

LECTURE SERIES

LOSS IN THE LAND OF PLENTY

Understanding American Crisis, Decline, and Paths to Renewal

Organized by Lora Anne Viola (Political Science) and Stefanie Müller (Literature)

Wednesdays,

4-6 pm

Gr. Hörsaal (Raum
B.001), Arnimallee 22

- 15.10. Introduction
- 22.10. Insuring Loss, Sebastian Kohl (FU Berlin)
- 29.10. Discussion of Andreas Reckwitz's *Verlust: Ein Grundproblem der Moderne* (2024), Lora Anne Viola, Stefanie Müller (FU Berlin)
- 05.11. The Politics of Loss in US Foreign Policy, Lora Anne Viola (FU Berlin)
- 12.11. Inequality, Insecurity, and America's Democratic Crisis, Jacob Hacker (American Academy Fellow)
- 19.11. W(h)ither the Sympathetic State? The Dismantling of the Disaster Safety Net in the United States, Rebecca Elliott (London School of Economics)
- 26.11. Reconfiguring the Welfare State: A Dynamic Approach to Loss in North America and Western Europe, Christian Lammert (FU Berlin)
- 03.12. Playing Loss and Losing Play? Digital Games as Affective Agents of Loss, Martin Lütke (FU Berlin)
- 10.12. Lost Cause Sentimentalism and the Rise of Right-Wing Populism, Heike Paul (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- 17.12. Loss, Shame, and the Right's Narrative of Stolen Pride, Arlie Russel Hochschild (University of California, Berkeley), **6-8 p.m. online**
- 07.01. The Politics of Nostalgia and the Poverty of Theory, Tobias Becker (University of Heidelberg)
- 14.01. Climate Change Memoirs, Stefanie Müller (FU Berlin), **HFB/A Hörsaal, Garystr. 35-37**
- 21.01. Black Struggle and Resilience: La Toya Ruby Frazier's Portraits of Deindustrialized Communities, Sherry Lee Linkon (Georgetown University)
- 28.01. The Governance of Loss, Giacomo Tagiuri (University of Amsterdam)
- 04.02. Theorizing Loss, Losing Theory: Styles of Coping in the Elegiac Humanities, 2008-2025, Frank Kelleter (FU Berlin)
- 11.02. Wrap-Up and Overview