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## Neuankommende IWM Visiting Fellows im Juni 2024

Das Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen heißt diesen Monat drei neue Gastwissenschaftler:innen willkommen. Während H. David Baer dem Stellenwert des Dollfuß-Regimes als Vorbild für religiös-konservative Kräfte in den USA nachspürt, widmet sich Ola Hnatiuk einigen Schlüsselfiguren der internationalen und interkonfessionellen Hilfsaktion gegen den Holodomor. Im Juni ist zudem Viola Schiaffonati zu Gast am IWM, wo sie als Digital Humanism Fellow die philosophischen Grundlagen des Artifizialen erforscht.



**H. David Baer**

Texas Lutheran University

*June 2024*

### **The Dollfuss Regime as a Political Model for Religious Conservatives in the United States**

The project seeks to identify and trace the influence of the Dollfuss-Schuschnigg regime as a political model for American Christian conservatives, especially among Catholic integralists. The Dollfuss-Schuschnigg regime purported to be a corporate state informed by Roman

Catholic political principles. The ideal of corporatism, in turn, is both implicitly and explicitly invoked by a number of contemporary Catholic conservatives. In developing his theory of “common good constitutionalism,” for example, Harvard law professor Adrian Vermeule appeals to Johannes Messner, an important apologist for the Dollfuss regime. Gladden Pappin, an American conservative who currently works for Viktor Orbán as president of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, has argued that the US Senate should be restructured along corporatist lines. Other, less prominent conservative elites also evince signs of the influence of twentieth-century fascist philosophies. By identifying those influences more explicitly, this project hopes both to document and call attention to the underbelly of certain strains in contemporary American conservatism.



**Ola Hnatiuk**

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

*June – August 2024*

**Interfaith and International Committee to Help the Territories of the Soviet Union Suffering from Hunger (1933–1935)**

During her stay at the IWM, Ola Hnatiuk plans to collect and compile archival materials on the activities of the Interfaith and International Committee to Help the Territories of the Soviet Union Suffering from Hunger

(1933–1935). The committee, established by Theodor Cardinal Innitzer at the request of Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky, played an important role in spreading the word about the artificial famine in German and English-speaking countries. Hnatiuk's project will be focused on cooperation between the key figures of this committee: Cardinal Innitzer, archbishop of Vienna, David Feuchtwang, chief rabbi of Vienna (1933–1936), and Ewald Ammende, honorary secretary.



**Viola Schiaffonati**

Polytechnic University of Milan

*June 2024*

**The New Sciences of the Artificial**

Since the publication in 1969 of Herbert Simon's seminal book *The Sciences of the Artificial*, the question of the artificiality of our own world has been raised and analyzed with different approaches and from many angles. The current acceleration in the design, deployment, and use of autonomous and intelligent systems (notably AI and

intelligent robotics) calls for an urgent reconsideration of the realm of artificiality in light of the peculiarities of these artificial systems and their increasing diffusion in the fabric of society. Notwithstanding the evolution and diffusion of these systems, a comprehensive investigation on the nature of artificiality and the foundations of the new sciences of the artificial is missing. Rather than an incremental improvement of the sciences of the artificial, in line with Simon's view, this research aims at working on the creation of a new, interdisciplinary field of study that has a particular class of computational artifacts as its objects of investigation. This project has a philosophical nature: laying the foundations, and investigating the presuppositions, of a new realm of knowledge in a comprehensive way.

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