

TENTH BERLIN PROGRAM SUMMER WORKSHOP: JULY 6–7 2022

The New Normal

The New Normal

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks & Introduction

10:15–11:45 **Panel I: Democracy**

Moderator: Mary Hennessy, University of Michigan, U.S.A./FU Berlin, Germany

Jeremy DeWaal, University of Exeter, U.K.

Pining for “Normality” in Post-War West Germany: A Burden or a Benefit to Democratization?

Qinna Shen, Bryn Mawr College, U.S.A.

Schröder the Acrobat: Jiny Lan’s Painting *At/as...* (2016) and the New Normal in the German-Russian-Chinese Nexus

Gereon Rahnfeld, Bauhaus-University Weimar, Germany

Linking Democracy and Epistocracy. How do Participatory Processes and Experts Fit Together?

11:45–12:15 Lunch Break

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 continued

12:15–14:15 Panel II: Activism

Moderator: Jeremy DeWaal, University of Exeter, U.K.

Doris McGonagill, Utah State University, U.S.A.

Responsibility, Resilience, Radicalism: The Last Generation's Last Stand for the Environment

Alissa Belotti, University of Haifa, Israel

The Invention of Post-Adolescence in West Germany and the Specter of a New Youth Revolt

Eric Grube, Boston College, U.S.A.

"Wir brauchen Waffen von Bayern...:" Arming Activists Across the Austro-Bavarian Borderland, 1918–1928

Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College, U.S.A.

The Risk Society in Real Time: Climate Change and the 2021 German Federal Election

14:15–14:30 Coffee Break

14:30–15:30 Panel III: Adjustments

Moderator: Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College, U.S.A.

Clemens Villinger, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam, Germany
Marketing Normality: East Germans and the Economic Crises of the 1990s

Evelyn Preuss, Yale University, U.S.A.

Forward Back Beyond, or how to Survive the New Normal with Comics

15:30 End of Day 1 Summer Workshop

16:15–17:45 GSA Distinguished Lecture 2022

Margaret E. Menninger, Texas State University/GSA, U.S.A.

Normality as a Serious Matter and True Joy

Moderator: Paul Nolte, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

18:00–19:00 Reception

Thursday, July 7, 2022

10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks Day 2

10:15–12:15 **Panel IV: Contestations**

Moderator: Tom Haakenson, California College of the Arts, U.S.A.

Alexandria Ruble, Spring Hill College, U.S.A.

Undoing the Past: Feminism, the Far Right, and the Future of Gender
in Germany

Charlotte Rebecca Busch, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
Desire under Fire—The Conflictuality of Sexuality under the Magnifying Glass
of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Paul Dobryden, University of Virginia, U.S.A.

The Two Bodies of Béla Balázs's *Visible Man*

D. Michael Benson, University of Iowa

German Science at Home and Abroad: Living and Transcending a "Normal"
Bourgeois Life

12:15–13:00 Lunch Break

13:00–14:00 Concluding Discussion

14:00–15:00 Networking Kaffeeklatsch in the Garden

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Dr. Deborah Barton | Université de Montréal
- Dr. Jeremy DeWaal | University of Exeter
- Karin Goihl | Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin Program
- Dr. Thomas O. Haakenson | California College of the Arts
- Dr. Carol Hager | Bryn Mawr College

[The Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies](#) promotes scholars in the humanities and the social sciences working on dissertation or postdoctoral research projects on Germany and/or Europe. In close cooperation with our North American partner, the German Studies Association, our Summer Workshop and other events offer opportunities to engage with timely topics and strengthen ties between the program and scholars working in these fields.

CREDITS

New Normal Summer Workshop: graphic design by Sophie Franke

GSA Distinguished Lecture: Photo by Mihai Surdo on [Unsplash](#) | Graphic design by Sophie Franke