

PETRA KELLY AT 75



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Histories, Legacies and Contemporary Meanings of Transnational Ecological Politics

Time	13–15 October 2022
Venue	LMU Munich; “Neues Maxim” Cinema; Café Luitpold
Conveners	Andreas Jünger and Stephen Milder, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society
Abstract	<p>Petra Kelly, social activist, co-founder of the West German Green Party, and recipient of the Right-Livelihood Foundation’s Alternative Nobel Prize, has been the subject of renascent popular interest. A recent novel has dramatized her life, she features prominently in histories and documentary films. She remains an important figure for ecological activists in many parts of the world. Interest in Kelly is well suited to a world beset by a rapidly escalating climate crisis, which reinforces the need to think—and to act politically—beyond borders. The interlinking of grassroots struggles, the celebration of bottom-up activism, and a growing reliance on indigenous knowledge all contain echoes of Kelly’s politics. Were she still alive, Kelly would turn seventy-five in November 2022. Taking the upcoming anniversary of her birth as a starting point, this conference will not only remember Petra Kelly and reassess her pathbreaking political career, but also consider why her life and legacy are gaining meaning in the present.</p>



Thursday, 13 October 2022

Venue: “Neues Maxim” Cinema (Landshuter Allee 33, Munich)

19:00 Keynote Discussion, “Petra Kelly at 75: Her Legacy and its Meaning Today”

Chair: Stephen Milder (Munich)

Sara Parkin, author of *The Life and Death of Petra Kelly*
Yannick Kiefl, Fridays for Future Munich

20:30 Screening of the Film Die Unbeugsamen

The film will be shown in German with English subtitles. This event is organized in cooperation with the Petra Kelly Foundation and the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

Friday, 14 October 2022

Venue: Senatssaal E110, LMU Munich (Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, Munich)

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Christof Mauch, director of the Rachel Carson Center
Andreas Jünger and Stephen Milder, Rachel Carson Center
Wiebke Winkler, director of the Archiv Grünes Gedächtnis

10.00 Panel I: Varieties of Transnationalism

Chair: Christof Mauch (Munich)

Commentator: Simone Müller (Munich)

Katharina Scharf (Graz), “Environmental Women: Petra Kelly and Her Fellow Activists”

Adam Stone (New Brunswick, NJ), “Asserting Women’s Power: Petra Kelly and Women’s Transnational Anti-Nuclear Weapons and Peace Activism in the 1980s”

Martin Klimke (Abu Dhabi), “The Nuremberg Tribunal against First Strike and Mass Destructive Weapons in East and West (February 18-20, 1983)”

12.00 Lunch



13.30

Panel II: Petra Kelly's Ideas and Legacy Abroad

Chair: Thomas Süssler-Rohringer (Munich)

Commentator: Karrin Hanshew (East Lansing, MI)

Bahar Topçu (Leuven), Sevgi Sirakova (Munich), and Baris Gencer (Istanbul), "Tracing Kelly's Legacy in Turkish Green Politics"

Elisabetta Vezzosi (Trieste), "Petra Kelly's Thinking and Italian Female Antinuclear Experience"

Andreas Jünger (Munich), "Imagining a Different Spain: Petra Kelly and Spanish Environmentalism in the 1980s"

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Roundtable: Petra Kelly, "68er"? A Reflection on Kelly's Place in Her Generation

Chair and Commentator: Belinda Davis (New Brunswick, NJ)

Abraham Peck (Portland, ME), "Germans and Jews after the Holocaust: An Unknown Chapter in the life of Petra Kelly"

Venue: The Salon at Café Luitpold (Brienner Str. 11, Munich)

19:00

"Beginne dort, wo Du bist."—Das Leben der Petra Kelly

Presentation, Reading, and Discussion

Chair: Annette Maennel (Heinrich Böll Foundation)

Simon Schwartz, author of the graphic novel *Petra Kelly*
Robert Camp, archivist

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Saturday, 15 October 2022

Venue: Senatssaal E110, LMU Munich (Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1)

9:00 Panel III: Shaping 1980s Green Politics

Chair: Andreas Jünger (Munich)

Commentator: Silke Mende (Münster)

Amanda Nichols (Santa Barbara, CA), “Petra Kelly: Green Politics and Dark Green Spirituality for a Resilient Future”

Friederike Brühöfener (Edinburg, TX), “Grüne Prominenz: The Media Coverage of Petra Kelly in the 1980s”

Adam Seipp (College Station, TX), “Doctrine and Dissent: Transnational Knowledge, Green Politics, and the US Army, 1975-85”

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Panel IV: Petra Kelly Today

Chair: Belinda Davis (New Brunswick, NJ)

Commentator: Darrel Moellendorf (Frankfurt)

Valentina Cavanna (Turin), “Petra Kelly’s Legacy as a Tool to Face Current Global Issues”

Olufemi Mirth Adenitan (Exeter), “Environmental Politics from an Ecofeminist Perspective: Examining Petra Kelly’s Ideology of Peace, Feminism, and Human Rights in Modern Political Dispensation”

Stephen Milder (Munich), “‘What Would Petra Kelly Say?’ Remembering the 1980s New Peace Movement amid the War in Ukraine”

13:30 Lunch

14:15 Concluding Discussion

15:00 End of Conference



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