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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture

Progress and Regression

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 (18:00-19:30h)**

**Venue: Senatssaal (T01 S04 B34), Universitätsstr.2, 45141 Essen**

Progress denotes social change towards a situation in which conditions are becoming not only different, but better – by abolishing slavery, for example, or declaring rape within a marriage a crime. Many would agree to that, and yet, the notion of a general social progress has lost its appeal. It even elicits skepticism. On the other hand, the inclination to evaluate the increase of authoritarian resentments and right-wing populist movements as a kind of regression grows.

In the 32<sup>nd</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture, Prof. Rahel Jaeggi, Professor of Practical Philosophy and Social Philosophy at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, defends the conceptual pair of progress and regression as a vital socio-philosophical tool for the diagnosis and the criticism of our times. It is not the final result that she considers progressive or regressive, but first and foremost the shape of the social transformation processes themselves. By asking about the dynamics of social change as well as blocked experiences that promote regressive tendencies, she develops a concept of progress that is materialistic and pluralistic, i.e. thoroughly emancipatory and contemporary.

### **Programme**

17:30-18:00 Registration

18:00-18:10 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks:

Prof. Dr Sigrid Quack

Professor of Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE)

Director, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)

**18:10–19:00 32<sup>nd</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture  
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*Discussant:* Prof. Dr Andreas Niederberger  
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*Moderator:* tba

19:00–19:30 Discussion with the Audience

19:30 End of the Lecture and Get-together