

Liberalism and the Masses: Revisiting José Ortega y Gasset's Political Thought

May 6-7, 2026

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt

**Address: Building „Normative Orders“, Room EG.01
Max-Horkheimer-Str. 2, 60323 Frankfurt am Main**

Day 1 (Wednesday May 6)

- 12:00-13:30 Arrival to Normative Orders; Lunch
- 13:30-14:00 Welcome and Introduction
 - Dr. Thomas Biebricher (Goethe-Universität) & Dr. Alec Dinnin (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- 14:00-15:30 Panel 1 // Liberty and Crisis
 - Dr. Esmeralda Balaguer (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
 - Dr. Brendon Westler (St. Olaf's College)
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:30 Panel 2 // Tensions
 - Dr. Katia Esteve Mallent (Universidad de Alicante)
 - Dr. Elena Laurenzi (Universitat de Barcelona)
- 17:30-18:00 Coffee break
- 18:00-19:45 Keynote 1
 - Dr. Alan Kahan (University of Versailles/St. Quentin)
- 20:00 Conference dinner at Normative Orders

Day 2 (Thursday May 7)

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee/breakfast at Normative Orders
- 9:00-10:30 Panel 3 // Ortega and Twentieth Century Liberalism
 - Dr. Bécquer Seguí (Johns Hopkins University)
 - Dr. Iain Stewart (University College London)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 Keynote 2
 - Dr. Javier Zamora Bonilla (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch at Sturm & Drang