

LECTURE

"BILDUNG", MODERNITY, AND POLITICS:

THE CONCEPT OF "BILDUNG" IN HEGEL

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The German word "Bildung" is well known, but hard to translate. If one looks at English translations of Hegel's works, one finds terms such as "education", "culture" or "cultural formation", which point to a wide range of possible meanings. But what exactly is Hegel's interest in "Bildung" and "its infinite value"? The aim of the lecture is to show: it is only through the challenge of "Bildung" that modern life is normatively linked to the idea of political participation.

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