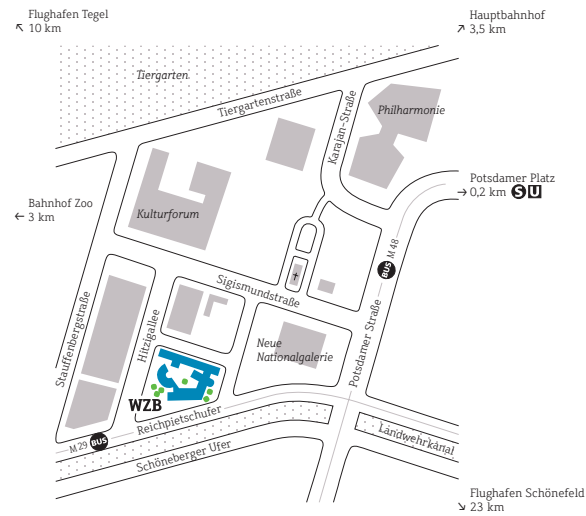

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Many academic disciplines, especially in the United States, have undergone an enormous professionalization and internal differentiation. Scholarly communication became increasingly self-referential, highly disconnected from the broader public sphere. Large segments of academics lost their previously strong ties to non-academic groups (disembedding). This process, however, has not simply been linear and uniform across disciplines and regions – nor is this trend irreversible. This conference and the larger initiative on Academia & the Public Sphere seek to establish a more nuanced picture of the historical transformations of the public role of the social sciences and humanities, looking at the manifold interdisciplinary and transatlantic variations.

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September 16-17, 2011

Friday, September 16, 2011

8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Registration

9.15 - 9.25 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Marc Helbling, WZB and
Andreas Koller, New York University

9.25 - 9.35 a.m.

Welcome Address

Jutta Allmendinger, WZB President

9.35 - 9.45 a.m.

Introduction

Craig Calhoun, President, Social
Science Research Council, NYU

9.45 - 11.45 a.m.

Sociology & the Public Sphere

The Return of the Repressed:
Recovering the Public Face of U.S.
Sociology
Michael Burawoy, UC Berkeley

The Public Mission of Sociology
Wolfgang Streeck, Director, Max
Planck Institute for the Study of
Societies, Cologne

Discussant:
Klaus Eder, Humboldt University of
Berlin

11.45 a.m. - 1.15 p.m. Lunch Break

1.15 - 3.15 p.m.

Economics & the Public Sphere

Crises and Levels of Abstraction:
The Cyclicity of Economics and
its Relationship to the Public
Sphere
Erik S. Reinert, The Other Canon,
Norway & Tallinn University of Technology

New Forms of Communication
and the Public Mission of
Academic Economics
Mark Thoma, University of Oregon/
The Economist's View blog

Discussant: Asaf Savas Akat, Istanbul
Bilgi University

3.15 - 3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

3.30 - 5.30 p.m.

History & the Public Sphere

Historians in Public
Thomas Bender, New York University

Public Uses of History:
Expectations and Ambiguities
Jacques Revel, École des hautes
études en sciences sociales (EHESS)

Discussant: Craig Calhoun, President,
Social Science Research Council, NYU

5.30 - 6.15 p.m.

Interdisciplinary Reflections I

People, Institutions and Public
Life: An Unfinished Agenda for
Social Sciences and Humanities
Knowledge Production
Helga Nowotny, President of the
European Research Council

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8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Registration

9.15 - 10.30 a.m.

Political Science & the Public Sphere

Political Science and the Public
Sphere in the 21st Century
Rogers Smith, University of
Pennsylvania

Discussants: Dagmar Simon,
Silke Gülker (both WZB)

10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Coffee Break

10.45 - 12.45 p.m.

International Affairs & the Public Sphere

International Affairs and the
Public Sphere
Stephen Walt, Harvard University/
Foreign Policy blog

'Too Much Information':
International Affairs, Political
Science and the Public Sphere
Lisa Anderson, President of
American University, Cairo

Discussant: Michael Zürn, WZB

12.45 - 2.15 p.m. Lunch Break

2.15 - 3.45 p.m.

Interdisciplinary Reflections II The Public Mission of the Social Sciences and Humanities

Redefining the Public University:
Developing an Analytical
Framework
Michael Burawoy, UC Berkeley

Conference Synthesis
Craig Calhoun, President SSRC, NYU

3.45 - 4.15 p.m.

Outlook: Towards an Agenda for Research and Public Renewal

Concluding Discussion
all conference speakers

4.15 - 5.15 p.m. Reception
