

## Workshop on the Political Economy of Identity

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Venue: Rockwool Foundation Berlin, Gormannstraße 22, 10119 Berlin

8:30-9:00	Reception and opening remarks
9:00-10:30	<p>Session 1 (chair: Arianna Ornaghi)</p> <p>Catherine Mohr: Individualism, Identity, and Institutional Change: Evidence from First Names in Germany, 1700–1850.</p> <p>Discussant: Niko Wolf</p> <p>Ann-Sofie Beck Knudsen: From Interdependence to Independence: Evidence on Cultural Change During the Second Industrial Revolution.</p> <p>Discussant: Moritz Lubczyk</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session 2 (chair: Sulin Sardoschau)</p> <p>Lydia Assouad: Leadership and Nation Building.</p> <p>Discussant: Felix Kersting</p> <p>Arielle Bernhardt: The Economics of Caste Norms: Purity, Status, and Women's Work in India.</p> <p>Discussant: Raji Jayaraman</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch

13:30-14:30	Keynote (chair: Sulin Sardoschau) Vicky Fouka: Migration and the Making of the English Middle Class.
14:30-14:45	Coffee break
14:45-16:15	Session 3 (chair: Felix Kersting) Aiko Schmeißer: Endogenous Racial Identities in the Labor Market. Discussant: Jonas Jessen  Guilhem Cassan: The Social Image Cost of Motherhood. Evidence from the Movie Industry. Discussant: Arianna Ornaghi
16:15-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-17:30	Session 4 (chair: Aiko Schmeißer) Karmini Sharma: Attribution Bias by Gender. Discussant: Egon Tripodi
17:30-18:00	Concluding Remarks
18:30	Dinner (invitation only)

There are 25 minutes for each presentation (only clarifying questions), plus 5 minutes for the discussant and 15 minutes for general discussion.

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