

20. February 2024

Education and culture

## Lecture on "Love"

**Thursday, 29 February, 7.30 pm at the "Alte Molkerei" cultural venue // From the "Campus hautnah" series // Sociologist gives a talk**

"It is what it is, says love" - this is a well-known verse by the Austrian poet Erich Fried. And what is "love"? This strong feeling of joy that can also cause so much pain at the same time? "Love" is the focus of a lecture by a sociologist, who will be speaking at the "Alte Molkerei" cultural venue on Thursday, 29 February. The event starts at 7.30 pm.

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Dorett Funcke, Professor at the Institute of Sociology at the FernUniversität Hagen and Director of the BürgerUniversität Coesfeld, will shed light on the facets of love from a microsociological perspective. According to Funcke, love is the most complex, demanding and demanding form of communication that people have with other people. In everyday life, it is perceived and romanticised as an emotional phenomenon. The lecture will explain what this means in detail for people who engage in communication and relationships with different people in different situations.

Does it make sense to take a scientific approach to love? What is an eternal subordination and is it still valid today? These and other questions will be addressed and can be discussed afterwards.

Participants should feel invited to explore categories of relationship types and get to the bottom of the disillusionment of love, even if this evening will probably not help with heartache or neighbourhood conflicts...

## Tickets

Tickets are available in advance for 9 euros from the BBV (Europaplatz 24-28), the VHS Bocholt office (Stenernerweg 14a), the VHS branches in Rhede and Isselburg and online at [www.vhs-bocholt.de](http://www.vhs-bocholt.de). Admission costs 10 euros at the box office.

## About the person

Dorett Funcke has been Head of the Ernstings family Endowed Chair of Microsociology since April 2020. From 2013 to 2020, she held the Ernsting's family Junior Endowed Chair of Family Lifestyles, Networks and Communities. Since 2013, she has headed the BürgerUniversität Coesfeld. From 2014 to 2020, she was responsible for the doctoral programme "Change in the Family. Discontinuity, Tradition and Structure Formation" at the FernUniversität. Previously, she was a deputy professor at the University of Bochum and the Technical University in Dresden.

Her work focuses on educational processes and socialisation, couple and family sociology, reconstructive methods of social and cultural research and child protection.

## Organiser

The event is part of the "Campus hautnah" series, organised jointly by the Bocholt-Rhede-Isselburg Adult Education Centre, Stadtparkasse Bocholt, the BBV Media Group and the "Alte Molkerei" cultural venue.





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