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American Bodies Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Modes of Power

Fourth International Graduate Conference | May 27 – 28 2011



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

May 27, 5:30 pm
ROBERT D. PUTNAM
Harvard University

(Open GSNAS Distinguished Guest Lecture) Ethnological Museum (Lansstraße entrance)

May 28, 9:30 am
Wal Chee Dimock
Yale University

(Open Keynote Lecture) John F. Kennedy Institute, Room 340

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Bodies, both collective and individual, are the sites at which power is negotiated. America is composed of bodies – political, economic, religious and social. They are surfaces on which images of ethnology, gender, age and beauty are inscribed and projected, they are situated in the space between the spheres of personal privacy and public security, and they can be the source of stigmatization. They are demarcated, historicized, institutionalized, narrated, theorized and visualized.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for reflection on the metaphors, constructions and functions of American bodies by bringing together international scholars from the disciplines of History, Political Science, Economics, Literature, Culture and Sociology with a focus on North American Studies.