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February

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Contracts under Coercion: Should One Keep an Agreement with a Robber?
Claire Finkelstein, Professor of Law and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Siemens Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Juristisches Seminar, Universität Heidelberg and the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA)
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Muslim Integration: The European and American Experience
Steven Simon, Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, and Bosch Fellow in Public Policy, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Robert Bosch Stiftung
Location: Robert Bosch Stiftung, Heidhofstr. 31, Stuttgart
* Invitation only

April

Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Neither War Nor Peace: US Policy toward Germany, 1933–1941
David Mayers, Professor of Political Science, Boston University, and Haniel Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum / James-F.-Byrnes-Institut e.V. (DAZ)
Location: DAZ, Charlottenplatz 17, Stuttgart

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
The Presence of Shylock
Kenneth Gross, Professor of English, University of Rochester, and Ellen Maria Gorrissen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Anglistisches Seminar, Universität Heidelberg
Location: Anglistisches Seminar, Ketten-gasse 12, Raum 108, Heidelberg

Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
The Question of the Puppet
Kenneth Gross, Professor of English, University of Rochester, and Ellen Maria Gorrissen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Institut für Literaturwissenschaft, Universität Hamburg
Location: Institut für Literaturwissenschaft, Heilbronner Str. 7, Raum 7.208, Stuttgart

April – May

Thursday, April 24, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Portraits from an Imagined Home
Collier Schorr, Artist, New York, and Guna S. Mundheim Fellow in the Visual Arts, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
Location: Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 30–32, Stuttgart
Admission: € 4,50 / 3,-

Thursday, May 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Risks Affecting Freedom of Speech in the US Media
Bill Baker, Former CEO, WNET, and Guest of the American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Tübingen (DAI) and the Neuphilologische Fakultät, Universität Tübingen
Location: DAI, Karlstr. 3, Tübingen

Thursday, May 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Voice Thrown, Voice Caught: Ventriloquism in the Art of Tony Oursler
Gregg Horowitz, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, and Berthold Leibinger Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Berthold Leibinger Stiftung and the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
Location: Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 30–32, Stuttgart
Admission: € 4,50 / 3,-
Followed by a reception

May

Thursday, May 15, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
The Warburgian Heritage: Collaborative Scholarship in the 1930s
Elizabeth Sears, Professor of Art History, University of Michigan, and Anna–Maria Kellen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach (DLA)
Location: DLA, Schillerhöhe 8–10, Marbach

Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Outsiders at the Center: Weimar Berlin and Renaissance Harlem
David Levering Lewis, Julius Silver University Professor and Professor of History, New York University, and Ellen Maria Gorrissen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA)
Location: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Demographic Divergence between Europe and America: Dimensions, Causes, Implications
Nicholas Eberstadt, Henry Wendt Scholar in Political Economy, American Enterprise Institute, and Bosch Fellow in Public Policy, American Academy in Berlin
In cooperation with John Deere, the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, and the Geographisches Institut, Universität Heidelberg
Location: John Deere Forum, John–Deere-Str. 70, Mannheim (Lindenhof)
Registration and information: events@hca.uni-heidelberg.de; Followed by a reception