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February – March

**Wednesday, February 25, 8:15 p.m.**

**What Has Happened to the American Press?**

Walter H. Pincus, Journalist, The Washington Post (Pulitzer Prize, 2002), and David Rubenstein Distinguished Visitor, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Carl–Schurz–Haus / Deutsch–Americanisches Institut e.V., and the Englisches Seminar, Universität Freiburg

**Location:** Universität Freiburg, Kollegien–gebäude I, Hörsaal 1098, Freiburg

**Thursday, March 12, 5:15 p.m.**

**Getting out of Iraq (in 1932)**

Susan Pedersen, Professor of History, and James P. Shenton Professor of the Core Curriculum, Columbia University, and Bosch Fellow in Public Policy, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Graduate Program “Globalization and Cultural Studies”, Universität Mannheim

**Location:** Universität Mannheim, Mannheimer Schloss, Raum EO 145 (Ehrenhof Ost, 1. OG), Mannheim

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**April**

**Thursday, April 2, 10:15 a.m.**

**Almost One–Sixth of the USSR in Construction**

Juliet Koss, Associate Professor of Art History, Scripps College, and Ellen Maria Gorrissen Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS)

**Location:** FRIAS–Haus, Albertstraße 19, Seminarraum im Erdgeschoss, Freiburg

**Wednesday, April 22, 6:15 p.m.**

**Germany’s Constitutional Odyssey**

Donald P. Kommers, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science and Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School, and George H. W. Bush/Axel Springer 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

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**Thursday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.**

**New Public Spaces for Urban America**

Edward Dimendberg, Associate Professor of Film and Media Studies, Visual Studies, and German, University of California, Irvine, and Daimler Fellow, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Institut für Literaturwissenschaft, Abteilung Amerikanistik, Universität Tübingen

**Location:** Institut für Literaturwissenschaft, Keplerstr.11, 3. Etage, Raum 11.32, Stuttgart

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**May**

**Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.**

**A Reading from Must I Now Read All of Wittgenstein?**

Donald Antrim, Writer, New York, and Mary Ellen von der Heyden Fellow for Fiction, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Akademie für gesprochenes Wort and the Deutsch–Americanisches Zentrum / James–F.–Byrnes–Institut e.V.

This reading is part of the American Days 2009

**Location:** Akademie für gesprochenes Wort, Richard–Wagner–Str. 16, Stuttgart

**Thursday, May 14, 6:15 p.m.**

**How to Understand Politics: Pay Attention to Thumos**

Harvey C. Mansfield, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Government, Harvard University, and John Kluge Distinguished Visitor, 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 19, 8:15 p.m.**

**America’s Disappearing Death Penalty: A Victory for Europe?**

Charles Lane, Editorial Writer, The Washington Post, and Bosch Fellow in Public Policy, American Academy in Berlin

In cooperation with the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) and the Abteilung für Amerikanistik, Universität Tübingen

**Location:** DAAD, Karlstr. 3, Tübingen