

Steffen Mau: *Lütten Klein*

Leben in der ostdeutschen Transformationsgesellschaft
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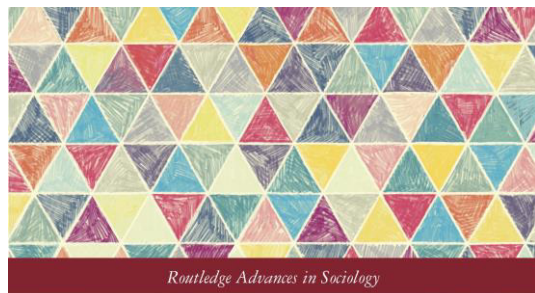
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Steffen Mau wächst in den siebziger Jahren im Rostocker Neubauviertel Lütten Klein auf. Als die Mauer fällt, ist er bei der NVA, nach der Wende studiert er, wird schließlich Professor. Währenddessen kämpft seine Heimat mit den Schattenseiten der Wiedervereinigung: Statt blühender Landschaften prägen verrostende Industrieruinen die Szenerie. Mit der neuen Freiheit und dem Massenkonsum kommen Erfahrungen sozialer Deklassierung.

30 Jahre nach 1989 zieht Mau mit dem ebenso scharfen wie empathischen Blick eines Lütten Kleiner Soziologen Bilanz. Er spricht mit Weggezogenen und Dagebliebenen, er schaut zurück auf das Leben in einem Staat, den es nicht mehr gibt. Wie veränderte sich die Sozialstruktur, wie die Mentalitäten? Was sind die Ursachen für Unzufriedenheit und politische Entfremdung in den neuen Ländern? Wie wurde aus der Stadt, in der er gemeinsam mit Kindern aller Schichten seine Jugend verbrachte, ein Ort sozialer Spaltung? Viele der Spannungen, so sein Fazit, die sich in Ostdeutschland beobachten lassen, haben ihren Ursprung in der DDR-Zeit. Doch wurden sie durch die Transformation nicht aufgehoben. Vielmehr verschärften sie sich zu gesellschaftlichen Frakturen, die unser Land bis heute prägen.



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

INSIGHTS FROM A THIRTEEN-COUNTRY SURVEY

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European Solidarity in Times of Crisis Insights from a Thirteen-Country Survey

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Description

The euro crisis, several sovereign debt crises, the Great Recession, the refugee crisis, and Brexit have all challenged Europeans' willingness to show solidarity with other European citizens and member states of the European Union. *European Solidarity in Times of Crisis* provides a clear theoretical framework to understand European solidarity for the first time. It offers a systematic empirical approach to determine the strength and causes of European solidarity. The authors distinguish between four domains of solidarity and test a set of theoretically derived criteria with a unique dataset to investigate European solidarity. Based on a survey conducted in thirteen EU member states in 2016, the empirical analysis leads to some unanticipated results. Europeans display a notably higher degree of solidarity than many politicians and social scientists have presumed so far. This especially applies to the support of

people in need (welfare solidarity) and the reduction of territorial disparities between rich and poor EU countries (territorial solidarity), but also to the domain of fiscal solidarity (financial support of indebted EU countries). This optimistic view is less true for the domain of refugee solidarity. While citizens of western and southern EU countries accept the accommodation of refugees and their allocation between European countries, the majority of people in eastern European countries do not share this point of view. The book will appeal to students and scholars in fields such as comparative sociology, political science, social policy and migration research, and European studies. It is also relevant to a non-academic audience interested in the development of the European project.

Reviews

I believe that the political elites – first and foremost the despondent social democratic parties – underestimate the disposition of their voters to engage themselves for projects reaching beyond narrow self-interest. The fact that this view isn't just a reflection of unfulfilled philosophical ideals can be seen in the most recent publication by the research group led by Jürgen Gerhards and Holger Lengfeld, who for years has pursued wide-ranging and intelligent comparative studies on solidarity in thirteen EU member states. They have not only found indicators for a shared European identity distinct from national identity, but also an unexpectedly high willingness to support European policies that would imply redistribution across national boundaries.

Jürgen Habermas, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main

Could and should the EU become more solidaristic? This is a key question for all Europeans. To move beyond superficial answers, we need to clearly spell out the meaning of "EU solidarity" and then tap citizens' orientations. This volume makes a fundamental step forward in this direction. It distinguishes between fiscal, territorial, welfare and refugee solidarity and finds a surprisingly high popular support for enhancing the "caring" mission of the EU. The authors offer not only an innovative and rich analytical framework but also invigorating signals for all those who have not lost faith in the European project.

Maurizio Ferrera, Professor of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Milano

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- Important overview

Cross-National Comparative Research is concerned with observing social phenomena across countries, and with developing explanations for their similarities and differences. This Special Issue focuses on the use of Cross-National Comparative Research to study the effects of national and sub-national contexts on behaviors and attitudes of individual actors. Moreover, it is of interest how behaviors and attitudes at the individual level lead to national and sub-national outcomes at the meso and macro levels. How do immigration policies affect migrants' well-being? Does the number of divorcees in a country influence individual divorce risks? Are human values universal, or do they vary from one country to another? Under which conditions is political protest triggered, and when does it lead to revolutionary changes within society? These and other questions are typical of cross-national comparative analyses that seek to ascertain how upper-level (macro, meso) contexts influence micro-level phenomena, and how outcomes at the individual level are once more reflected at the meso and macro levels. Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Andreß, Prof. Dr. Detlef Fetchenhauer and Prof. Dr. Heiner Meulemann teach sociology and social psychology at the University in Cologne, Germany.

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