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WHY WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT GERMAN “ORIENTIERUNGSKULTUR” RATHER THAN “LEITKULTUR”

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About the Lecture

The notion of “Leitkultur” has come up for a fair amount of critical discussion in Germany in recent years. And indeed the critics are to some extent right. But those who support or accept ideas of a “Leitkultur” also have a point. The notion of “Orientierungskultur” would preserve the valid concerns in this context and would be better suited for discussions about German identity in a globalizing world. This talk will explore the notion of “Orientierungskultur” and argue why having something like this is important and appropriate for Germany.

About the Speaker

Mathias Risse is Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. His primary research areas are contemporary political philosophy (in particular questions of international justice, distributive justice, and property) and decision theory (in particular, rationality and fairness in group decision making, an area sometimes called analytical social philosophy.) He is author of *On Global Justice* (Princeton, 2012) and *Global Political Philosophy* (Palgrave 2012).

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