

GGGS Annual Conference “Youth and Politics in Times of Crisis”

Justus Liebig University Giessen, 24-25 September 2026

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 24 September 2026

13:00 –	Arrival and Conference Registration	
14:00	Justus Liebig University Giessen, Alter Steinbacher Weg 44, 35394 Giessen	
14:00 –	Panel 1a: Learning Politics, Shaping Citizens	Panel 1b: Jugend zwischen Repräsentation und Konflikt
15:30	Chair: Tim Pires Alves	Chair: Niklas Ferch
	SOPHIE SMIT <i>The Picture-Perfect Politician: Gender Stereotypes amongst Youth on Political Leadership, Skills and (their own) Imagined Political Futures</i>	JANA WIDDIG <i>Parteien: Funktionswandel und die Nachwuchsproblematik</i>
	MICHELLE ROSMALEN/TOM VAN DER MEER/REMMERT DAAS/GEERT TEN DAM <i>Reshaping the Gendered Way we learn about Politics: An Experimental Study into the Effectiveness of a Gender Equal Approach to learning about Politics among Dutch Adolescents</i>	PASCAL DINTNER <i>Abbildung von jugendrelevanten Themen in Wahlprogrammen</i>
	MARIUS R. BUSEMEYER/NADJA WEHL/SUSANNE GARRITZMANN <i>Parents or Peers? How different socialization agents shape young adolescents' political attitudes</i>	JULIANE LANG/MARIE REUSCH <i>Handlungsfähigkeit und demokratische Resilienz. Eine dokumentarische Rekonstruktion von Orientierungen junger Erwachsener</i>
	SIMONE ABENDSCHÖN/ MARKUS TAUSENDPFUND <i>Political knowledge at the beginning of secondary education: a comparison of different socialization contexts</i>	JULIA TERESA HÖHL <i>„Frühsexualisierung“ und das „Unschuldige Kind“: Drag Panics als „Spielplatz“ antifeministischer Akteur*innen</i>
15:30 –	Coffee and pastry break	
16:00		
16:00 –	Panel 2a: Youth Voice and Advocacy	Panel 2b: Kinderperspektiven auf Politik und Gesellschaft
17:30	Chair: Simone Abendschön	Chair: Patricia Kamper
	SEBASTIAN MECH <i>Who Speaks for the Young? Addressing Age-Based Representation Gaps in Democratic Knowledge Production</i>	MICAL GEREZGIHER <i>Bewertungen sexueller Diversität im frühen Jugendalter</i>

CHRISTOPHER-DAVID PRECLIK
*Youth Enfranchisement and
Representation in an Aging Democracy*

MARKUS TAUSENDPFUND
*Was wissen Kinder
über den Bundestag?*

TINA CRAMER
*Mobilizing Scientific Knowledge in Youth
Advocacy? A Research Agenda*

ANJA SEIFERT/SASKIA WARBURG
*Zukunftsvorstellungen von
Grundschullernenden – Am Beispiel von
Zukunftsmärchen und Kinderfragen*

JOANNA STEPANIUK
*Patriotic and civic values represented by
youth organizations operating in Ukraine*

Keynote Lecture (followed by a Standing Reception)

18:00 PROF. DR. SUSANNE KUGER, [German Youth Institute](#)
*Orientation in stormy weather? Political Values, Interests and Participation From
Adolescence to Young Adulthood*

Friday, 25 September 2026

09:00 –
10:30

**Panel 3a: Finding One's
Place in Society**

Chair: [Tim Pires Alves](#)

**Panel 3b: Politische Bildung –
Orientierung in Krisenzeiten?!**

Chair: [Mical Gereziher](#)

BRIGID DELAMARE
*Political Participation and Engagement
of Young Adults in Ireland:
An exploratory study*

PAUL BOCK
*Bildungsprozess in der sozial-
ökologischen Transformation –
Konflikte und Widersprüche im
Brennglas von Schule und Unterricht*

DAVID MELLQVIST
*Trust, political participation and
platform affordances: How civically
engaged youth in three transgender
community CSOs view their political
participation in relation to trust and
platform affordances*

MARIE SCHMIDT
*Politische Bildungsdiskurse und -praxen
der Nachhaltigkeit. Binationaler Dialog:
Kolumbien-Deutschland*

NIUSCHA HANSEL/JULIA WEISS
*Crisis-Induced Learned Helplessness:
A Socio-Psychological Perspective on
Youth Political Disengagement and
Polarization*

SMILLA KLAPROTH/EDITH BRAUN
*Demokratiebildung vom
Lehramtsstudium ins Klassenzimmer:
Fallbasierte Lernformate zur
Vorbereitung angehender Lehrer:innen
auf die Förderung demokratischer
Kompetenzen von Schüler:innen*

ZEKIYE GÜRÜN-ÜCEM
*Imagining and Experiencing the
“German Dream”: Youth Migration
Imagines and Political Perceptions
between Türkiye and Germany*

10:30 –
11:00

Coffee and pastry break

11:00 –
12:30

Panel 4: Student Contributions (in preparation)

Chair: [Sebastian Mech](#)

Organizational Information

Attendance confirmation

We will soon invite you to officially register for the conference via our website. To this end, we will be in touch with all contributors shortly. Participation is free of charge.

Venue & directions

The conference will take place in person at Justus Liebig University Giessen, Philosophikum I, Seminar Building II, Alter Steinbacher Weg 44, 35394 Giessen, Germany. For additional information and directions, please consult the [JLU maps](#).

By bus from Giessen railway station

Take bus line 10 directly from the station (direction Philosophikum, journey time approximately 20 minutes) and get off at the Philosophikum stop. From Berliner Platz, take bus line 801 (direction Pistorstraße, journey time approximately 6 minutes), or from Marktplatz/Berliner Platz, take bus line 802 (direction Philosophikum, journey time approximately 10 minutes). Get off at the Philosophikum stop.

By car

From the A485, take the exit Schiffenberger Tal/Universität. Follow Schiffenberger Weg towards the city centre. At the third set of traffic lights, turn right into Rathenaustraße. Continue along the road and take the second exit at the roundabout onto Alter Steinbacher Weg. Then take the next left entrance; this road leads to parking spaces directly opposite the Seminar Building. If these parking spaces are full, additional parking is available in front of the main buildings of Philosophikum I.

Accommodation

[Hotel am Ludwigsplatz](#)

Ludwigsplatz 8, 35290 Gießen (approximately a 20-minute walk to the venue)

Take advantage of a special conference rate of **€93.00 per night**, including breakfast. A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants until 24 August 2026. When making your reservation, please quote the booking code “GGs-Jahrestagung 2026” / “GGs Annual Conference 2026”. Reservations are subject to availability.

[Best Western Plus Hotel Steinsgarten](#)

Hein-Heckroth-Straße 20, 35390 Gießen (approximately a 20-minute walk to the venue)

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Contact

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