

■ Sparked off by urban conflicts at youth centres and squatted houses, youth revolts unfolded in April / May 1980 in Amsterdam and Zurich, soon spreading to West Berlin and other West-German cities. Simultaneously, cities such as Copenhagen and Vienna also witnessed a rise in confrontations between young people and the police, while in Great Britain so-called “race riots” broke out in more than thirty cities in the early summer of 1981. Did other European countries also witness an upturn of youth protests in the early 1980s? Was there such a thing as an international protest attitude among young people in the early 1980s?

These questions will be central at this conference, which aims at gaining a European perspective on the 1980/81 youth revolt, as well as more in-depth insights into its specific aspects. Can the youth protests be explained as the side effect of a European-wide development towards longer and more extensive education schemes or was the economic downturn and youth unemployment a primary cause for the protests?

The goal of the conference will be to achieve an overview of developments in Europe that moves beyond the descriptions of the most eye-catching confrontations. The revolts and (to some extent) new groups and scenes of the 1980s were connected to a new, radical form of subjectivity, which can be linked to more general social trends such as secularisation, individualisation and pluralisation of life styles.

■ The conference language is English and the conference itself is open to the public. If you want to participate, please register by May 5, 2014 with Rupert Marienfeld at: [marienfeld@zeitgeschichte-hamburg.de](mailto:marienfeld@zeitgeschichte-hamburg.de)

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THURSDAY, 15.5.2014

### 14.00–14.30 Opening Remarks

MARCEL VAN DER LINDEN (Amsterdam)  
STEFAN BERGER (Bochum)  
MICHAELA KUHNHENNE (Düsseldorf)

Introduction:

KNUD ANDRESEN (Hamburg)  
BART VAN DER STEEN (Leiden)

### 14.30–15.30 Keynote Address

SEBASTIAN HAUNSS (Bremen): Unrest or Social Movement?  
Some Conceptual Clarifications

### 16.00–18.00 Panel 1: Youth Unrest in Consensus Democracies

LINUS OWEN (Middlebury): Activism and Travel Networks

ROBERT FOLTIN (Vienna): March 1st 1981 in Vienna:  
A Strange Demonstration

ADRIENNE SÖRBOM / JAN JÄMTE (Stockholm):  
Autonomous Movement and Antifa in Denmark

Chair: BART VAN DER STEEN (Leiden)



FRIDAY, 16.5.2014

### 9.00–11.00 Panel 2: Youth Unrest in East and South Europe

OSKAR MULEJ (Budapest): Punk in Slovenia and Yugoslavia

NIKOLAUS PAPADOGIANNIS (Berlin): The Party is Over?  
Youth Protest in Greece “around 1980”

GRZEGORZ PIETROWSKI (Stockholm): The Jarocin Rock Festival  
in Poland (1980–1986)

Chair: LEX HEERMA VAN VOSS (Den Haag)

### 11.30–13.30 Panel 3: Youth in Postcolonial Societies

DIDIER CHABANET (Lyon): The French Republic “One and  
Indivisible” Challenge to the Suburbs: The Turning Point of  
the 1980s

ALMUTH EBKE (Mannheim): “Bloody Brixton”: Placing the Riots  
of 1980/81 in British Post-Imperial History

Chair: ANNA TIJSSELING (Leiden)

### 14.30–16.30 Panel 4: Spaces in Youth Movement

DAVID TEMPLIN (Hamburg): Youth Center Initiatives in  
the “Youth Revolt” of 1980/81

JAN-HENDRIK FRIEDRICH (Berlin): Revolt or Transgression?  
Squatted Houses and the Heroin Scene as Spaces of Transgressive  
Youth in the Early 1980s

ALINE MALDENER (Saarbrücken): To have and have not –  
The 1981 Youth Revolt in Germany and Great Britain as  
Point of Culmination in a Youth-centered 1960s and 1970s  
Consumer Culture

Chair: KNUD ANDRESEN (Hamburg)

### 17.00–19.00 Panel 5: Reactions in Politics and Media

JAKE SMITH (Chicago): From Apathy to Subversion: Envisioning  
European Youth Movements, 1980–87

JAN HANSEN (Berlin): Defining Political Dissidence: How did  
the “Establishment” react to Extra-Parliamentary Protest?

FREIA ANDERS (Mainz) / ALEXANDER SEDLMAIR (Bangor):  
Debates, Definitions, Developments: Comparative Perspectives  
on Squatting in the Early 1980s

Chair: KLAUS WEINHAUER (Bielefeld)



SATURDAY, 17.5.2014

### 9.00–10.30 Panel 6: Beyond Youth Revolts

DARIO FAZZI (Middelburg): A Global, Western Concern. The  
Transatlantic and Environmental Dimension of the European  
Youth Revolts of the Early Eighties

MONIKA BAÀR (Groningen): The European “Disability Revolts”  
of 1981: How were they Related to the Youth Movement?

Chair: PEPIJN BRANDON (Amsterdam)

### 11.00–12.30 Panel 7: Youth and Radical Politics

JOACHIM HÄBERLEN (Warwick): Between Autonomous  
Youth Centers and Free Sight on the Mediterranean Sea: The  
Politics of Subjectivity in the Youth Revolts of 1980/81

MATHEW WORLEY (Reading): Punk and Politics: The British  
Experience

Chair: JOOST AUGUSTEIJN (Amsterdam)

13.30

Final Discussion

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