

# The Civil Sphere Theory Working Group

The First Meeting

## Preliminary Program



Trento, October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Kessler Auditorium, Sociology Building  
Università degli studi di Trento  
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**Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

9:00 Registration

9:30 Jeffrey Alexander, Giuseppe Sciortino – *Welcome to the Mini-Conference*

**Session 1: Past, Memories and Myths in Civil Repair**

10:00 **Lyn Spillman**, *Founding Moments and Civil Repair*

10:30 **Fiona Greenland**, *Satellite Semiotics and the Prosecution of Cultural Crimes at the International Criminal Court*

11:00 **Jose Pérez Agote**, *Cultural Trauma and Split Communities: The Problem of the Consolidation of the Civil Sphere in Spain*

11:30 Coffee Break

**Session 2: Violence and Cultural Failures in Unstable Civil Spheres**

12:00 **Ivana Spasic**, *The Retreat of the Civil Sphere in Serbia*

12:30 **Nelson Ortega Botello**, *The Mexican Civil Sphere: Between the Revolution and Political Assassinations*

13:00 Lunch

**Session 3: Making Bridges: Extending Civil Sphere Theory**

14:00 **John Hall**, *The Civil Sphere and the End of Modernity: Phenomenological Meditations*

14:30 **Liv Egholm**, *Interstitial Institutions. A Conceptual Development*

15:00 **Celso Villegas**, *Civil Sphere Theory and Social Class*

15:30 **Hizky Shoham**, *“Our Way of Life”: Civil Sphere, Mechanical Solidarity, and the Meaning of Meaningless Rituals*

16:00 Coffee Break

**Session 4: The Power of Images**

16:30 **Bernadette Nadya Jaworsky**, *‘What do we see when we look at people on the move’? A visual intervention into civil sphere and symbolic boundary theory*

17:00 **Jessie Dong**, *The Performative Power of Cinema: How Cinematic Realism Generates Social Meaning and Social Consciousness*

**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Session 5: Civil Performance and Social Interaction**

9:00 **Denis Tajic and Anna Lund**, *The call of ordinariness: Peer interaction and super-diversity within the civil sphere*

9:30 **Danny Kaplan**, *Performance of identity versus performance of relationships: Implications for civil sphere theory*

10:00 **Trygve Broch**, *Performative Feelings for Others: The story of Teary-Eyed Tiril*

10:30 **Zeynep Melis Kirgil**, *The Civil We – A Mixed-Methods Study of Public Addresses during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

11:00 Coffee Break

**Session 6: Communication and Media in the Civil Sphere**

11:30 **María Luengo**, *Theories of Post-Journalism: A Performative Insight*

12:00 **Stephen Ostertag**, *Civil Communication and the Civil Sphere*

12:30 **Gilles Verpraet**, *Configurations, Mediation et code switching in complex civil spheres*

**13:00 Lunch**

**Session 7: Pains of Incorporation and Pleasures of Exclusion.**

14:30 **Andrea Voyer, Zachary D. Kline, Madison Danton and Tatiana Volkova**, *Becoming Normal: Computational Approaches to Observing Incorporation in to the Civil Sphere*

15:00 **Elisabeth Becker Topkara**, *The Uncivil Sphere? Muslim-Jewish Triangulation in the Struggle for Inclusion in Germany*

16:00 **Jeffrey C. Alexander and Tracy Adams**, *The Return of Anti-Semitism? Waves of Societalization and What Conditions Them*

16:30 **Stefan Lund**, *School desegregation policy: increasing equality and social cohesion in multicultural schooling*

17:00 **Anna Durnova**, *Civil Sphere Theory in times of evidence-based democracies: insights from public framing of expertise*

17:30 **Jeffrey Alexander, Peter Kivisto, Giuseppe Sciortino** - *Where do we Go from Here?*

19:00 Social Dinner