Donald Trump’s campaign for presidency and his first 100 days in office have moved questions of race and gender to the center of public discourse.

Numerous violent incidents of racist and anti-Semitic nature have affected the lives of minority groups. At the same time, the administration’s turn toward polarizing rhetoric, harsh immigration policies, and anti-diversity sentiment have created growing feelings of insecurity among large portions of America’s population over the past months.

These developments pose new threats to universities and the media in the United States. Internationally, the administration’s declared isolationist tendencies may have long-lasting impact on America’s allies and on international politics. In Europe the new U.S. politics play a paradoxical role—echoing populist tendencies, on the one hand, yet at the same time serving as a warning sign from the other side of the ocean.

The aim of this conference is to facilitate an open exchange on the recent developments within the United States and on the international stage, taking a historical and comparative perspective. The papers will put emphasis on questions of race, social tensions and language.

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