

Conference Program



Sunday, March 19, 2017

Individual Arrival/Check-In @ Holiday Inn Express (Kurfürstenanlage 23, 69115 Heidelberg)

7:00 PM Informal Dinner @ Krokodil (Kleinschmidtstraße 12, 69115 Heidelberg)

Monday, March 20, 2017

Breakfast (Hotel)

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration (HCA)

9:00 – 10:30 AM Opening Session and Reception (HCA)

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Warm Up Session

“What Is / Are American Studies? – Where Is It Going?”

Moderated by Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA) and Wilfried Mausbach (HCA)

12:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch Break (together) / Coffee (HCA)

2:00 – 4:00 AM Panel 1

“Englishness and Otherness in Early America”

Chair: Wilfried Mausbach (HCA)

Helen Kilburn (University of Manchester, UK)

Religion, Empire, and ‘Sorts of People’, in Maryland 1634-1689

Aynur Erdogan (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

The Imagined Turk in Early America.

4:00 – 4:30 PM Coffee Break (HCA)

4:30 – 6:30 PM Panel 2

“Exploring Material Culture”

Chair: Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA)

L. Sasha Gora (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany)

Culinary Landclaims: A History of Indigenous Restaurants in Canada

John Davy (University College London, UK)

Miniaturisation and communication on the Northwest Coast

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Breakfast (Hotel)

9:00 – 11:00 AM Panel 3

“Interventions: Cultural Representations of Post-Cold War U.S. Foreign Policy”

Chair: Tobias Endler (HCA)

Thomas Cobb (*University of Birmingham, UK*)

Decade of Ambivalence: How Hollywood films from 1999-2009 allegorized US foreign policy

Tatiana Prorokova (*Philipps University Marburg, Germany*)

From Fiction to (Semi-)History: U.S. Contemporary Interventions in Film and Literature

11:00 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break (HCA)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Panel 4

“Claiming Citizenship – at the Ballot Box and on the Freeway”

Chair: Tobias Endler (HCA)

Romain Gilibert (*Université d’Aix-Marseille, France*)

Understanding the Latino Electorate in Texas

Helen Gibson (*Freie Universität Berlin, Germany*)

Chauffeur Blues: Cars as Spaces of Social Transgression, 1895-1939

1:30 – 3:00 PM Lunch Break (individually) / Coffee (HCA)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM “Academic Writing” and “Academic Publishing” 1

Writing and Publishing Workshop

Sherry Föhr (English Seminar, Heidelberg University) / Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA)

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Dorothea Fischer-Hornung

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sherry Föhr

5:45 PM Rendezvous in front of the HCA + Group Picture

6:00 - 7:00 PM City Tour around Heidelberg with Kristian Willenbacher

7:00 PM Dinner at Vetter’s Brauhaus

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Breakfast (Hotel)

9:00 – 11:00 AM Panel 5

“Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism, and Afropolitanism”

Chair: Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA)

Lena Mattheis (*University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany*)

‘I don’t rely on paint alone’ – Palimpsestuous Street Art in Chris Abani’s *The Virgin of Flames*

Sandra Garcia Corte (*University of Oviedo, Spain*)

Afropolitanism: solution or restriction?

11:00 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break (HCA)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Panel 6

“The Screening and Greening of American Business”

Chair: Wilfried Mausbach (HCA)

Natasha Neary (*Northumbria University, UK*)

Fun and Facts About American Business: The Production of Harding College’s economical, educational film series

Christian Gunkel (*University of Tübingen, Germany*)

Rethinking Green Consumerism – How American Entrepreneurs Set out to Change the Market for the Better

1:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch Break (individually) / Coffee (HCA)

2:30 – 4:30 PM Panel 7

“Gendered Histories and Historiographies”

Chair: Patrick Miller (Northeastern Illinois University, USA)

Rosie Knight (*University of Reading, UK*)

Thinking Intersectionally: Motherhood and Intra-gendered Exploitation in the Antebellum South

Héloïse Thomas (*Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France*)

The Feminist Premise(s) of Reconstructive Historiographies

5:15 PM Rendezvous in front of the HCA

5:30 PM Bus to Mannheim

6:00-9:00 PM Factory Tour and Reception @ John Deere, Mannheim

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Breakfast (Hotel)

9:00 – 11:00 AM Panel 8

“Cultural Moments: From Poetry to SciFi”

Chair: Tobias Endler (HCA)

Finola Prendergast (*University of Notre Dame, USA*)

Dystopia and Deregulation: The 21st Century's Minor Genre

Amanda Licato (*Stanford University, USA*)

“Out from Behind this Mask”: Persona in African-American Poetry, 1830-1930

11:00 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break (HCA)

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Panel 9

“Urban Narratives in the Big Apple”

Chair: Ulrike Gerhard (Geography Institut, Heidelberg University)

Nico Völker (*Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, Germany*)

A “Park” Grows in Brooklyn: The Atlantic Yards Project and Narratives of Urban Redevelopment

Jessica Bird (*Temple University, USA*)

For the Legal and Peaceful Enjoyment of Citizens: Street Vendors, Prostitution, and the Regulation of Public Space

1:30 – 3:00 PM Lunch Break (individually)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM “Academic Writing” and “Academic Publishing” 2

Writing and Publishing Consultation

Sherry Föhr (English Seminar, Heidelberg University) / Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA)

3:00 PM Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA)

4:00 PM Sherry Föhr (English Seminar, Heidelberg University)

Friday, March 24, 2017

Breakfast (Hotel)

10:00 – 12:00 AM Workshop

“Symbols Matter: Race and the Politics of Popular Memory”

Patrick Miller (Northeastern Illinois University, USA)

12:00 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch Break (individually) / Coffee (HCA)

1:30 – 3:30 PM Panel 10

“Vision, Sight, and Blinding”

Chair: Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (English Seminar, Heidelberg University)

Maria Kaspirek (*University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany*)

The Battle for Authority: Literary and Scientific Configurations of Knowledge in Nineteenth-Century America

Madeline Williams (*Harvard University, USA*)

Visions of Citizenship:

Blindness, Belonging, and the Politics of Sight in the 19th- and 20th-Century United States

3:30 – 4:00 PM Coffee Break (HCA)

4:00 – 5:30 PM Cool Down Session

“Cool-Down, Certificates, and Conclusion”

Moderated by Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (HCA) and Wilfried Mausbach (HCA)

8:00 PM Farewell Dinner at Kulturbrauerei
(Leyergasse 6, 69117 Heidelberg)