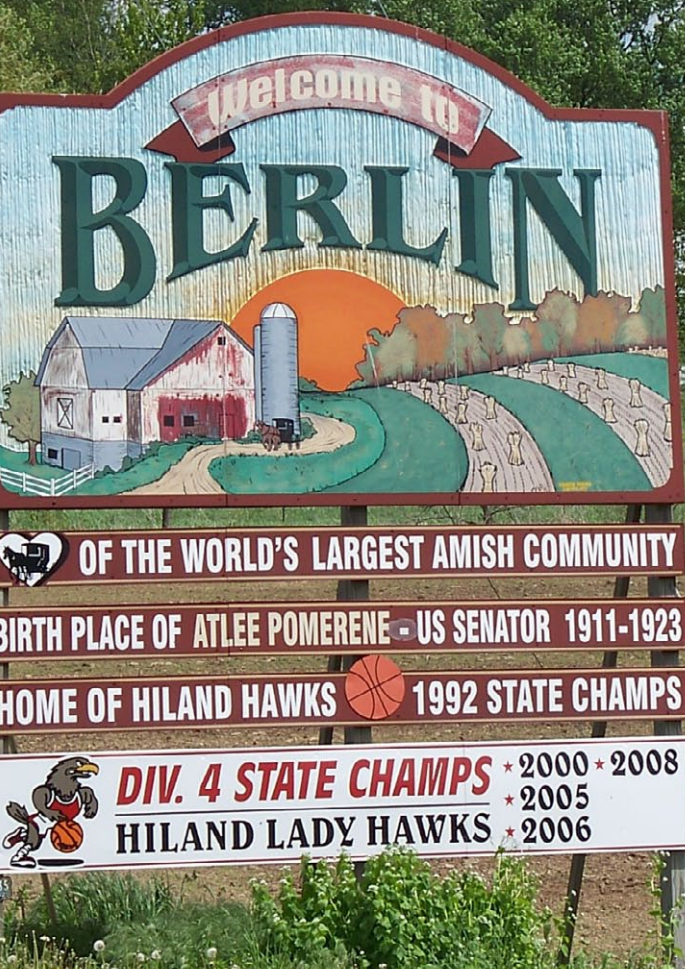


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At a time when the German nation-state is increasingly expected to provide the political and economic means by which to prevent the collapse of the European Union, this workshop seeks to provide an occasion for scholars to examine the cultural and aesthetic dimensions of the nation-state and of the European Union by focusing on the persisting power of social imaginaries.

In contrast to the influence of economic exigencies as well as governmental and finance-institutional policies, the cultural and aesthetic dimensions of European Union integration receive noticeably less attention. This workshop brings together projects addressing the cultural and aesthetic dimensions of the imaginary as a primary vehicle for articulating relationships between the global and the local. In particular, the workshop seeks to examine developing scholarship that interpretatively frames cultural and imaginative production as limits and/or enablers of national and transnational politics.

As Germany continues to figure not only as a core nation-state within the European Union, but also as a microcosmic site of the interrelatedness of the global and the local, the workshop is expressly interested in reframing arguments about neoliberalism, German identity, and European identity in terms of the key roles that culture and aesthetics (must) continue to play.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Dr. Thomas Haakenson | Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Dr. Matthew Miller | Colgate University

Karin Goihl | Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin Program

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MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 || 9.30 A.M.–6.00 P.M.

Freie Universität Berlin | Seminarzentrum | Room L115

WORKSHOP OPENING | 9.30 A.M. –10.00 A.M.

Welcome Address

Introductory Notes | Thomas Haakenson
Minneapolis College of Art and Design

OPENING PLENARY DISCUSSION | 10.00 A.M. –11.00 A.M.
Moderator: Thomas Haakenson

Reflections | Sabine Hake, University of Texas
at Austin & German Studies Association
and David Barclay, Kalamazoo College & German
Studies Association

COFFEE BREAK | 11.00 A.M. –11.15 A.M.

PANEL 1 | 11.15 A.M. –12.45 P.M.
Moderator: Erika Hughes, Berlin Program,
Freie Universität Berlin

April Eisman, Iowa State University
Reinventing Leipzig for a Neoliberal World

Sara Blaylock, University of California, Santa Cruz
Culver City's Wende Museum: *Alltag* by the Sea

Christina Gerhardt, University of Hawaii at Manoa
**Contexts: Neoliberal Economics, Transnational Politics and
Local Color in Berlin School Filmmaking**

LUNCH | 12.45 A.M. –2.00 P.M.

PANEL 2 | 2.00 P.M. –3.30 P.M.
Moderator: Johannes Zechner, Freie Universität Berlin

Matthew Conn, University of Iowa
**Transnational Affairs: Local Enforcement, Legal Anomaly, and
Verfolgung of Same-Sex Desires in the Nazi Empire**

Emily Bruce, University of Minnesota
**Reading the World: The Geographic Education of German
Children, 1770-1850**

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PANEL 2 (CONTINUED)

Patrick Hege, Fordham University/TU Berlin,
Center for Metropolitan Studies

**A German Colonial Type? The *Metropole* and the
Production of Glocal *Heimat***

Pasquale de Caprio, Università degli Studi di Napoli
"Federico II"/HU Berlin

**The Idea of the Middle Ages in National Socialist
Volksschule 1933-1945**

COFFEE BREAK | 3.30 P.M. – 3.45 P.M.

PANEL 3 | 3.45 P.M. – 5.15 P.M.

Moderator: Luis-Manuel Garcia, Berlin Program,
Freie Universität Berlin

Quinn Slobodian, Wellesley College

Feminist Third Worldism in 1970s West Germany

Djahane Salehabadi, Cornell University

**Seamless Lifecycles and Geographies: Analyzing the
Unmaking of Digital Technologies in Berlin**

Koby Oppenheim, City University of New York

**At the Crossroads of a Changing Discourse:
Voices of Young Jewish Immigrants
in a Euro-Committed Germany**

CONCLUDING PLENARY DISCUSSION | 5.15 P.M. – 6.00 P.M.

Moderator: Stephen Brockmann, Carnegie Mellon
University & German Studies Association

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 || 10 A.M. –1 P.M.

CITY WALK:

PLACES OF TRANQUILITY/SPACES FOR REFLECTION

Guided by Katharina Nobis and Stefan Tornack,
Center for Metropolitan Studies,
Technische Universität Berlin

Meeting Point: Reichstag, Westportal

The name of our program refers to the place of its home: Berlin. Berlin's urban structure has been likened to a palimpsest. A veritable treasure trove for architectural historians and urban planners, Berlin lends itself to a variety of explorations. Thematic city walks have been a Berlin Program tradition and this year we will explore places of tranquility in Berlin's center. Katharina Nobis and Stefan Tornack, both M.A. students in the field of Historical Urban Studies from the Center for Metropolitan Studies at TU Berlin, will guide us to some special places in the heart of the capital to provide us with a different and unique perspective on urban space and the history of the city.

The tour will be in German. Bring comfy shoes.

How to get to the Meeting Point

Take a bus, S-Bahn or the U-Bahn U55 to "Brandenburger Tor." From there it is just a short and probably quite populated walk to the Reichstag. The Westportal is in fact the main entrance.

In case of heavy rain, we will meet at the Berlin Program (Garystraße 45, 14195 Berlin, U3 Thielplatz) to view and discuss a movie by Christian Petzold.

THE BERLIN PROGRAM

The Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies promotes a new generation of young North American scholars with specialized knowledge of modern and contemporary Germany and Europe. The program supports scholars in all social science and humanities disciplines, including historians working on the period since the mid-18th century. Fellowships are awarded for doctoral dissertation research as well as postdoctoral research that leads to completion of a monograph.

Since its inception in 1986 at the Freie Universität Berlin the program has brought more than 260 fellows to Berlin to carry out their research projects. The program offers a stimulating academic environment that combines excellent research opportunities at one of Germany's most distinguished research universities – one of the winners in three categories of the Excellence Initiative – with intellectual and cultural interaction. Our biweekly colloquium serves as a central meeting point for all fellows to share, discuss and support each other's work.

Connections with our alumni do not stop after the fellowship period in Berlin. The cooperation with our North American partner, the German Studies Association (GSA), offers Berlin Program fellows and alumni a chance to present their work to an expert audience at the annual GSA conference. Each year, one or more Berlin Program panels and roundtables at the GSA serve as a site for critical engagement.

With the Berlin Program Summer Workshop we wish to offer an opportunity to engage with another timely topic "German Studies between the Global and the Local" and strengthen the ties with Berlin Program fellows, alumni and scholars working in German and European studies.

For more details on our program, please consult our website: www.fu-berlin.de/bprogram

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