

# After the BERLIN WALL

Memory and the Making of the New Germany,  
1989 to the Present

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Moderator: Paul Nolte (FU Berlin)

#### TIME

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019, 4–6 p.m.  
The lecture will be followed  
by a reception 6–7 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Berlin Program, FU Berlin  
Ehrenbergstr. 26/28, Room 009

#### GETTING THERE

S/U-Bahn: S1 Lichterfelde West  
U-Bahn: U3 Thielplatz  
Bus: M11 Ehrenbergstr., M48 or  
101 Unter den Eichen/Drakestr.

REGISTRATION: not required

LANGUAGE: English

Published shortly before the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Hope Harrison explores the complex and controversial role of Germany's most iconic symbol of its division during the Cold War. Thirty years after its peaceful dismantling, however, the role of the second most important cornerstone in Germany's collective memory after the Holocaust remains contested. Based on a wide range of archival sources and interviews, Harrison profiles key memory activists. With a combination of analytical distance and deep empathy, she traces victims, perpetrators, and heroes and demonstrates the power and fragility of memory politics which can reconcile or divide. Her multipronged approach spanning analyses of memorials, anniversaries, public ceremonies, as well as films, music, and trials, allows her to untangle attitudes and policies in East and West Germany with regard to the Wall's life, sudden death and legacy. The dramatic events of November 9—a date with great significance in German history—have captivated the world over. Harrison investigates how global memory has impacted German memory policy and reminds us that Germany's difficult search for a new national narrative situated between collective memory, personal recollections, and memory policies, continues to be a challenge.



HOPE M. HARRISON is an Associate Professor of History and International Affairs at the George Washington University who has worked widely on East/West and united Germany; Russian, German, and U.S. foreign policy; international history of the Cold War; the Caucasus; and the influence of history on policy making among other fields. She is the recipient of fellowships from Fulbright, the Wilson Center, the American Academy in Berlin, and the FU's Berlin Program. Her first published work, *Driving the Soviet up the Wall* (2003), was awarded the 2004 Marshall Shulman Book Prize. In Berlin, she is a member of the Förderverein Berliner Mauer, serves on the international advisory board of the Allied Museum, and is on the board of the Stiftung Deutsch-Amerikanische Wissenschaftsbeziehungen and of BlackBox Kalter Krieg, Ausstellung am Checkpoint Charlie.

PAUL NOLTE is Professor of Modern and Contemporary History and Director of the Dahlem Humanities Center at the Freie Universität Berlin. His research interests in recent years have centered on transformations of democracy, on public intellectuals, the historiography in the Federal Republic as well as transatlantic history. As a member of program's Academic Advisory Committee Professor Nolte advises fellows and regularly heads the research colloquium.

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