Dear Colleagues,

The year 2016 marks an important anniversary for sociology as 50 years have passed since Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann published their work: “The Social Construction of Reality”.

This book influenced not only the sociology of knowledge but sociological theory formation in general. Furthermore, it had an impact on the discourse in other disciplines: Social constructivism has become the label of a widespread way of thinking in the very diverse settings within the social sciences, the humanities as well as in manifold trans-disciplinary studies.

Therefore, we are delighted to welcome you at the University of Vienna. Over the course of the next three days we are looking forward to interesting presentations and fruitful discussions.

Sincerely yours,

Michaela Pfadenhauer and Hubert Knoblauch
# Social Constructivism as Paradigm?

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Kleiner Festsaal

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Registration & Get-together

11:30 - 12:30
Welcome

Michaela Pfadenhauer
(University of Vienna, Austria)

Peter L. Berger
Author of
“The Social Construction of Reality”

Ulrike Felt
(Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria)

Jörg Flecker
(Head of Department of Sociology, University of Vienna, Austria)

Shalini Randeria
(Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

Reiner Keller
(Coordinator of the Research Network Sociology of Knowledge in the German Sociological Association)

12:30 - 13:15
Manfred Prisching
(University of Graz, Austria)
Why are Berger and Luckmann Austrians?

13:15 - 14:15
Lunch Break
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14:15 - 15:00

**Martin Endreß**
(University of Trier, Germany)
“The Social Construction of Reality” and its Theoretical Claims

15:00 - 16:30

**Panel: International Reception**

**Bernt Schnettler**
(University of Bayreuth, Germany)
Habent sua fata libelli or The Success of Inattentive Reading. Impacts of “The Social Construction of Reality” as Masterpiece in Transatlantic Academic Cooperation

**Silke Steets**
(Technical University Darmstadt, Germany)

**César A. Cisneros-Puebla**
(UAM Iztapalapa, México)
Spanish Reception of “The Social Construction of Reality”

from 16:30

**Coffee Break**

18:00

**Peter L. Berger**
Patočka Memorial Lecture at Wien Museum
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09:15 - 10:00  Thomas Eberle
(University of St. Gallen, Switzerland)
Variations of Constructivism – a Fresh Look

10:00 - 10:45  Harry Collins
(Cardiff University, UK)
Social Constructivism in the Sociology of Scientific Knowledge

10:45 - 11:15  Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:00  Trevor Pinch
(Cornell University, NY, USA)
Social Construction of Technology: Where it Came from and Where it Might be Going

12:00 - 12:45  Ulrike Felt
(University of Vienna, Austria)
Analyzing the Social and the Techno-scientific in the same Move: Austria’s Anti-Nuclear Movement as a Case Study

12:45 - 13:45  Lunch Break

13:45 - 14:30  Jochen Dreher
(University of Constance, Germany)
Oblivion of Power?
Social Constructivism and the (Counter-)Critique of Pierre Bourdieu

14:30 - 15:15  Gregor Bongaerts
(University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
Habitualization and Habitus – On the Relation between Social Constructivism and the Theory of Practice
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             (University of Münster, Germany)  
             Social Construction of Reality and Socialisation Research. Decoding the Primary Process of Internalization and Externalization in Time and Space |
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             (University of Cologne, Germany)  
             From Pragmatism to Interactive Constructivism |
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| 17:30 - 18:15 | **Kenneth J. Gergen**  
             (Swarthmore College, PA, USA)  
             Relational Being: A Poststructuralist Reconstruction of the Social |
| 18:15 - 19:00 | **John W. Meyer**  
             (Stanford University, CA, USA)  
             The Construction of the Knowledge Society |
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Reiner Keller
(University of Augsburg, Germany)
The Discursive Construction of Reality

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Break

10:15 - 11:00
Kleiner Festsaal
- Achim Brosziewski
  (PHTG, Thurgau University of Teacher Education, Switzerland)
  Knowledge as a Form of the Life Course – The Individualistic Constructivism of Social Systems Theory

Senatssaal
- Andreas Hepp
  (University of Bremen, Germany)
  The Mediated Construction of Reality

11:00 - 11:45
Jens Loenhoff
(University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
Objectification and Verbalization. Social Constructivism and the Problem of Language

Gabriela Christmann
(Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany)
New Developments: Socio-spatial Perspective

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Michaela Pfadenhauer
(University of Vienna, Austria)

Jo Reichertz
(University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
From Understanding to Impact: Communicative Power

12:30 - 13:15
Lunch Break

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Joachim Renn
(University of Münster, Germany)
The Social Evolution of Sociological Constructivism: How Sociology of Knowledge Emerges from and Refers to the World

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Hubert Knoblauch
(Technical University of Berlin, Germany)
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