

LOCATION

Gästehaus Benediktiner Stift Melk, Melk, AUSTRIA

ORGANISATION

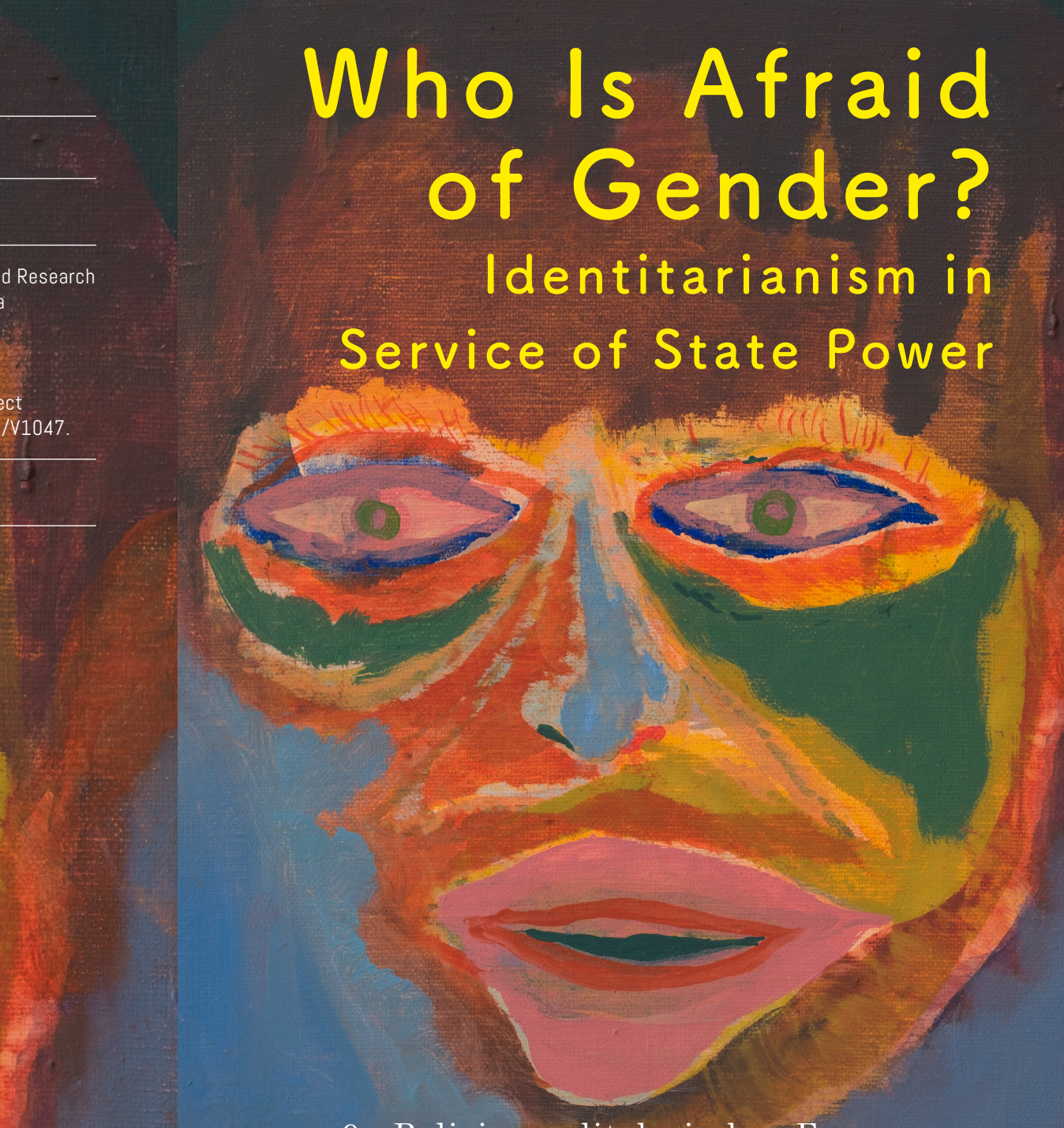
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Who Is Afraid of Gender? Identitarianism in Service of State Power



9. Religionspolitologisches Forum

December 4th–5th, 2025



DAY 1

SESSION 1: WOMEN IN SUBMISSION

DEC 4
15:00 – 16:30

Milja Radovic (Vienna)
Women and Asceticism: From Iconography to Film

Hafiz Muhammad Bilal (Vienna)
Educated but Excluded: Female Scholars and Politics of Authority in Pakistan (online)

Moderation and commentary: Katerina Koci

16:30 – 17:00

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2: GENDER AND IDENTITY

DEC 4
17:00 – 17:45

Gionathan Lo Mascolo (Berlin)
Playbook gegen Playbook“:
Die Instrumentalisierung von „Gender“ im
Kontext religiös legitimierter Autokratisierung
und die Suche nach Gegenmustern (online)

Moderation and commentary: Katerina Koci

17:45 – 19:00

DINNER

SESSION 3: BOOK PRESENTATION

DEC 4
19:00 -20:00

Round table and Book presentation
Constitutional Intolerance: The Fashion-
ing of the Other in Europe's Constitutional
Repertoires (CUP, 2025) by **Marietta van
der Tol** (Cambridge) followed by response by
Michaela Quast Neulinger

DAY 2

8:00 – 9:00

BREAKFAST

SESSION 4: GENDER, CHRISTIANITY AND THE FAR RIGHT

DEC 5
11:45 - 13:15

Sándor Fazakas (Debrecen)
Kollektivschuld, Scham und andere Projek-
tionen im Dienste der Gruppenidentitäten?

Sigrid Rettenbacher (PHDL/Portland)
Body of Christ – Bodies in the Church:
Observations on an Ambivalent Relationship

Moderation: Dietmar Regensburger (Innsbruck)

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 5: ANTI-GENDERISM

DEC 5
11:00 – 12:30

Katharina Limacher (Vienna)
Anti-Genderism and the Politics of
Nationhood

László Levente Balogh (Debrecen)
Antifeminismus/Antigenderismus und
Autoritarismus in Ungarn

Moderation: Sára Eszter Heidl (Vienna)

12:30 – 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 – 14:30

Concluding Discussion

15:00 – 16:00

Guided Tour of the Stift Melk