

June 27-29, 2018 FU Berlin | Ehrenbergstr. 26/28 Room 009 | 14195 Berlin

# Berlin Program Summer Workshop











7th Berlin Program Summer Workshop June 27-29, 2018 Freie Universität Berlin Preliminary Program

### Strange Bedfellows/Unexpected Allies

From de Gaulle to Khrushchev, from the Christian Democrats to displaced refugees, from Putin to Trump, from the drag queen Olivia Jones to right-wing politician Frauke Petry, politics can make for "surprising partnerships." It was William Shakespeare who wrote in *The Tempest* that "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows." Both in Germany and beyond, the recent past has been experienced as a disorienting period by many. Debates about post-truth, post-liberalism, and post-humanism reflect seismic cultural shifts and pose the question whether we have entered a new political era. Thus, the phrase "politics makes strange bedfellows" captures our own *Zeitgeist* in most succinct fashion.

These are perplexing times to be certain. But peculiar alliances or combinations are common in a variety of historical and political contexts as well as in a diverse array of cultural and artistic engagements. This workshop seeks to advance critical reflection on these phenomena, their usefulness and potential limits as narrative devices in a broad array of disciplines that intersect with German Studies, including Anthropology, Art History, Film Studies, Gender Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology.

# Wednesday, June 27, 2018

10:00-10:15 Arrival & Coffee

10:15-10:45 Opening Remarks & Introduction

10:45-12:15 Keynote: Mary Lindeman, University of Miami/GSA

World War I and the Thirty Years War:

Strange Bedfellows, or Unexpected Alliances?

Moderator/Commentators: N.N.

12:15-13:30 Lunch

## Wednesday, June 27, 2018

13:30-15:30 Panel I: Artistic Alliances

Moderator: N.N.

Mariana Ivanova, Miami University

Business beyond the Bans: Erich Mehl's Partnership with the

East German Film Studio DEFA (1954–1990)

Maureen Gallagher, Freie Universität Berlin

Blood Brothers in the Bunte Republik: Winnetou and German History

Tom Haakenson, California College of the Arts

Black Dada

Kerstin Borchhardt, Leipzig University

Modernity and Her Monstrous Allies: Artistic strategies to

overcome the "Frankenstein Syndrome"

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 Panel II: Creative Collaborations

Moderator: N.N.

Marlo Burks, Freie Universität Berlin

The Opera with a Shadow: Crisis and Compromise in the Strauss-Hofmannsthal

Collaboration During the First World War

Joe Perry, Georgia State University

Berlin Love Parade 1996 and the Techno Playworld: Building a Creative (Club) Capital City

Wesley Lim, Australian National University

Unexpected Intimacy: William Forsythe's Screendance Alignigung (2016)

and German Integration

17:15-17:30 Concluding Remarks, Day 1

# Thursday, June 28, 2018

10:00-10:15 Arrival & Coffee

10:15-11:45 Panel III: Political Friends with Benefits

Moderator: N.N.

Sarah J. Panzer, Missouri State University

Alone Together: a Prehistory of the German-Japanese Alliance

Ricky W. Law, Carnegie Mellon University

Transnational Nazism: Ideology and Culture in Interwar

German-Japanese Rapprochement

Scott H. Krause, Freie Universität Berlin

Berlin as Anti-Totalitarianism's Prime Exhibit, 1933-1966

## Thursday, June 28, 2018

11:45-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 Panel IV: Reframing Nazi Alliances and Resistance

Moderator: N.N.

Adam Knowles, Drexel University

Heidegger, the Völkisch Movement, and Post-War Continental Philosophy

Diana Mara Henry, Newport

A German MI6 Agent? A Jewish NN Kapo? Translator and Spy:

The World War II Career of Joseph Scheinmann aka André Peulevey

Deborah Barton, Université de Montréal

Writing for Reconciliation: the Impact of Autobiography on post-war

German-American Relations

14:30-14:45 Coffee Break

14:45-15:45 Panel IV cont'd

Matthew Conn, Michigan State University

Routes: Escape, Family History, and the Story of the Salzmanns of Berlin...and beyond

René Staedtler, University of Maryland/FU Berlin

Liberating Nazi War Criminals – The Unusual Franco-German Network

behind the Revision of Justice in France, 1945-1963

15:45-16:00 Concluding Remarks, Day 2

# Friday, June 29, 2018

10:00-10:15 Arrival & Coffee

10:15-11:45 Panel V: Contested Metropolitan Spaces

Moderator: N.N.

Mark Beirn, Washington University in St. Louis

Ruralizing the Urban: City Airports and Working-class Gardens in 1920s Berlin

Sarah Jacobson, Michigan State University

Squatting Side by Side: Political Activists and the Working Class in

West Germany, 1970s-1980s

Carol Hager, Bryn Mawr College

Re-Imagining Sites of Energy Conflict

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

## Friday, June 29, 2018

12:00-13:00 Panel V cont'd.

Emine Seda Kayim, University of Michigan Scientifically Determined "Bedfellows": Co-Production of Architecture and Surveillance in the GDR, 1961-1989

Cynthia Browne, Harvard University Dialectics of Development in the Crucible of Crisis: An Ethnographic Portrait of the *Initiative Haus der Statistik* in Berlin

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Panel VI: Party Politics and Globalization

Moderator: N.N.

David Spreen, University of Michigan

In the Shadow of *Ostpolitik*: Mao's China, West German Conservatives, and the Far Left in the Global Seventies

Pedro Ponte e Sousa, New University of Lisboa

21st Century Portuguese Foreign Policy and Party Cleavages in Government: decision-making processes, European integration, and (political) globalization in the consensus-conflict nexus

Suparna Banerjee, Universität Bonn Symbolism in Democracy- Towards A Culture of Post-Democracy through the prism of Carl Schmitt

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:30 Closing Discussion

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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#### BERLIN PROGRAM UPCOMING EVENTS

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Book Presentation: Christina Gerhardt, *Screening the Red Army Faction*, June 4, 2018 Berlin Program GSA Distinguished Lecture by H. Glenn Penny, June 18, 2018

Kihawahine: German Ethnology and its Histories of the World

Berlin Program Alumni Panel at the Annual GSA Conference in Pittsburgh, Fall 2018

State Building as a Cultural Act: Intersections of Bureaucracy with Art and

Architectural Production in German Regimes, 1815-1989

### **INFORMATION & LOGISTICS**

READING REQUIREMENTS: All workshop participants are asked to read the circulated submissions and the recommended general reading prior to the workshop.

PRESENTATIONS: Each presentation at the workshop should be **10 minutes long.** After all the presentations, we will have questions and answers and a general discussion.

KEYNOTE: We are not distributing the keynote speech.

NO DISTRIBUTION/QUOTATION OF PAPERS: The papers are for workshop participants only. Do not circulate any of the papers or quote from them without the expressed consent of the author.

TECH SUPPORT: The workshop is equipped with a beamer, a computer as well as audio capabilities. Technical assistance will be present. In order to avoid compatibility issues with laptops, please bring your file on a thumb drive. To be safe, please send us the file by June 25, 2018.

FEES: Participation in the workshop is free of charge.

REGISTRATION: Presenters do not need to register. Other participants need to register via email by June 15 @: bprogram@zedat.fu-berlin.de.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION: Participants are responsible for organizing and paying for their travel and accommodation. We encourage participants to seek funding from their home institutions or alternative sources to cover those costs.

COFFEE BREAKS & LUNCH will be provided.

WIFI: Access to WIFI will be provided to all workshop participants.

#### **WORKSHOP TIMELINE**

• May 31: Deadline for full-length essays (max. 25 pages) as well as

a prose bio (150 words max) in one PDF

• June 25: If applicable, please send us your PPP

• June 27-29: Summer Workshop in Berlin

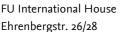
VENUE: Freie Universität Berlin (see last page for a map and directions)

LOCATION: FU Berlin, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies

Room 009, Ehrenbergstr. 26/28, ground floor, 14195 Berlin

GETTING THERE: S/U-Bahn: S1 Lichterfelde West I U-Bahn: U3 Thielplatz

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