstorm/walking session**
- 17:00-19:00 **Keynote lecture:** Sarah Kendzior (independent journalist)  
**Trump, Trolls, and the Truth: Digital Media in the Era of “Alternative Facts”**
- 19:00-22:00 **Conference dinner** Dach Café, Ludwigsplatz 11 Gießen

Saturday 1 July

- 9:30-10:00 **Introduction to the Book Plan:** *A Rough Guide to Online Vitriol*
- 10:00-11:00 **Breakout in chapter/section groups**  
 What would your chapter/section look like?  
 What’s the title? What would it argue (using what kinds of material/methods/theory)?  
 How are you going to go about writing it?
- 11:00-11:30 **Presentation & discussion of chapters/contributions**
- 11:30-12:30 **Writing chapter abstracts**
- 12:30-14:00 Closing lunch