
The University Alliance Ruhr in cooperation with the German Center for Research and Innovation cordially invite you to a panel discussion on

Negotiating Security in Europe and the United States

Monday, October 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

with

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Seating is limited.**

Security concerns have become major topics of debate in political and academic discussions about international relations, migration, environmental and health hazards, organized crime, arms and drug trafficking. Questions regarding the protection of civil rights and individual liberties do not lag far behind. Different countries and political parties have their own ways of defining security, as well as the means to achieve it, but these meanings are constantly shifting as new threats to security are identified. The question of how to achieve security while balancing individual rights with the needs of the state has become very important. How do European countries and the United States create security systems that are acceptable to citizens on both sides of the Atlantic? What role, if any, do race, gender and class play in security design? How can universal security be achieved between nations? How much security is enough? How are fear and danger taken into consideration when developing security measures?

Speaker Biographies:



Emily B. Campbell is a doctoral candidate in CUNY's Sociology Doctoral Program. Her dissertation, "Life on the Line: Power and Human Costs in the Sociopolitical Economy of Heroin in the US and Mexico" examines the varying sociopolitical landscapes and lived experiences of people along illicit trade routes. She specializes in political sociology, the sociology of human rights and race/ethnicity. Campbell currently serves as a quantitative reasoning fellow at Lehman College in the Bronx.



Prof. Dr. Constantin Goschler is Professor for Contemporary History and Dean of the Faculty of History at Ruhr University Bochum, Germany. He earned his first Ph.D. at Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich in 1992 and a second Ph.D. in 2002 at Humboldt-University of Berlin. Before becoming professor in Bochum in 2006, Goschler was as a visiting scholar at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University and taught at the Charles-University Prague and the University of Jena. His main fields of research are the politics of restitution and transitional justice, biopolitics and social inequality, and intelligence services and security. Goschler has authored 18 books and published numerous articles.



Tanesha A. Thomas is in her fourth year in CUNY's Sociology Doctoral Program. She is adjunct professor at Lehman College in New York where she teaches two undergraduate courses about sociological research and writing. Thomas is currently preparing her dissertation research project, which examines environmental justice and legal mobilization around the world. Her research concerns the institutional and structural determinants of environmental health disparities among different populations.



Prof. Dr. Michael Wala is Professor for North American History at Ruhr University Bochum, Germany. After earning his Ph.D. at the University of Hamburg, he taught at universities in the UK, in the US and in Germany before coming to Bochum in 2004. He is the recipient of an American Council of Learned Societies Award and was invited to spend a year as visiting scholar at Stanford University. Wala has published extensively on American and Canadian history, transatlantic relations, social history, as well as intellectual, religious, and urban history. His current research focuses on the history of intelligence and security politics, and he has recently published a book on the history of the German MI 5.

Moderator Biography:



Prof. Dr. Benjamin Hett earned his J.D. from the University of Toronto (1990). After four years of legal practice he returned to the University of Toronto for an M.A. in History (1995) and then to Harvard for a Ph.D. (2001). For two years he taught in the history and literature program at Harvard University as well as advising graduate students and teaching writing at the Harvard Law School. In 2003 he joined the faculty of Hunter College and in 2006 that of the Graduate Center, CUNY. Hett is the author of three books: *Death in the Tiergarten*, 2004; *Crossing Hitler*, 2008, winner of the 2007 Fraenkel Prize; and *Burning the Reichstag*, 2014, co-winner of the 2015 Hans Rosenberg Book Prize. Hett has also been the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies.

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