

European Perspectives in American Studies

Histories – Dialogues – Differences

February 11 – 13, 2005

International Conference in Co-Operation with the Research Group
«The Futures of (European) American Studies»

John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Lansstr. 7-9, 14195 Berlin, Subway Station: Dahlem-Dorf

Organizers: PD Dr. Stefan Brandt, Ingrid Thaler, MA



Friday, February 11, 2005

- 17:00** **Welcome and Opening Remarks (R 340)**
Stefan Brandt (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)
Ingrid Thaler (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany)
Thomas Claviez (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)
Presentation of the Network Project YEA (Young European Americanists)
- 18:00 – 19:30** **Donald Pease (Dartmouth College) (R 340)**
«Literary Extraterritoriality in the Age of American Literary Globalism»
Chair: **Stefan Brandt** (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)
- 19:30** **Reception at the John F. Kennedy-Institute**
(Lansstr. 7-9, Subway Station: Dahlem-Dorf, 2nd floor)

Saturday, February 12, 2005

- 10:00 – 12:00** **John Carlos Rowe (University of Southern California) (R 340)**
«European Lessons in Imperialism: A Letter to America»
Chair: **Ingrid Thaler** (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany)
- 12:00 – 13:30** **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 15:30

Workshops 1 & 2

- WS 1: Histories and Methodologies of American Studies I (R 340)**
Richard J. Ellis (University of Birmingham, UK)
«Decentering American Studies: Inter-Hemispheric Considerations»
Christiane Schlote (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)
«Possibilities and Limits at the Intersection of Transnational, Postcolonial, and Area Studies»
Carsten Schinko (Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Germany)
«America as Medium: A Speculative Proposal»
Chair: **Susanne Rohr** (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)
- WS 2: Ethnicity, Multiculturalism, and American Studies (R 319)**
Dominika Ferens (University of Wrocław, Poland)
«What Does It Mean for a White European to Study Asian American Literature?»
Sieglinde Lemke (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)
«Two European Perspectives on American Ethnicity: The Transnational vs. the Intra-national Paradigm»
Donald Weber (Mount Holyoke College, MA)
«The Anxiety of Belonging: The Challenge to Multiculturalism and Identity Politics in Recent Cultural Theory»
Chair: **Sabine Bröck** (Universität Bremen, Germany)

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00

Workshops 3 & 4

WS 3: Histories and Methodologies of American Studies II (R 319)

Hannes Berghaller (Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany)

«Ecocriticism and American Studies in Europe»

Klaus Milich (Dartmouth College, NH)

«American Studies and Faith-Based Scholarship»

Mara Dettmann (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

«Divergence Through Proximity: Future Developments in the Study of American Literature in Europe»

Chair: **Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche** (Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany)

WS 4: Local Perspectives in a Global American Studies I (R 340)

Zbigniew Lewicki (University of Warsaw, Poland)

«American Realities, European Perspectives: A Divided Europe's Last Stand?»

Balint Rozsnyai (University of Szeged, Hungary)

«Twenty Years of American Studies in Hungary»

Lioubov Guinzbourg (St. Petersburg State University, Russia)

«Imagining America in the 21st Century. A Russian View from the Final Resting Place of William S. Burroughs»

Chair: **Michael Butter** (Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany)

18:00 – 18:30

Coffee Break

18:30 – 20:00

Rob Kroes (Universiteit van Amsterdam, NL) (R 340)

«European Anti-Americanism: What's New?»

Chair: **Mathilde Roza** (University of Nijmegen, NL)

Sunday, February 13, 2005

10:00 – 12:00

Workshops 5 & 6

WS 5: The Politics of European American Studies in 2005, I (R 340)

Walter Grünzweig (Universität Dortmund, Germany)

«Anti-Americanism: A Teaching and Research Agenda for European American Studies»

Walter Hölbling (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria)

«The «City Upon the Hill» and its Enemies: Political Rhetoric and Real Politics»

Jude Davies (University College Winchester, UK)

«Intelligence vs. Stupidity in Transatlantic Culture and American Studies»

Chair: **Thomas Claviez** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)

WS 6: Local Perspectives in a Global American Studies II (R 319)

Joshua Parker (Université Paris 7, France)

«Hollywood on the Black Sea: Personalizing American Culture»

Gary Holcomb (Emporia State University, KS)

«New Negro, New American Studies in Becoming-EU Europe»

Devin Phillip Zuber (City University of New York)

«American Studies at Ground Zero: Walter Benjamin, Public Memory, and Memorial Aesthetics»

Chair: **Christine Gerhardt** (Universität Dortmund, Germany)

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00

Paul Giles (University of Oxford, UK) (R 340)

«The Deterritorialization of American Culture»

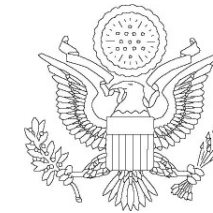
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15:00

End of Conference

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