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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks & Introduction

10:15–12:15 **Panel I: The Dialectics of Solitude and Community**

Moderator: Lauren Cubellis, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Simon Lafontaine, University of British Columbia, Canada

Loneliness/Solitude in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Challenges for Creative Action in Times of Global Disruption

Mette Birkedal Bruun & Johannes Ljungberg, U of Copenhagen, Denmark
Between Solitude and Community: Insights from Struggles for Privacy in Early Modern Europe

Fabian Eggers, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

“Aesthetics of Intimacy” & “Fictions of Distance” in Recent American Fiction

Holly A. Yanacek, James Madison University, USA

Alone Together with Technology: Marc-Uwe Kling’s *QualityLand* (2017) and the Robotic Response to COVID-19

12:15–12:45 Break

- 12:45–14:15 **Panel II: Artistic Reflections on Aloneness and Togetherness**
 Moderator: Veronika Fuechtner, Dartmouth College, USA
- Katy Klaasmeyer, Pasadena City College, USA
 Abundance and Emptiness: Andreas Gursky’s View of Globalization
- Sabine Kriebel, University College of Cork, Ireland
 Oblique Kinships: Reframing the Neue Sachlichkeit
- Jasmin Meier, Brown University, USA
 Being “Alone” and “Together” in Johann Wolfgang von Goethe’s
Die neue Melusine
- 14:15–14:45 Break
- 14:45–16:30 **Keynote: Harald Wenzel, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany**
 Making and Breaking the Echo Chamber. Social Reality under Pandemic Stress
 Commentator: Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College, USA
 Moderator: Paul Nolte, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- 16:30–16:45 Concluding Remarks, Day 1

Thursday, July 1, 2021

- 10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks Day 2
- 10:15–12:15 **Panel III: Alienation and Identity: Being the Other at Home**
 Moderator: Marta Faust, UC Santa Barbara, USA/Freie Universität Berlin
- Zach Ramon Fitzpatrick, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA
 Neither *Vorzeigemigrant*in* Nor Virus: Identity and (Anti-)Racism in the
 Contemporary Asian German Community
- Cynthia Cruz, The European Graduate School, Switzerland
 Negative Freedom in Alexander Kluge’s *Abschied von Gestern*
- Rhiannon Hein, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, USA
 “In a Queer Time and Place:” Rahel Varnhagen’s Life and Letters
- Käthe Erichson, Wayne State University, USA
 Dreamscapes: Zwischen der Vergangenheit und Gegenwart
- 12:15–12:45 Break

- 12:45–14:15 **Panel IV: Post-WWII Labor Migration: Being the Other in a New Home**
Moderator: Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College, USA
Maria Adamopoulou, European University Institute, Italy
Friendly Aliens: Intra-Ethnic and Inter-Ethnic Relations of the Greek
Gastarbeiter in the Federal Republic of Germany (1960–1989)
Mine Eren, Randolph-Macon College, USA
The Personal is Beautiful—Women’s Lives “Alone Together” Rediscovered in a
1980s Home Movie
Duygu Ergun, University of Michigan, USA
Life as the Place of Living: Theorization of Life after the Post-War Labor
Migration in Germany through Friedrich W. Zimmermann’s Television Films
- 14:15–14:45 Break
- 14:45–16:15 **Panel V: In this Together? Memory, Resistance and Reconciliation**
Moderator: Deborah Barton, Université de Montréal, Canada
Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College, USA
Memory and Reconciliation at the Close of the Nuclear Age:
Wackersdorf 30 Years On
Emilia Henkel, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany
Privatising the Difficult Past—Effects of Opening of Stasi Files according to
the StUG on Societal Reconciliation in Rural Thuringia
Doris McGonagill, Utah State University, USA
Alone? Together? Is there a Future for “Fridays for Future?”
- 16:15–16:30 Concluding Remarks, Day 2

Friday, July 2, 2021

- 10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks, Day 3
- 10:15–11:45 **Panel VI: Collaboration and Resistance during the Third Reich**
Moderator: Jeremy DeWaal, University of Exeter, United Kingdom
Eric Grube, Boston College, USA
*Two Brudervölker, Two Bruderreiche, Two Führer: Austrofascist Engagement
with Nazism, 1936–1938*

Adam Knowles, Drexel University, USA
Resisting Alone, Resisting Together: Against the Myth of Inner Emigration

Kathryn Sederberg, Kalamazoo College, USA
Together Apart: Family Separation in the Diaries of Jewish Refugees
Else and Siegfried Rosenfeld, 1939–46

11:45–12:15 Break

12:15–13:45 **Panel VII: Germany in the World**

Moderator: Mate Nikola Tokić, Central European University, Hungary/Austria

Brahim Benmoh, Mohamed V University Rabat, Morocco
(Re)Framing Alienation, Hybridity, Exile, & Un/Belonging in Contemporary
Postcolonial Literature

Maureen O. Gallagher, Australian National University, Australia
Covid 19, Decolonization, and Teaching German in the Settler Colonial
University

Abeer Heider & Peter Polak-Springer, Qatar University, Qatar
A German Umma? Jaffer Abdul Karim's Talk Show as a Mediator Between
Germany and the Arab and Islamic World

13:45–14:15 Break

14:15–15:00 Closing Discussion

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