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2:00-3:30pm Keynote Adresse:
Professor Olivia Landry (Lehigh University)
Theater's Twitch of Anger.

3:30-5:30pm Poster Session
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Louis Collins, Rachel Dodson, Sloane Kozyak, Maggie Koontz,
Georgina Laube, JP Leskovich, Eleanna Melcher, Maria Ressler,
Andrew Schlegel, David Skrovanek, Brynne Zubey.

About *Theater's Twitch of Anger* and Olivia Landry:

Theater's "Twitch" of Anger

Young people today are angry. This seems to be the message of Sebastian Nübling's production of Sasha Marianna Salzmann's play *Zucken*, which premiered in 2017 at the Maxim Gorki Theater in Berlin. But is this such a bad thing? *Zucken* explores contemporary discourses about the ostensibly destructive nature of anger and the violence – or even terrorism – that is routinely thought to be its consequence. Instead of giving into these popular claims, the play explicitly invites contemplation about anger as an important, radical theatrical form and a potential site of social protest.

Olivia Landry is Assistant Professor of German at Lehigh University. She works on contemporary cinema and theater. Her first book, *Movement and Performance in Berlin School Cinema*, will appear in March 2019 with Indiana University Press. The topic of this lecture is part of a new book project on anger in contemporary transnational theater, titled *Theater of Anger*.

