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**Conference:**  
**Forging Bonds Across Borders:**  
**Mobilizing for Women's Rights and Social Justice in the**  
**19<sup>th</sup>-Century Transatlantic World**  
April 28 - 30, 2016

Conveners:  
Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (GHI)  
Sonya Michel (University of Maryland, College Park)  
Anja Schüler (Heidelberg Center for American Studies)

**Thursday, April 28**

3.30-4.00 pm

**Welcome and Introduction**

Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, Sonya Michel, Anja Schüler

4.00-5.30 pm

**Panel 1: Defining Women's Issues - Suffrage and Pacifism**

Chair: Mischa Honeck (GHI)

Bonnie Anderson (CUNY)

*Transatlantic Freethinker, Feminist and Pacifist: Ernestine Rose in the 1870s*

Marilyn Lake (University of Melbourne)

*Catherine Helen Spence's Lecture Tour of the US in 1893/94*

Wendy E. Chmielewski (Swarthmore College Peace Collection)

*Women's Work against War: The Mid-Nineteenth-Century Transatlantic Peace Movement*

6.00-6.30 pm

**Opening Reception**

6.30-8.00 pm

**Keynote Lecture**

Margaret McFadden (Appalachian State University)

*Mothers of the Matrix--Anna, Fredrika and Ray: Forging Bonds of Feminist Activism*

**Friday, April 29**

9.00-10.45 am

**Panel 2: Joining other Struggles - Women's Transnational Work for Abolition and Racial Equality**

Chair: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson

Stephanie Richmond (Norfolk State University)

*Abolitionists Abroad: Women, Travel and Abolitionist Networks*

Katharina Isabel Schmidt (Princeton and Yale)  
*Strategically Navigating the Publicist Sphere: Otilie Assing and America's German-Intellectual Communities, 1865-1884*

Noaquia Callahan (GHI)  
*A Rare Colored Bird: Mary Church Terrell, Die Fortschritte der farbigen Frauen (The Progress of Colored Women), and the International Council of Women's Congress in Berlin, Germany 1904*

10.45-11.00 am

**Coffee Break**

11.00 am – 12. 45 pm

**Panel 3: Creating Networks through Words and Images**

Chair: Dane Kennedy (George Washington University)

Carol Strauss Sotiropoulos (Northern Michigan University)

*Speaking Truth to Divergent Powers: Margaret Fuller, Bettine von Arnim and the Broken Bond*

Allison Lange (Wentworth Institute of Technology)  
*British Suffragists, Labor Activists and the American Suffragists' Visual Campaign*

Christine Neejer (Michigan State University)  
*Riding Locally, Reading Transnationally: Women's International Bicycling Networks and the Suffrage Press*

12.45-2.00 pm

**Lunch Break** (at the GHI)

2.00-3.45 pm

**Panel 4: Professions as a Base for Feminist Mobilization**

Chair: Anja Schüler

Sara Kimble (DePaul University)

*Transatlantic Networks for Legal Feminism, 1888-1900*

Marion Röwekamp (Freie Universität Berlin)

*Reform Claims in Family Law and Legal Struggles within the International Council of Women, 1888-1914*

Margaret Vigil-Fowler (University of California, San Francisco)

*Friends Across an Ocean: The Role of Transatlantic Networks in the Anglo-American Medical Women's Movement*

3.45-4.00 pm

**Coffee Break**

4.00-5.45 pm

**Panel 5: The Global Reach of the WCTU**

Chair: Michael Kimmage (Catholic University of America)

Thomas Lappas (Nazareth College)

*Mixed Messages in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union's Publications: Destroying and Uplifting American Indian Nations*

Lori Osborne (Frances Willard Memorial Library and Archives)

*The World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union: An Early Transnational Women's Organization and its Struggle to Grow and Thrive in India*

Jessica R. Pliley (Texas State University)

*Mobilizing against Trafficking: Transnational Feminist Coalitions against Consuming Women's Bodies*

7.00 pm

**Conference Dinner**

**Saturday, April 30**

9.30-11.15 am

**Panel 6: Protecting Women and Children - Feminism by Other Means?**

Chair: Sonya Michel

Eva Payne (Harvard University)

*A Battle for Sound Morality: The Age of Consent Campaigns in the United States and India*

Ann Taylor Allen (University of Louisville)

*The Transatlantic Kindergarten Movement, 1840s – 1917*

Mineke Bosch (Maastricht University)

*Aletta Jacobs and the Dutch Cap: Transfer of Knowledge in the Changing Transnational Networks of Birth Control Activists*

11.15-11.30 am

**Coffee Break**

11.30 am-noon

**Final Discussion**

