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Neuankommende IWM Visiting Fellows im Mai 2025

Das Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM) heißt im Mai drei neue Visiting Fellows willkommen: Peter Giraudo, Philip Schlesinger und James C. O'Brien. Folgende Projekte werden sie am IWM verfolgen.



Peter Giraudo

Goethe Universität Frankfurt
Mai – Juni 2025

Political Trade Unionism: Industrial Cooperation and the Construction of the Class Struggle in Fin-de-siècle Europe

This book project discloses a tradition of thought in fin-de-siècle France and Germany that understood socialist trade unions as 'laboratories' of a new cooperative culture in capitalist society. The leading figures in this tradition were the socialists Georges Sorel, Eduard Bernstein, and Jean Jaurès, along with the left-liberal thinkers Max Weber and Émile Durkheim. By

reconstructing these theorists' intellectual and political context, this project shows that they as a group constitute a coherent tradition, which I call "political trade unionism."



Philip Schlesinger

University of Glasgow
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Digital Regulation and the Defense of Democracy

In an increasingly fragmented post-public sphere, communicative space is continually being reconstituted in response to developments in digital technologies. The increasing incapacity of political communication both to address and engender trust in general publics is a problem for the future of democratic states. One response to the polarization of political discourse in democracies is intensified official

interest in regulation of digital platforms —now a prominent media and communications policy focus. Given intense global geopolitical competition, such regulation is increasingly being shaped by wide-ranging doctrines of national security. As with earlier forms of rulemaking for media and communications, but under highly complex conditions, efforts to tame the digital are seeking to achieve cultural, political, social, and economic ordering. This project reflects on the regulatory turn and considers its efficacy for the defense of democracy.



James C. O'Brien

Diplomat und ehemaliger US-Staatssekretär für europäische und eurasische Angelegenheiten

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Transatlantic Relations Over the Next Decade

James C. O'Brien served as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs until January 2025. After starting at the State Department ten days before the Berlin Wall fell, he has spent approximately half his career in the U.S. Government, serving at various times as adviser to the Secretary of State, Principal Deputy of Policy Planning, Ambassador for sanctions policy, and presidential envoy for the western Balkans and for hostage affairs. In the private sector he helped found two firms that have advised or invested in more than 100 countries. During his fellowship at the IWM he will be exploring options for transatlantic relations over the next decade.

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