

Program

Thursday, 30 June 2016

2.30 pm – 3 pm

Introduction

Elisabeth Engel (*German Historical Institute, Washington*) &
Sebastian Jobs (*John F. Kennedy Institute, Berlin*)

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

The Risk of Resistance

Comment: Alexander Starre (*John F. Kennedy Institute, Berlin*)

Lydia Plath (*Canterbury University*)

The Uncertain Worlds of Poor White Slaveholders and their Slaves in the Antebellum South

Sebastian Jobs (*John F. Kennedy Institute, Berlin*)

The Crime of Anonymity - Traces of Rebellion in 1802 North Carolina

6 pm – 8 pm

Keynote

Jonathan Levy (*University of Chicago*)

Radical Uncertainty, The History of an Idea

Friday, 1 July 2016

9.00 am – 11.00 pm

Risk and Insurance

Comment: Olaf Stieglitz (*Universität Köln*)

Elisabeth Engel (*GHI, Washington*)

'A wild, ungovernable thing:’ Constructions of Risk in the Early Republic, 1770s-1840s

Sharon Ann Murphy (*Providence College*)

Risky Investments: Banks and Slavery in the Antebellum American South

11.30 am – 1.30 pm

Risk and Environment

Comment: Simone Müller (*Universität Freiburg*)

Eleonora Rohland (*Universität Bielefeld*)

Hurricane and Slave Revolt? Risk and Uncertainty in New Orleans in 1812

Joseph Giacomelli (*Cornell University*)

Mysterious Agencies: Uncertainty, Risk, and Climate Change in the Gilded-Age United States

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Lunch break

3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

The Civil War

Comment: Silvan Niedermeier (*Universität Erfurt*)

Martha Hodes (*New York University*)

The Uncertainty and Risks of Racial Classification in the Nineteenth Century

Sabine Mischner (*Universität Freiburg*)

The American Civil War as a Permanent State of Suspense: Uncertainty, Information and Communication during War

Saturday, 2 July 2016

9 am – 11.00 am

Risk, Uncertainty & Crime

Comment: Michaela Hampf (*John F. Kennedy Institute, Berlin*)

Bruce Dorsey (*Swarthmore College*)

The “Factory Girl”: Uncertainty and Risk in Working Women’s Lives

Sean Cosgrove (*Cornell University*)

Tales of Jack the Clipper: Narratives of Risk in Gilded-Age Chicago

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Final Discussion

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Tips For your Stay in Berlin

-Conference Venue-

The conference will take place at the **John F. Kennedy Institute** and the **Graduate School of North American Studies** of the **Freie Universität Berlin** (Lansstraße 5 14195 Berlin). The nearest subway station is "**Dahlem Dorf**" (line U3 and buses M1 and X83).

For more detailed information about how to get to the conference venue please visit the BVG website: <http://www.bvg.de> or take a look at the Public Transportation Plan which you will find enclosed in your documents.

-Public Transportation-

Rates and Areas

There are three different rates in the metropolitan area of Berlin:

"**A**" refers to the city centre (inside the circle formed by the "S-Bahn" lines S41 and S42 commonly referred to as "The Ring")

"**B**" refers to the area inside Berlin, but outside the inner circle.

"**C**" refers to the areas outside the administrative area of Berlin, the periphery or other cities like Potsdam, the capital of Brandenburg .

Berlin-Dahlem, where this conference will take place, is in area **B**

Rates for the Public Transport

The rate for a **one-way ticket is 2,70 €** for the Areas **AB** (valid for 2 hours in one direction. Interruptions are allowed. It is not allowed to travel circle-wise) and **3,30 € for ABC**. There is also the option of buying a **block of four tickets for 9,00€** (2,25€ per one-way ticket) for the area **AB**.

A ticket for the **whole day** (valid from midnight until 3a.m the next day) for the areas **AB** is **7,00€**; for the three areas **ABC** **7,60€**.

A ticket for a **group up to 5 persons** for the whole day is **17,30€** for the areas **AB**; for the areas **ABC** the price is **17,80€**.

You can buy tickets:

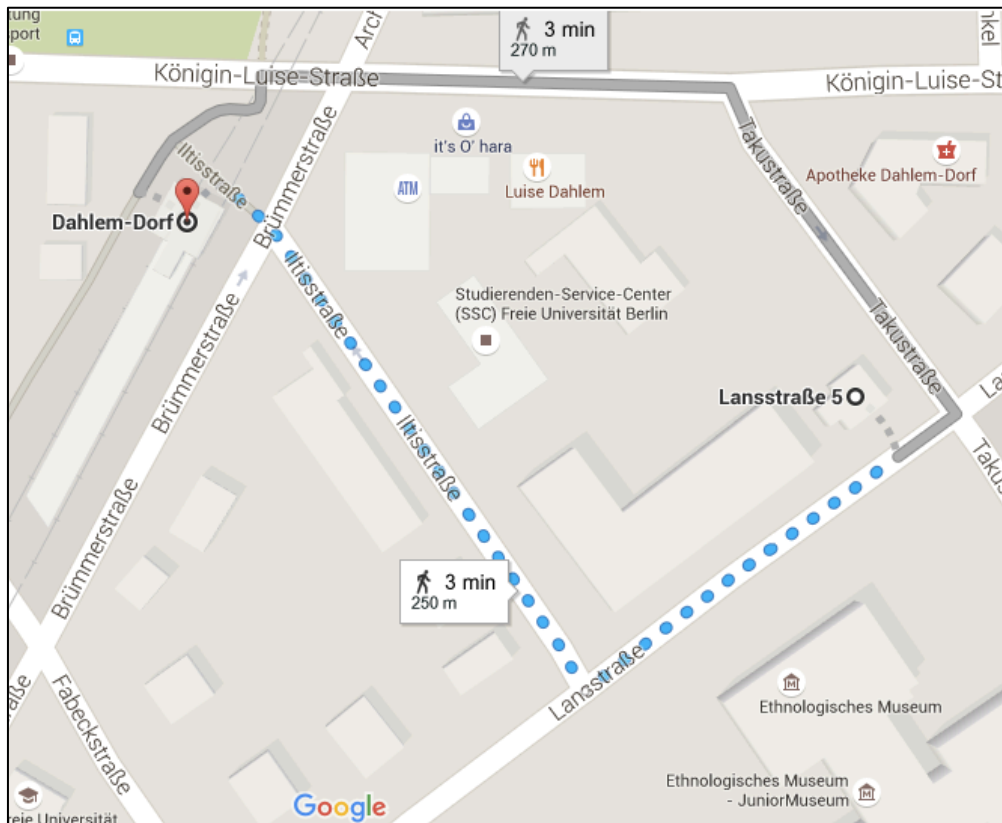
- At the ticket machines in all subway stations (available in English).
- In the offices of the BVG in the major stations.
- Or directly on the bus.

It is not possible to buy tickets on the trains.

All tickets must be validated before your first trip.

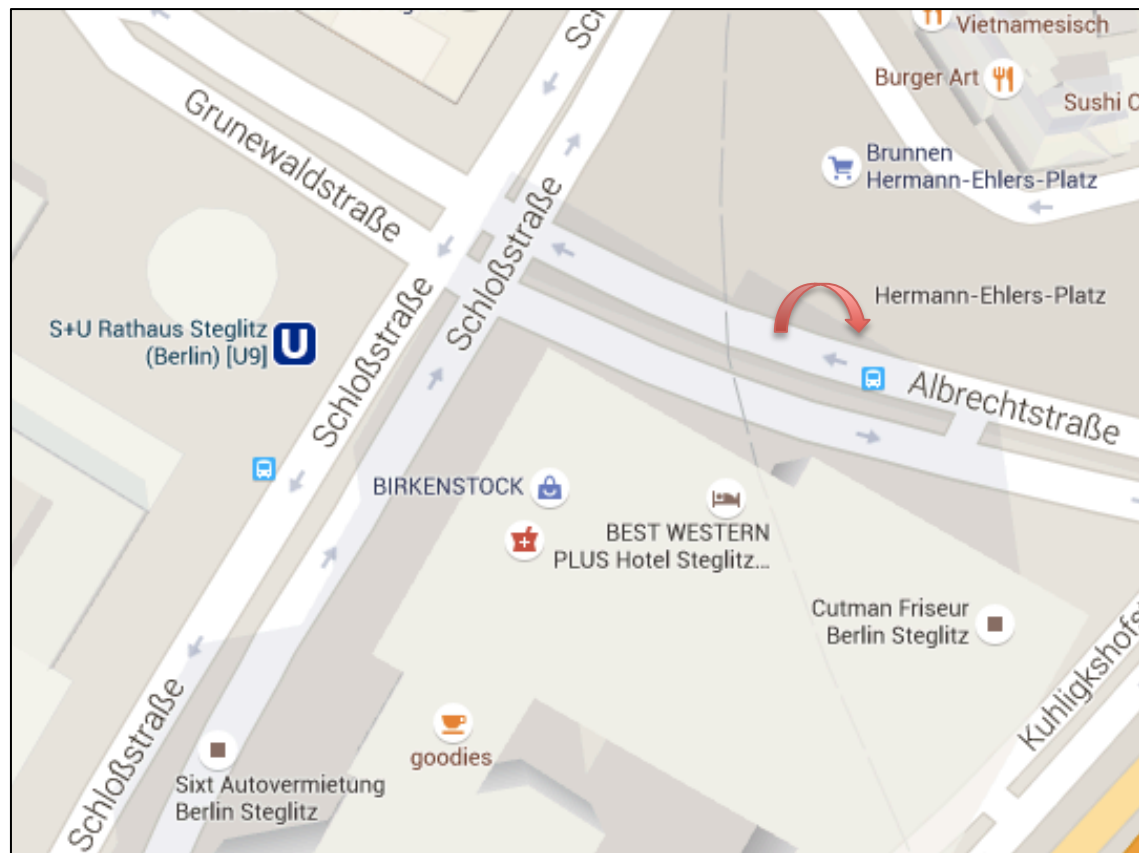
Travelling **without having validated your ticket** may result in a fine of **60,00€**.

The nearest subway station is “**Dahlem-Dorf**” (line U3 and buses M11 and X83). From Dahlem-Dorf you need to follow **Iltisstraße** for about 250m and then turn on the left hand side on **Lansstraße** to find the **Graduate School of North American Studies**, the building next to the **John F Kennedy Institute**.



The conference rooms are on the first floor. The address is **Lansstraße 5, 14195 Berlin**.

To get to “**Dahlem-Dorf**” from **Best Western Steglitz**, the best way is to take the express bus **X83** direction **Königin-Luise-Str./Clayallee** on the other side of the street (on **Hermann-Ehlers-Platz**) and get out at “**Ubfh Dahlem Dorf**”.



If you stay at the **Seminaris Campus Hotel**, the Graduate School of North American Studies is next door.

Restaurants

Reservations have been made under **Prof. Sebastian Jobs’** name for the **30th of June** and **1st of July**.

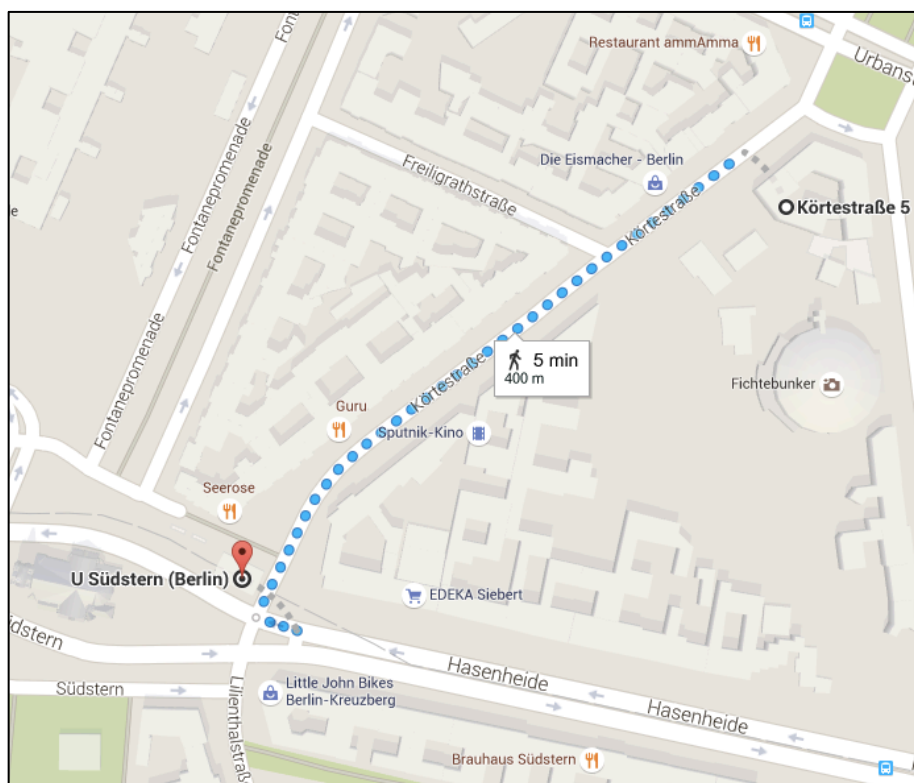
Please join us at **8.00p.m** on the **30th** in Dahlem’s famous “**Luise**” and at the restaurant-bar “**Mädchen ohne Abitur**” in vibrant Kreuzberg on the **1st of July** at **7.30 p.m.**

The “**Luise**” is accessible directly from the venue on **Königin-Luise-Straße 40, 14195 Berlin**

<http://www.luise-dahlem.de/>

The Restaurant-bar “**Mädchen ohne Abitur**” (**Körtestrasse 5, 10967, Berlin**) is of walking distance from the subway station “**Südstern**” on the line **U7**. To get there from the **Graduate School of North American Studies**, take the **U3** at “**Dahlem-Dorf**” direction “**Nollendorfpfplatz**” and change for the **U7** at “**Fehrbelliner Platz**” in direction “**Rudow**” until you reach “**Südstern**”.

<http://www.maedchenohneabitur.de>



Suggestions for your stay with us in Dahlem

- **Café Baci's** in Dahlem, **Königin-Luise 39, 14195, Berlin** is a hotspot for students and professors on campus. Perfect place to grab a bagel, taste one of their delicious coffees or try one of their pastries.
- If you want the full **Biergarten** experience, we suggest the “**Alter Krug**” on **Königin-Luise-Straße 52, 14195 Berlin**
- The **Ethnological Museum** on **Lansstraße 8, 14195 Berlin** has a cafeteria and offers hot meals everyday of the week.
- The Café **Cross** on **Thielallee 34, 14195 Berlin** also offers delicious hot meals and tasteful pastries.
- For those of you staying in **Steglitz**, the “**Kiwi-pub**” next to your hotel on **Albrechtstraße 115, 12167 Berlin** will offer you the right amount of cheesiness and atmosphere after the workshop.
- For a taste of what **Kreuzberg and Neukölln** have to offer we suggest you head to the **Reichenbergerstraße** (Ubfh **Kottbusser Tor** on the **U8**) or to the **Weserstraße** (Ubfh **Hermannplatz** on the **U7** or **U8**). Both streets offer for tourists and local aficionados a diversity of bars, pubs, restaurants and wine bars for every taste and for every pocket.