

Program - International Graduate Conference 15th June 2023

## **We the People?**

### **Perspectives on Crises, Conflicts and Social Movements in North America and Beyond**

**9.30am**      **Registration**

**10.00am**      **Opening Remarks**

**Max Steinhardt**

Professor of Economics, John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin; Director of the Graduate School of North American Studies

**10.15am**      **Session 1**

**Hanne Nijtmans:** "We, The Paranoid People: The Legacy of the Paranoid Style in American Culture"

**Simon Voss:** "Language Proficiency and Homeownership: Evidence from U.S. Immigrants"

**Maxime McKenna:** "The Oil Embargo, Fifty Years Later: Fueling the Crisis of American Automobility"

**11.45am**      **Lunch Break**

Restaurant "Eßkultur", Museum Europäischer Kulturen (MEK), Arnimallee 25

**1.00pm**      **Session 2**

**Maria Wiegel:** "If you could swing it" – The Neoliberal Transformation of Black Lives in Colson Whitehead's Harlem Shuffle (2022)"

**Fleur Renkema:** "The system can still work sometimes when good people are involved:" The influence of the Black Lives Matter movement on representations of the US police in Brooklyn Nine-Nine

**Salma Bouacha:** "The Migration of The Thousand and One Nights: Scheherazade and the Question of Female Authorship in John Barth's "Dunyazadiad" and Güneli Gün's On the Road to Baghdad"

**2.30pm**      **Coffee Break**

**3.00pm**      **Session 3**

**Tim Lazaroff:** "Back to School (Maybe): Neoliberal Crisis Governance in COVID-19 School Reopenings"

**Kristi Dehan-Schmidt:** ""Dangerous Snowflakes? Realities of the (Post) Pandemic Campus; Protesting Students; and Challenging the Ivory Tower""

**4.30pm      Coffee Break**

**5.00pm      Keynote Speech**

**Eric P. Schwartz**

Professor of Public Affairs, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota; Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, Migration

**“Human Rights, Migration, and the U.S. Southern Border - A Practitioner’s View on Advocacy and Transformational versus Incremental Change”**

**6.00pm      Reception**