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INTRO

Büchner-Verlag was founded in 2008 and publishes academic literature as well as non-fiction books. We are a small, independent publishing company (situated close to Frankfurt and Kassel/Germany) which is organized in a cooperative structure. Our interest lies in innovative works from the literary, cultural and social sciences with a special focus on media and film related titles. Since 2017 our non-fiction program offers a platform for food-for-thought titles which critically discuss relevant themes of our times.

The name of the publisher is a tribute to the German writer and political activist Georg Büchner. In his short lifespan Büchner (1813–1837) wrote poetry and fiction (e.g. *Lenz*, *Woyzeck*, *Leonce und Lena*) – works which are still held in high esteem. Moreover, he was involved in the revolutionary struggle for a just and democratic society. In the spirit of Büchner we want to make books

which reflect and discuss the issues of a free and complex society, and seek to foster a life worth living. Books that question the unquestioned and expand the horizon of our thinking. Books that serve the purpose of a reflective and involved existence – in the framework of our everyday lives as well as a global context. Books that celebrate the odd, the edgy, the messy-queer, and everything else which normally falls out of the range of our perception.

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Left side: Büchner team, rbb-Kultur announcement of an interview with Katja Eichler (*Cohabitation instead of Herd Behavior*), author Björn Vedder (*Rich Mob*, *Fathers of Tomorrow*, *Bodies of Solidarity*) with host Tina Dürr at an event with German sociologist Michael Hartmann. This side: On tour with the VW oldtimer, Büchner office at Marburg/Germany.



Verena Brunschweiler

CHILD-FREE RATHER THAN CHILDLESS

Why »radical« is just about radical enough

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- › More than 5.000 copies sold
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IN SHORT

Living without children means rebelling against social expectations and is thus a feminist decision. Women who decide not to have children are courageous pioneers, whose position must gain popularity if our exploited planet is to remain habitable and worth living on.

Being a sociologist and philosopher, but above all as a feminist and ecological activist, Verena Brunschweiler enters the taboo zone of our social consensus: a happy woman without children. She takes a critical look at the pronatalist dogma that permeates politics, culture and everyday life and has inscribed itself in the deep layers of our thinking, feeling and desires. It shows who benefits from this consensus and that it will not ensure gender justice in our society.

Dr. Verena Brunschweiler (*1980) studied German, English and Philosophy/Ethics and received her doctorate degree in Medieval Studies in 2007. She is an active feminist and, until recently, worked full-time as a teacher. She is also confident about not being a mother. Check out her homepage for further information:

<http://verenabrunschweiler.net/>



Brunschweiler talking to editor-in-chief of *Frankfurter Rundschau* Bascha Mika, Frankfurt Bookfair 2019

EXTRACT *CHILD-FREE RATHER THAN CHILDLESS*

»It's not about devaluing motherhood. It is much rather a matter of demonstrating the antifeminist implications of this concept, clearly pointing out the exclusionary social values of those who are free of children and addressing the problems that arise against the background of the state of our environment. No one denies that someone who cares for a baby is engaged in a challenging, demanding activity – but does this person therefore have to devalue other people's activities – as it has happened above? How many new babies do we need when we already have so many? Actress Anna Kendrick says that parents could be grateful to the childless. After all, the latter would reduce the struggle for survival of their offspring for resources such as water. She is right. Acting colleague Marisa Tomei says that women are complete living beings even without children. What should be selfevident is obviously not. Women are classified as non-mothers by many as not full-fledged. A problem that does not or hardly affect men in our misogynous world. Especially actresses often stand out and have to justify why they live childfree. But they always reflect role models that reach and encourage a broad mass. Using the words of a feminist blogger: It is an imposition to constantly demand explanations from child-free women for their decisions. A new social norm is needed which, in turn, expects parents to explain why they believe they have the right to further endanger all our lives on this planet.

From the category of superfluous, but nevertheless satirical legalizations comes Ellen de Genere's statement that her partner and she would love to have children, but in the end there would be too much glass in her house. Once again, the bad press that you just get as a childless woman is probably a main driver for such statements. Our society propagates motherhood as something that good women choose for themselves. Thus, this role is also a certain privilege. The mention of child-free spaces alone can trigger a shit storm. The author A. Lynn experienced this on her own body and received 700 negative comments on such an occasion in a very short time. The researchers Melissa Graham and Stephanie Rich also confirm this finding in their text *Representations of Childless Women in the Australian Print Media of 2 November 2012*. Powerful discourses produced and disseminated by social, political, medical and religious institutions are actively supported by the media: Being a woman, re-production, motherhood – they simply belong together. What applies to the Australian media can also be found in the German media. This power must be broken.«

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Björn Vedder

BODIES OF SOLIDARITY

The Softening of the Hardbody in Liquid Modernity

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The philosopher **Björn Vedder** addresses the phenomena of the present and the pressing questions of our society. Vedder does not only work in the area of philosophy but also on contemporary art, literature and popular culture. He lives with his family in Bavaria. Check out www.bjoern-vedder.de for more information.



IN SHORT

Every society has the bodies it deserves. And every society must change its bodies if it wants to change itself. Björn Vedder's essay looks at the hard and clean-cut bodies of our Instagram present. All that is soft, fluid, open, and ambiguous has been exorcised from them; they appear separate from other bodies and excluded from the cycle of nature.

Vedder traces the centuries-long emergence of this body image and shows how it interacts with an opposing development – the liquefaction of society: individual securities and shared solidarities are dissolving, the individual is becoming isolated, social relationships economized. This society shapes the hardbody, and the hardbody governs the liquid society. This interaction holds a potential for change, because it is not only society that shapes bodies, but also bodies that shape society. But how would our body image have to change in order for solidarity to become possible again? Do softer bodies create stronger social relationships?

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Björn Vedder

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A philosophical essay

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It seems we don't know what a father should be like today. Developmental disorders and lack of socialization of children as well as the increasing discomfort of fathers and the overburdening of mothers prove this point. The absence of fathers affects everyone. We need an appropriate role description that shows how and what a father could be today. This concept has to go beyond traditional ideas of masculinity, patriarchal family models or the idea of genderless parenthood.

Björn Vedder's essay does exactly that: he develops a contemporary paternal role. He uses psychological, philosophical and social science studies as well as ideas from pop culture. He considers especially the fundamental experiences we make in our families and in life and works them into his concept. Vedder makes clear why having a child enriches life; why fathers who play by the rules are scaredy-cats; what the magic of a father can do and how mother and father get their child ready for its big journey together.

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Björn Vedder

RICH MOB

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The philosopher **Dr. Björn Vedder** addresses the phenomena of the present and the pressing questions of our society. Björn does not only work in the area of philosophy but also on contemporary art, literature and popular culture. His latest works are »Neue Freunde (New Friends)« (transcript, 2017) and »Rich Mob« (Büchner 2018). He and his family live in Bavaria. Check out www.bjoernvedder.de for more information.



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IN SHORT

The super-rich are under heavy fire: they forage the world and exploit cheap work, gamble away our future and destroy social cohesion. The »Fuck-you-policy of the upper class« (Michael Naumann) has provoked a »war of the classes« (Warren Buffett), which is so far mostly being waged in the media but will soon be fought in parliaments and on the streets.

With the trained eyes of a cultural philosopher, Björn Vedder shows that the criticism of the »rich mob«, as it is currently taking place in debates, films, books and television series, is half-hearted and hypocritical. It blames a small social group without questioning the underlying economic system and our own role in it. How dangerous this misguided criticism can be for the political culture and the middle class, which has come under pressure, has been demonstrated by the recent electoral successes of populists such as Donald Trump and the right-wing parties all over Europe.

Whilst the alleged social critics are getting comfortable with rich bashing, a highly dangerous political alliance emerges: the rich and the poor are joining forces to kill the middle of society.

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ABSTRACT

The superrich are under heavy siege from the general public. They are called out for plundering the world and enlarging their assets with the fruits of other people's work. For gambling away our future and destroying the social fabric which holds everyone else accountable, but them. The »Fuck-you-politics of the upper-class« (Michael Naumann) has provoked a »class warfare« (Warren Buffett), which, so far, has chosen the media as its prime arena. In the near future this battle might be brought to the parliaments and the streets as well.

Under the inquiring eye of cultural philosopher Björn Vedder the critique of the rich mob appears to be, at the same time, justified and worthy of critique itself, because she demonized a small social group without neither questioning the underlying economic system nor our role in the latter. How dangerous this misguided critique can be for our political culture and especially the middle classes which have come under

The critique of the superrich is pervading our culture and has become a political platitude. If there is something our world seems to agree upon, it is that: That the 0,1% are plundering our world, ruining the social fabric of our communities and gambling away our future. Though bashing some small group of demonized rich is fun – especially when you are comfortably seated in your armchair at home –, it is a dangerous undertaking. Cultural philosopher Björn Vedder explains why that is and how this misguided critique enables unexpected alliances: the coalitions between the poor and the rich mob which are currently on the rise.

Vedder shows that any critique of the superrich which neither talks about the underlying economic system nor everybody else's role in it, in the end, is an obstructive one. Taking analyses and cues from philosophers like Hegel and Nietzsche, Vedder explores what the critique of the superrich reveals about ourselves. He talks about what would need to happen in order to set our societies, which evermore seem to drift apart, as well as the rest of an exploited world on a more beneficial course. He acknowledges our anger but transforms it into something else: an understanding for what it is, we need to change. The sooner change happens, the better. Because otherwise the near future might see our armchair battle transferred to the arena of the streets. And even though that might sound promising to some, this will be a fight only the rich will be able to win.

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FINAL COMMENTS



Katja Johanna Eichler

COHABITATION INSTEAD OF HERD BEHAVIOUR

Why we should rethink group and identity – an intervention

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Katja Johanna Eichler, as a studied ethnologist, has been observing the discourse on identity or questions of so-called »interculturality« for a very long time and also comes into contact with it again and again in the context of her professional practice in the field of European educational programmes. Developing new perspectives was also the goal of her dissertation on the topic of migration and health, in which she proposes a competence-oriented view. Eichler studied ethnology, psychology and politics at the University of Heidelberg (Magister) with stations at the Universities of Lincoln/USA and Oslo. Doctorate at the University of Hamburg (educational science). In 1999 she received the German Study Award of the Körber Foundation. Eichler lives in Bremen and works there in the European Department of the Senate.



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IN SHORT

That collective identities are constructs has often been described. That they can have devastating effects is also all too well known. And yet, they are usually demarcated groups that accompany us throughout our lives – from daycare centers to jobs. We thus learn that it is good and important to belong, and practice the constant distinction between ›us‹ and ›them‹.

Katja Johanna Eichler's essay »Cohabitation instead of Herd Behaviour« is an invitation to take a critical look at a central element of social organization and to keep asking »Why?«: Why do groups have such a strong appeal? Why do we identify so readily with the notion of homogeneous collectives? From an ethnological perspective, it sets out to find out which competencies we would need to promote today in order to arrive at a new logic of living together in a heterogeneous world tomorrow.

BOOK MENTIONED IN

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»A bravura work that also shines because Eichler is not afraid to show, in a very practical way, how to work on one's own attitudes.«

Dierk Wolters, Frankfurter Neue Presse

Thilo Hagendorff

THE HIDDEN COSTS OF MEAT

On the political significance of animals

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Society is experiencing itself in crisis mode, triggered by a multitude of ecological, social and political aberrations. What is driving these and how can they be averted? In answering these questions, social scientist and ethicist Thilo Hagendorff turns his attention to a central and yet rarely considered aspect: the human relationship with animals. For it is precisely the industrial use and killing of animals that has hidden but far-reaching implications for all of the aforementioned undesirable developments.

Hagendorff shows the ideological as well as psychological mechanisms that lead not only to the acceptance and support of violence towards animals, but also towards humans. With recourse to numerous scientific findings, he makes it clear that averting current crises is inextricably linked to a transformed relationship with animals. A society characterized by peace and mutual respect is inconceivable without an end to the global animal industry.

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Dr. Thilo Hagendorff, born in 1987, is a social scientist and the author of numerous essays and books. As a sought-after speaker and ethicist, he repeatedly expresses his views on various contemporary issues. For over a decade, he has been concerned with the role of animals in society. He has seen countless animal factories from the inside, exposing animal welfare scandals. Currently, he is employed in the Cluster of Excellence »Machine Learning« at the University of Tübingen. His research there focuses on questions of AI ethics. In addition, as a successful competitive athlete, he is an integral part of the southern German cycling scene.





Axel Winzer

PERMANENT METAMORPHOSES

News findings in the publishing and edition history of the Brothers Grimm's Children's and Household Tales

328 pages • hardback, thread sewing, ribbon, richly illustrated, color throughout • 17 x 24 cm

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- › A standard work for literary history on the first half of the 19th century

Literary scholar **Dr. Axel Winzer** edited 2012 a critical text edition of the Kinder- und Hausmärchen for Haffmans Verlag and is the author of numerous essays. In 2020, he received the newly created Grimm Prize of the Walter Kahn Fairy Tale Foundation.



IN SHORT

Awarded the Grimm Prize of the Walter Kahn Fairy Tale Foundation, newly created in 2020.

The Kinder- und Hausmärchen (Children's and Household Tales) are one of the central works of European literature and for many still the entrée into the world of books. First published over 200 years ago, they have long been part of the history of German identity and remain one of the few permanent fixtures of our collective educational background. Despite a wealth of interpretations already available, there is still room for new discoveries. For half a century, Wilhelm Grimm collected stories and fine-tuned texts.

Axel Winzer analyzes this editorial work as comprehensively and in detail as has never been done before. He uncovers the blueprint of the Children's and Household Tales layer by layer and shows how Wilhelm Grimm searched for the perfect recipe for each fairy tale. To this end, numerous previously unknown letters and documents are presented - many of them in their first printing. At the same time, the book presents a wealth of new pictorial documents and offers the most comprehensive and reliable bibliographical information to date on this major work of German-language literature.

Thus, a standard work for literary history on the first half of the 19th century has been created, which is of special interest for Grimm philology. Winzer succeeds in »revealing completely new facts in the field of both publishing and edition history, (...) equally a pilot study and a fundamental work« (Lothar Bluhm).

Guillaume Robin

BERGHAIN, TECHNO AND THE BODY FACTORY

Ethnography of a Club's Core Audience

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IN SHORT

»Tomorrow is the question« announced a banner that hung on Berghain's imposing facade when the first Covid-19 lockdown ended its regular operation. The famous techno club in Berlin Friedrichshain temporarily turned into a museum because of the pandemic. What does this development mean for Berlin? What if clubs threatened by gentrification and health crisis became museums?

Berghain is a world reference in techno culture and cultivates its mystery. It shakes up the norms and breaks with the usual flow of time: thus, day becomes night and Monday – the day of closing – becomes a day of rest, while the dancers run out of breath on Sunday.

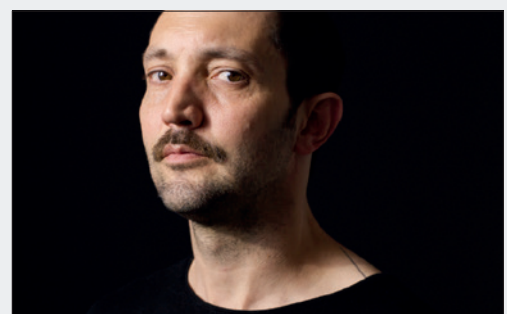
In an ethnography of the club's core audience, Guillaume Robin explores the techno scene as a place of liberation of bodies. To what extent does this ›other place‹ in a Foucaultian sense allow us to liberate ourselves from social norms and gender roles?

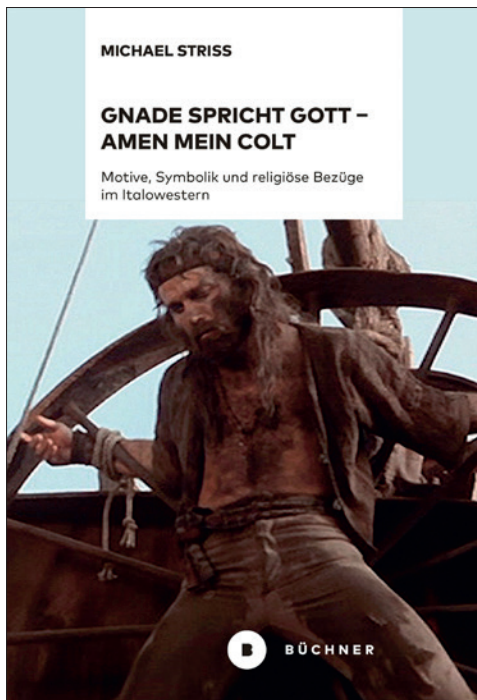
What lies behind the desire for ecstasy and excess? At the intersection of cultural history and body anthropology, the study delves into the bodily experience of Berghain – techno as a mode of resist-dance, but also as a site of self-discipline and surveillance.

BOOK MENTIONED IN

Siegessäule • Welt.de

Guillaume Robin, PhD, is an assistant professor at the Université de Paris. His research interests revolve around the history of sport and the body in 20th century Germany. His recent research is on studies of Berlin subcultures, with a particular focus on the Berlin techno crowd. He is with the academic journal *Allemagne d'Aujourd'hui* and the research lab 'Identité, Cultures et Territoires'.





Michael Striss

BY GRACE OF GOD AND THE POWER OF MY COLT

Motives, symbolism and religious references
in the Spaghetti Western

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and ribbon page marker • 15 × 22 cm

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Michael Striss was born 1962 in Berlin. He completed a theological college education and went on to study Protestant theology at university. He has lived and worked as a Protestant pastor in the Rhineland for many years. He loves the cinema of the 60s and 70s: the style-defining Italian genre cinema, but also the English hammer film as well as American and British cult series of the time. He is also the author of the book »Columbo – A man of many questions«.



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The film heroes are called »Hallelujah«, »Amen« and »Spirito Santo«. The usual cast includes pastors, priests, nuns and monks. The holy Bible is often quoted and characters will pray more than once. What's all this about? Are we talking about edifying entertainment for pious Christians? No, not at all! Author Michael Striss examines the cynical and violent genre of Spaghetti Western (Italian Western). Spaghetti Western is a broad subgenre of Western films in European genre cinema of the 1960s and 1970s. These films have become iconic and influence films even today.

Michael Striss approaches the phenomenon from the perspective of a lover of Italian genre film, but also from that of a theologian. Combining both perspectives helps him deliver a detailed analysis of the motifs of the genre as well as a comprehensive presentation of the many and varied religious references.

This book examines whores, saints, devils, avenging angels and messianic figures. The reader witnesses passion, crucifixion, resurrection, but also hell and the divine final judgment. The surprising conclusion: the Spaghetti Western cannot be without its roots in the Biblical Christian faith - no matter how buried or broken it is depicted.

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Michael Striss

COLUMBO – A MAN OF MANY QUESTIONS

Analysis and interpretation of a cult figure

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He might be the most famous figure in television history: The bizarre Inspector Columbo from Los Angeles. Not only the sophisticated crime stories but especially the shrewd protagonist have made the TV series incredibly successful. Columbo does not only ask many questions but his character also raises numerous.

The author, Michael Striss, investigates and interprets the inspector's quirky habits and introduces the reader to Columbo's world. We learn all about the pitfalls of his public appearances; the extended family, including Mrs. Columbo; the dog called »Dog« or the indispensable props like coat, cigar and car. Michael Striss analyses the behavioral patterns using psychological and communication science findings. He also reveals the rich cultural references used in Columbo. It becomes clear what Columbo has in common with the English detective novel, with Dostoevsky and Wim Wenders.

A detailed episode guide makes this book indispensable for any fan. After the death of the Columbo actor Peter Falk in 2011, this revised and expanded edition provides an exhaustive picture of the famous series character.

»Marvelous, not just for fans of Columbo«
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Michael Striss at Frankfurt Book Fair 2019



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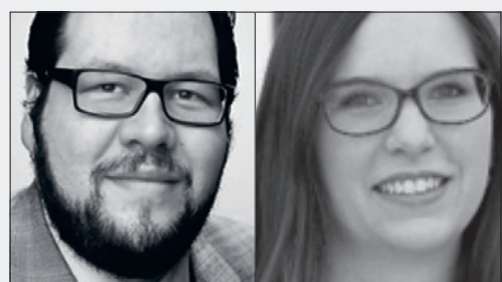
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