



HERA THE DEBT LECTURES

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DEBT SOCIETIES: PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN CRISIS

This lecture will attempt to capture and map the discursive and psychosocial parameters of the European debt crisis in the political texture of Southern European societies. Greece will be used as the prime example and will provide the material demonstrating the discursive strategies and the psychosocial effects of mainstream policies and discourses employed by international organisations and local political agents. At the same time, attention will be placed at the reactions the latter have triggered (including left-wing populism just as right-wing populism and nationalism) and the effects on the production of debt subjectivities centred around the uses of »normality« and normalisation.

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