



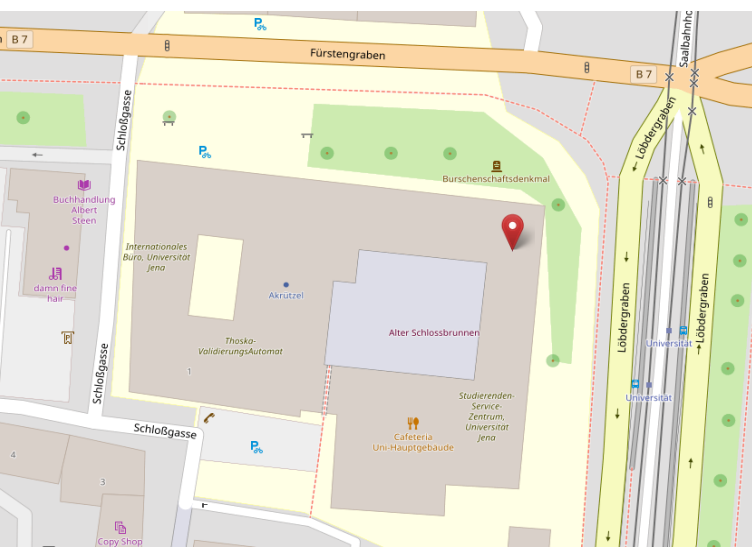
VENUE

On Site:
Friedrich-Schiller University Jena
Fürstengraben 1, 07743 Jena
Universitätshauptgebäude (UHG)
Senatssaal, 1. OG

Online-Livestream (Zoom):
Meeting-ID: 671 5908 5205
Link: <https://uni-jena-de.zoom.us/j/67159085205>
Kenncode: gaas2022

REGISTRATION

[www.atlantische-akademie.de/
registration-gaas22](http://www.atlantische-akademie.de/registration-gaas22)



CONTACT

Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Department of Political Science
Carl-Zeiß-Straße 3
07743 Jena

Phone: +49 3641 9-45429
E-Mail: tim.haas@uni-jena.de



**POLITICAL NORMS AND
NORMATIVE POLITICS?**
DEVELOPMENT, STAGNATION, EROSION
Annual GAAS PolSci Meeting

19.– 21.05.2022 | Senatssaal (UHG)

Publisher: Department of Political Science
Photos: Placeholder | Layout: Section Communications and Marketing

Funded by:



www.powi.uni-jena.de

POLITICAL NORMS AND NORMATIVE POLITICS?

DEVELOPMENT, STAGNATION, EROSION

DESCRIPTION

Political norms shape the political system with a mixture of constitutional, statutory, and informal regulations. These formal and informal expectations have shaped the political system of the United States over time, with significant changes since the days of the Founding Fathers, but also more recently. The decades of bipartisanship and Atlanticism, which have shaped the era since the end of World War II are mostly gone. Instead, we face an era of ever-growing polarization in politics and society that affect even the basics of the political system, e.g., the rules of voting and political participation. At the same time normative expectations are currently in flux, as movements like Black Lives Matter and the outcries about a supposed "cancel culture" indicate. These changes are noticeable in all subdivisions of American politics, policy, and polity.

As such, the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS) examines the changes and/or erosions of political norms as well as normative politics and reflects on the immediate and potential long-term consequences in the political system of the United States, and how these processes compare to other democracies. The conference builds to some extent on the 2020 meeting in Berlin and its focus on illiberal challenges to democracy.

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 19, 2022

02:00-
02:30 pm **INTRODUCTION**
Michael Dreyer, Tim Haas, Jörg Hebenstreit,
David Sirakov

SESSION 1 – Democracy and Legitimacy (Chair: Michael Dreyer)

Boris Vormann/Christan Lammert (Berlin):
„The Promise of Equality: Democracy and
Legitimacy of Power in the US“

02:30-
04:00 pm **Deanna Wright (Berlin):** Rejecting citizen-
centered folk democracy: A critical analysis
of political parties and their role in de-
mocratic function

Shiveshwar Kundu (Kalyani, India):
Emotional turn in political theory

04:00-
04:30 pm **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 2 – Changing Norms in Congress (Chair: David Sirakov)

Christoph Haas (Freiburg): Degenerating
Norms in Congressional Politics

04:30-
06:00 pm **Christoph Rosa (Berlin):** The Effects of Con-
stituents' Class on Partisan Co-sponsorship:
A Network Analysis of Democratic Factions
in Congress

Titas Ganguly (Berlin): The Show Must Go
On?: A normative guide to watch media-ted
Congressional proceedings

06:00 pm **CITY TOUR**

07:00 pm **DINNER – „CAFETERIA ZUR ROSEN“**
Johannisstraße 13, 07743 Jena

Friday, May 20, 2022

09:30-
10:30 am **BUSINESS MEETING**

SESSION 3 – The Presidency and Donald Trump (Chair: Jörg Hebenstreit)

10:30-
11:00 am **Maciej Turek (Krakow, Poland):** Unli-
mited Presidency? Trump Administration
and Congressional Oversight

11:00-
11:30 am **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 4 – The Least Dangerous Branch (Chair: Christian Lammert)

Sebastian Dregger (Eichstädt): Normati-
ve Expectation und Constitutional inter-
pretation – The Inherent Laws of Legal
Discourse and Their Conflicting Relation
with Political Affiliations

11:30-
12:30 am **Michael Dreyer (Jena):** Unleashing the
Scorpions? The Supreme Court, the Poli-
tical Thicket, and the Reform Agenda

12:30-
02:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

SESSION 5 – The norms of voting I: rules and federalism (Chair: Christoph Haas)

Patrick Horst (Bonn): Voting rights legis-
lation in Congress and the 50 states: Are
democratic norms eroding?

02:00-
03:30 pm **Kexin Chen (Berlin):** Partisanship and
Voting Behaviors in Local Offices

Jared Sonnicksen (Aachen): A Disjointed-
Decision Trap? Lessons from US frag-
mented federalism



PROGRAM

Friday, May 20, 2022

SESSION 6 – The norms of voting II: class and ethnicity (Chair: Tim Haas)

03:30-04:30 pm **Ella Teevan (Berlin):** Class-Struggle Electoral Campaigns & Working-Class Self-Activity

Gabriel Gomez (Berlin): New Tendencies of Latino Electoral Behavior: Insights from the 2020 Presidential Election

04:30-05:00 pm **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 7 – Normative Media? (Chair: Philipp Adorf)

05:00-05:45 pm **Mike Cowburn / Curd Knüpfer (Berlin):** The Emerging Fault Line of Alternative News: Intra-Party Division in Republican Representatives' Media Engagement

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

06:00-07:30 pm **Kathy Donohue (Central Michigan University):** Scholarship in an Age of Political Polarization: A Historian's Perspective

08:00 pm **DINNER – „GASTHAUS ZUM ROTEN HIRSCH“**
Holzmarkt 10, 07743 Jena

Saturday, May 21, 2022

SESSION 8 – International Relations (Chair: Martin Thunert)

09:30-10:30 am **Florian Böller (Kaiserslautern):** The End of Nation-building Abroad? Normative Change and the Reorientation of US and Transatlantic Security Policy

Akaki Gotsiridze (Tbilisi, Georgia – Online): The INSSG and Its Impact on Normative International Agenda

10:30-11:00 am **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 9 – International Relations (Chair: Jared Sonnicksen)

11:00 am-12:30 pm **Philipp Adorf (Bonn):** White status anxieties - How changing demographics elicit authoritarian preferences and a rejection of democratic norms among white conservatives

Ekhvaia Luka (Tbilisi, Georgia – ONLINE): The Erosion of the Political Norms in the US: Decay of Democracy, Psychological Bias or Something still Undeciphered?

Natalie Rauscher / Martin Thunert (Heidelberg): Changing Norms of Giving? Motivations and Perceptions of 21st Century 'Givers'

12:30 pm **LUNCH SNACK AND DEPARTURES**