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## Hans Kilian Workshop

### Discourses that kill

Discourses are systems of signs and symbols that, through their combination and use, shape our understanding and experience of the world. In structuralist discourse analysis, distinguishing between the layer of structure and the layer of meaning is essential for comprehending how discourses function and convey significance. The layer of structure refers to the underlying rules, conventions, and relationships that govern how elements of the discourse are organized. In contrast, the layer of meaning pertains to the content and significance that emerge from these structural arrangements.

While it is straightforward to identify the threat of a discourse that is manifestly harmful, it is more challenging to track those that are insidiously destructive on a latent level. This workshop aims to explore the unconscious roots of today's most deadly discourses. First, we will utilize psychoanalytic theory to understand the power of the manifestly harmful alt-right discourses in our modern democracies. Then, we will delve into the philosophy of Alain Badiou to distinguish three structures of discourse, enabling us to differentiate between the latent and manifest deadliness of political discourses. The goal of the workshop is to equip participants with tools to investigate social discourse in terms of its propensity for progressive change versus its inclination towards destruction and conservatism.

**Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

**Hybrid: UFO 0/04  
and ZOOM**

**2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. (CET)**

Free registration: via e-mail to  
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Please indicate whether you  
would like to attend in person  
or online.

