



American Studies
Student Conference

27 July 2016 – Bavarian American Academy, Barer Straße 19a, Munich

Program

9:30 - 9:45 Meet and Greet (Foyer)

9:45 - 10:00 Welcome by the Organizers (Großer Seminarraum)

10:00 - 11:15 Session 1

Staging Public Performances in US Culture (Großer Seminarraum)

Chair: Monika Sauter (FAU Erlangen)

Alena Grimbs (Passau U) *The Messiah of the American Civil Religion: The Divine Image of Barack Obama*

Nicole Mittelstädt (Regensburg U) *Enacting the Harlem Renaissance Spirit: Donovan Livingston's Graduation Speech (2016)*

Katrin Sicklinger (Regensburg U) *The (Distorted) Representation of Environmental Lawyers in Contemporary American TV Series*

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee Break (Foyer)

11:45 - 12:45 Parallel Sessions 2/3

American Representations of Climate Change (Großer Seminarraum)

Chair: Alexander Lehner (Augsburg U)

Carolin Plutz (FAU Erlangen) *Visualizing Climate Change during COP21 and Beyond*

Axelle Germanaz (FAU Erlangen) *Representing the Non-Representable: Climate Change in Our Overly Visual Era*

(Re)Visiting American War Narratives (Kleiner Seminarraum)

Chair: Thomas Stelzl (Passau U)

Nicole Hofmann (FAU Erlangen) *Sacrifice, Unity, Victory: Investigating the Dominant Narratives at the National World War II Memorial*

Marie Kämpf (FAU Erlangen) *Notes on (Not) Presenting the American Involvement in the Cambodian Genocide 1975-79*

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch (outside)

1:45 - 3:00 Session 4

Environmental Politics in American Cultures (Großer Seminarraum)

Chair: Kurt Kalanz (Regensburg U)

Yasmine Nawar (FAU Erlangen) *Establishing Biopolitical Awareness to Free Willy*

Nico Kunz (FAU Erlangen) *The Cultural Construction of the Whale*

Ilona Baumgartner (Regensburg U) *An Ecocritical View of American Indian Narratives of Environmental Challenge*

3:00 - 3:15 Coffee Break (Foyer)

Stefanie Schuster (Regensburg U) *"End[ing] an Outdated Approach": Why the U.S. Normalized Relations with Cuba* (Poster Session to be viewed in the Foyer)

3:15 – 4:30 Parallel Sessions 5/6

American Sites of Memory (Großer Seminarraum)

Chair: Lucy Schulz (Regensburg U)

Kurt Kalanz (Regensburg U) *Life Writing from the Battle of Hubbardton and the Transnational Experience of the American Revolution*

Iroda Karimova (FAU Erlangen) *The Emily Dickinson Museum: A Site of Memory for the Poet and American Literary History?*

Matthias Köbrich (FAU Erlangen) *Performance, Visibility, and the Representation of Identity at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial*

Biopolitics of Risk in US Culture and Media (Kleiner Seminarraum)

Chair: Veronika Hofstätter (Stuttgart U)

Sandra Bartol (Regensburg U) *The Zika Virus and the Framing of Women*

Sandra Schlecht (Regensburg U) *The Negotiation of Risk and Fear of Biochemical Weapons in the TV Series Criminal Minds*

Judith Ohlendorf (Eichstätt U) *Depictions of Threat in Watchmen as a Reflection on Apocalyptic Discourses from a Postmodern Perspective*

4:30 - 4:50 Coffee Break (Foyer)

4:50 - 6:20 Session 7

Nature, Technology, and Progress in US History (Großer Seminarraum)

Chair: Nicole Mittelstädt (Regensburg U)

Florian Zitzelsberger (Passau U) *The (De-)Evolution of Character: Naturalism and Travel as Means of Transformation in Jack London's "Love of Life"*

Sarah Marak (FAU Erlangen) *Notes on Fracking*

Lori Schiesl (LMU) *Representations of the Electric Car in America*

Alexander Lehner (Augsburg U) *Videogames as Cultural Ecology Using the Example of Flower*

6:30 Wrap-up and End of Conference (Großer Seminarraum)

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