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**September**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 8:00 p.m.**

The American Presidency

Richard Reeves, Journalist and Senior Lecturer, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California, and Holtzbrinck Distinguished Visitor, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Deutsch–Amerikanisches Institut Heidelberg and Verlaggruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck

Location: Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstraße 120, Heidelberg

Registration and information: hca@uni-hd.de

Followed by a reception

**Monday, September 24, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**

Fifty Years after Little Rock: America’s Social Amnesia about the Civil Rights Movement

Diane McWhorter, Journalist, New York, and Holtzbrinck Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Deutsch–Amerikanisches Zentrum / James–F.–Byrnes–Institut e. V.

Location: Deutsch–Amerikanisches Zentrum / James–F.–Byrnes–Institut e. V., Charlottenplatz 17, Stuttgart

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**

African Art and the Colonial Encounter

Sylvester Ogbechie, Associate Professor of Art History, University of California, Santa Barbara, and DaimlerChrysler Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Deutsch–Amerikanisches Zentrum / James–F.–Byrnes–Institut e. V. and the Linden–Museum Stuttgart / Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde

Location: Linden–Museum Stuttgart / Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde, Hegelplatz 1, Stuttgart

Admission: € 3,– / 2,– (concession)

**Friday, October 26, 2007, 4:00 p.m.**

Art History beyond Europe: Perspectives, Protocols, and Prospects

Sylvester Ogbechie, Associate Professor of Art History, University of California, Santa Barbara, and DaimlerChrysler Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Universität Karlsruhe

Location: Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Hörsaal 9, Englerstraße 7, Karlsruhe

**November**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 8:00 p.m.**

Thinking Phantoms: Boredom and the Experience of Modernity

Elizabeth Goodstein, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts, Emory University, and German Transatlantic Program Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Husserl–Archiv, Albert–Ludwigs–Universität Freiburg

Location: Husserl–Archiv, Kolo, Raum 1195, Werthmannplatz, Freiburg

**Thursday, November 15, 2007, 4:00 p.m.**

Climate Change Policy for Realists

Jason Johnston, Director, Program on Law and the Environment, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Bosch Public Policy Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Alfred–Weber–Institut für Wirtschaftswissenschaften, mpi für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, and Juristische Fakultät, Universität Heidelberg

Location: Alfred–Weber–Institut, Raum 215, Bergheimer Str. 20, Heidelberg

**Thursday, November 15, 2007, 8:00 p.m.**

Public Art at the Helm of Urban Transformation: The Case of Turin, Italy

Sidra Stich, Director, art-sites Press, San Francisco, and Coca–Cola Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Kunstverein Neuhausen

Location: Kunstverein Neuhausen, Schloßplatz 1, Neuhausen / Fildern

**December**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007, 6:00 p.m.**

Performativity and the Ideologies of Liveness in Electronic–Music Performance

Mark Butler, Assistant Professor of Musicology, University of Pennsylvania, and DaimlerChrysler Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Ludwig–Uhland–Institut für Kulturwissenschaften, Eberhard–Karls–Universität Tübingen

Location: Schloss Hohentübingen, Ausstellungsraum, Burgsteige 11, Tübingen

**Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 8:00 p.m.**

A Reading From Absurdistan: A Novel

Gary Shteyngart, Writer, New York, and Citigroup Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Literaturhaus Stuttgart

Location: Literaturhaus Stuttgart, Breitscheidstraße 4, Stuttgart

Admission: € 8,– / 6,– / 4,–

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