

“Invectivity & Democracy”

A Powerful Tool to Destroy, Reform and Revitalize Political Order/Democracy

June 20–21, 2019

Transit House, Munk School, 315 Bloor Street West, Toronto



Thursday, June 20

9:30–10:00	Reception and breakfast	
10:00-10:15	Welcome from the DAAD: Nicola Vöhringer, Director DAAD Information Centre Toronto	
10:15–10:45	Introductory Remarks by the conveners	
	“Is it acceptable to laugh at Donald Trump’s mushroom?” Conceptual Thoughts on Invectivity, the Dresden Collaborative Research Centre: <i>Invectivity. Constellations and Dynamics of disparagement</i> and Aims of the Workshop	
10:45–12:45	Session I: Populist Style – from Imperial Germany to US-American Culture	
	Chair: Dagmar Ellerbrock	
	Katja Kanzler	‘Trumpism’: Mediated Populism and Reality TV Scripts of Anger
	Meghan Sutherland	Comments: Invectivity and the Spectacle
	Jennifer Jenkins	Invectivity and German Foreign Policy Before 1914
<i>*Lunch and afternoon sessions to be held in MGA Classroom, 315 Bloor main building*</i>		

1:00 –1:30	Lunch				
1:30–3:00	Session II: Invective Legal Challenges				
	Chair: Jennifer Jenkins				
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3:00–3:30	Coffee break				
3:30 – 5:00	Session III: Imperial Cultures of Invectivity				
	Chair: Andres Kasekamp				
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Friday, June 21

9:15–09:30 **Welcome from the Munk School**

Randall Hansen: Director Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies

9:30–11:00

Session IV: Invectivity Mobilization in Current Populist Movements

Chair: Sabine Müller-Mall

Dan Silver

The Populist Style in the City:
the Case of Ford Nation

Andres Kasekamp

Invectivity as a Means of
Political Mobilization: The
Case of the Estonian Populist
Radical Right.



11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-1:45

Session V: From hate speech to violence? –Invective Media Displays

Chair: Katja Kanzler

Dagmar Ellerbrock

Between Courtroom and
Newsroom: Invective Staging
in the Democratic Decline of
the Weimar Republic

Sadiya Ansari

Islamophobia in Quebec:
Hate Speech, Violence and
How it Relates to the Rest of
Canada

Vasuki Shanmuganathan

Cancel Culture, Race, and
Gendered Reckonings in
Digital Activism

1:45 –2:15

Lunch

2:15 – 3:30 **Session VI: Round table with Closing remarks and discussion**
Comments by Doris Bergen and Meghan Sutherland

6:00 **Dinner at the Wickson Social**
5 St. Joseph Street, Toronto ON
<https://thewicksonsocial.com/>

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