

Young Scholars 1: Post World War II

Chair: Volker Depkat (Regensburg)

Maximilian Klose (Berlin)

CARE, the American Federation of Labor, and the Building of a Transatlantic Union Movement

Tamara Heger (Regensburg)

Experience and Memory of the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Liberation from the Perspective of U.S. Soldiers

Rebecca Rössling (Frankfurt)

*Black Male Violence as Self-Defense in 1970s and 1980s America***Young Scholars 2: Symbolic Communication**

Chair: Heike Bungert (Münster)

Selina Foltinek (Bayreuth)

19th and 20th-Century U.S.-American Literature as Creative Counter-Cultural Forces in Heteronormative Contexts

Suzanne Amy Foxley (Oldenburg)

Oar else... Comparing Reform, Revolution and Continuation in Bermudan and American Vice-Admiralty Courts through Silver Admiralty Oars

Andreas Lohr (Regensburg)

*Entangled Objects? Material Culture in British-Iroquois Diplomacy 1713-1763***Young Scholars 3: Environment**

Chair: Wilfried Mausbach (Heidelberg)

Dorothee Schwieters (Cologne)

(Un-)Officially Zoned for Industrial Pollution: Environmental Racism and Environmental Justice on the East Side of Houston, Texas, since the 1970s

Johannes Maria Krickl (Bochum)

"Blazing Paddles," "Burning River Fest," and the U.S. Environmental Movement: Scripting Cleveland as a Sustainable Waterfront City

Sakina Gröppmaier (Munich)

A Third Oil Crisis? An Energy History of Crises and Response in the Early 21st Century**Address**

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Registration

Please register via e-mail to
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until **Dec. 15, 2019**

NB

Upon registration please state your name and full address. By January you will receive a bill.
Please pay by transfer before arrival.

Conference Fee

Including room and board
150€ (single room) 120€ (double room)

Meals

All meals are included in the conference fee.
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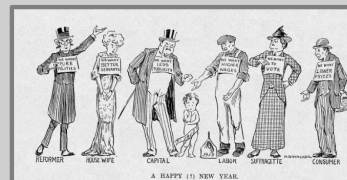


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February 14-16, 2020

Reform Movements in U.S. History



Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Amerikastudien

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020

14:30 – Arrival & Registration, Coffee & Tea

16:00-16:15 – Welcome & Introduction

16:15-17:45

Session I: Eugenics

Chair: Michaela Hampf (Berlin)

Michael Wala (Bochum)
Better Babies

Selma Bidlingmaier (New York/Berlin)
New York City's Gentry-fication and Lawrence Vieller's Tenement House Movement

Sigrid Schönfelder (Passau)
Dr. Bethenia Owens-Adair: 'Cleanings' from the Life of Oregon's First Doctress and Crusader in the Eugenics Movement

18:00-19:30 – Dinner

**19:30-21:00 Round-Table:
U.S.-American History in Germany.
State of the Art – State of the Craft**

Chair: Anke Ortlepp (Cologne)

The round-table discussion aims to assess and determine the current situation of U.S.-American history as an academic (sub-)field within German universities, schools as well as within German society in general. It will tackle three core questions and themes:

- (1) As student numbers decline and chairs are being re-categorized or disappear completely, how do we position ourselves within the field of history and American Studies in Germany as well as within the international field of American history?
- (2) Many of us teach students who become teachers. In many states U.S.-American history is part of the curriculum or even the Abitur. How can we reach out to teachers – how can they reach out to us? How can we work together?
- (3) Moreover, even if, as historians, we know the current political situation is neither entirely unique nor unchangeable, it does affect our work. What role can (or should?) historians of the USA and transatlantic relations play in the public sphere? Our work, for example, can put the current situation into perspective. We can also unpack complexities as memorializing, for example the Cold War, becomes a mainstream political issue.

- Andreas Etges (Munich)
- Philipp Gassert (Mannheim)
- Christian Werner (Wolfsburg)
- Meike Zwingenberger (Munich)



Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

08:30-09:30 – Breakfast

09:30-11:00

Session II: War and Peace

Chair: Charlotte Lerg (Bochum/Munich)

Johannes Nagel (Bielefeld)
The U.S. Military Reform Movement in the Context of an Emerging Military Modernity, 1865-1915

Regina Poertner (Swansea)
Repression, Reaction, and Reform: Wartime Legislation, Civil Liberties, and the Legal Profession, c. 1917-1920

Lara Track (Heidelberg)
Nevertheless, They Persisted. Women Strike for Peace between the Movements for Peace and Women's Rights

11:00-11:30 – Coffee & Tea

11:30-13:00 – *Young Scholars Forum*

13:00-14:00 – Lunch

14:00-15:30

Session III: Socialism and Social Welfare

Chair: Axel Schäfer (Mainz)

Olivier Burtin (München)
Veterans as a Reform Movement: The Interaction of War, Social Policy, and Citizenship in the mid-20th Century United States

Axel Jansen (Washington DC)
The Future of Reform in the United States? Poverty, Automation, and the History of a Basic Income Guarantee

Welf Werner (Heidelberg)
Economic Dimensions of a New Social Reform Movement

15:30-16:00 – Coffee & Tea

16:00-17:30

Session IV: Empowerment

Chair: Simon Wendt (Frankfurt)

Viola Huang (Passau)
Between Reform and Radical Change: Black Power Education in Harlem in the Late 1960s

Katharina Matuschek (Regensburg)
Negotiating the 1970s Prison (Reform) Movement in Autobiographical Prison Texts

Elena Torres Ruiz (Munich)
From Curing Idleness to Reclaiming the Urban Frontier: Urban Agricultural Reform in the United States, 1893-1994

18:00-19:30 – Dinner

19:30 – Business Meeting



Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020

08:30-09:30 – Breakfast

9:30- 10:30

Session V: Family

Chair: Mischa Honeck (Berlin)

Nina Schneider (Duisburg-Essen)
Spotlighting the Diversity of U.S. Anti-Child Labour Activists: Contrasting Jacob A. Riis, Florence Kelley, and Lewis Hine

Silke Hackenesch (Cologne)
Adopting a Rainbow Tribe? Modern Families and Multiracial Adoption in Postwar America

10:30-11:00 – Coffee & Tea

11:00-12:30

Session VI: Immigration

Chair: Jana Weiß (Münster)

Anja-Maria Bassimir (Mainz)
Seeking the Good Life for the Good Worker: The American Federation of Labor and Immigration

Natasha Anderson (Mainz)
Isaac M. Rubinow: Transnational Reformer and Social Security Pioneer

Axel Schäfer (Mainz)
Immigration and Welfare States: Transnational Social Politics between the World Wars

12:30 – Lunch & Departure

