

Preface

This book is the outcome of the working group “Affect, Emotion, and Politics” in the Collaborative Research Center “Affective Societies” at Freie Universität Berlin. In this group, academics from different disciplines of the humanities and the social sciences – anthropology, film studies, literary studies, philosophy, political science, sociology and theatre studies – have worked together to bring their research on emotions, affect and politics into dialogue. In our work, we refer to insights from sometimes very different affect and emotion research undertaken in the social sciences and humanities. We were eager to find out what an affective societies perspective on the political can look like and we aspired for this interdisciplinary dialogue to amount to more than the sum of its parts. The result of this endeavour is this collaborative essay.

