



Global Studies Lecture 2022: Affect and Emotion in Culturally Diverse Societies

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Human coexistence is profoundly a matter of affect and emotion. This is obvious for face-to-face encounters and in close-knit communities as well as for larger-forms of social organization, for example with regards to inequality and stratification, social change and stability, or conflict and conflict resolution. In this talk, Christian von Scheve will outline a conceptual perspective on affect and emotion that is inspired by cultural and sociological theorizing. He will then propose how affect and emotion can be used to achieve a better understanding of the conflicts and contestations that are prevalent in contemporary, culturally diverse societies. To illustrate the viability of this proposition, the talk will draw on two examples from ongoing research: the affective dynamics involved in the religious-secular divide in Western societies, and the emotions that mobilize European right-wing populism.



Christian von Scheve is Professor of Sociology and head of the Research Group "Sociology of Emotion" at Freie Universität Berlin, Executive Board member of the Collaborative Research Center "Affective Societies" and Associate Editor of the journal *Emotion Review*. He has written extensively on the sociology of culture, emotion, and stratification, exploring how culture and social structures shape the ways in which people feel, think, interact and thereby reproduce social orders for example through popular rituals (football), political discourse (populism) or religious practice (in relation to the religious-secular divide in Western societies).

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