

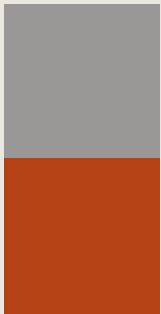
Authoritarianism, Ambivalence, Ambiguity

The Life and Work of Else Frenkel-Brunswik

Online-Symposium, July 1-2, 2021



Vienna



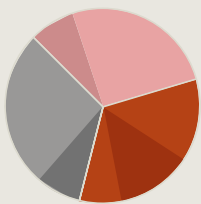
Else Frenkel-Brunswik (1908-1958) may be known to some as one of the co-authors of the famous study *The Authoritarian Personality* by Theodor W. Adorno and others. However, as was the case with other Austrian sociologists such as Marie Jahoda and Maria Hertz Levinson, Frenkel-Brunswik's role in empirical research remained seldom discussed in later reception. Along with their names, a specific influence was forgotten that had significantly shaped this research—a distinct combination of empirical sociology, (social) psychology and psychoanalysis that had emerged in Vienna in the period before World War II and was expelled during Austrofascism and Nazism. Here it had been treated with hostility by established university social scientists, who branded it as feminist, Marxist and Jewish, and bluntly labeled it as »odd« (»ungerade«).

On July 1st and 2nd, 2021, we are holding a symposium in Vienna dedicated to the life and works of Else Frenkel-Brunswik.

The symposium invites international experts to explore the work of Else Frenkel-Brunswik, in particular her research on authoritarianism, and the legacy of this research for the social sciences today.

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Thursday, July 1, 2021

3.00–3.30 p.m. CET
OPENING REMARKS

3.30–5.00 p.m. CET
**INTELLECTUAL INFLUENCES
BETWEEN VIENNA AND BERKELEY:
CONTINUITIES AND RUPTURES**

MODERATOR
Christian Dayé GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Maria Czwik UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA
The Bühler students.

The Vienna Institute for Psychology
as reflected in dissertation projects

Andreas Huber IHS, VIENNA

Professorial Sects and Student Riots.
Antifeminism and Antisemitism at the
University of Vienna in the Interwar period

Christoph Reinprecht UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Else Frenkel-Brunswik's fractured biography in exile

5.30–7.00 p.m. CET
**RESEARCH ON AUTHORITARIANISM
IN EXILE**

MODERATOR
Linda Erker UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Andreas Kranebitter UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ
Else Frenkel-Brunswik's methodological practice
in *the Authoritarian Personality*

Christian Fleck UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

Else Frenkel-Brunswik,
contemporary sociology and sociological peers

Mitchell G. Ash UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

The Authoritarian Personality study as a synthesis
of scientific cultures

Friday, July 2, 2021

2.00–2.45 p.m. CET
Stanley Feldman STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY, NY
Social conformity and authoritarianism

3.00–4.30 p.m. CET
**PERSISTENCE AND HERITAGE:
ELSE FRENKEL-BRUNSWIK
IN TODAY'S RESEARCH**

MODERATOR
Marietta Mayrhofer-Deak UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Emily Abbey RAMAPO COLLEGE, NEW JERSEY

Else Frenkel-Brunswik:

The centrality of ambivalence and ambiguity in human life

Angela Kindervater MEDICAL SCHOOL HAMBURG

The Impact of Else Frenkel-Brunswik's Research
on Gerda Lederer's Studies of Authoritarianism

Peter Schmidt UNIVERSITY OF GIESSEN

Lucyna Darowska UNIVERSITY OF OLDENBURG

Differentiated perspectives on the concept of
the Authoritarian Personality—discussion in the context
of a quantitative-qualitative paradigm

5.00–6.30 p.m. CET
THE AUTHORITARIAN PERSONALITY TODAY

MODERATOR
Barbara Rothmüller SFU VIENNA

Oliver Decker UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG / SFU BERLIN

Social psychological research in tradition of
Else Frenkel-Brunswik:

Authoritarian Dynamics and its consequences

Karin Stögner UNIVERSITY OF PASSAU

Rereading *The Authoritarian Personality* today:

A critical-feminist approach

Robyn Marasco HUNTER COLLEGE, NY

What is Political Psychology?

Else Frenkel-Brunswik and the Tasks of Social Science