

# NEWS

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## CHRISTOF MAUCH APPOINTED DIRECTOR

On the recommendation of the Academic Advisory Committee of the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC, the Trustees of the Stiftung Deutsche Historische Institute im Ausland voted at their December 2001 meeting to appoint Christof Mauch as the new Director of the Institute. Mauch had been Acting Director since September 1999.

## RECEPTION FOR THE GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 6, 2001, the GHI hosted a well-attended reception for members of the German Studies Association (GSA). The GSA's 2001 Annual Conference, which took place in Washington, marked the association's 25th anniversary. GSA president Henry Friedlander was on hand for the reception along with many long-time friends and associates of the GSA and GHI.

## EDUCATION MINISTER VISITS GHI

On February 5, 2002, the GHI hosted a delegation from Germany led by Federal Minister of Education and Research Edelgard Bulmahn. The visit provided opportunity for the minister to discuss draft legislation on university reform and the reorganization of Germany's foreign humanities research institutes. Karsten Brenner, head of the Education Ministry's Department for European and International Cooperation and chairman of the GHI's board of trustees, as well as Prof. Dr. Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker, President of the German Research Association (*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*), were also on hand to discuss upon the proposed legislation.

GHI Director Christof Mauch reported on the Institute's recent and upcoming activities. In his presentation to the minister and delegation, Mauch underscored the GHI's role as a bridge between the European and North American scholarly communities and drew particular attention to the GHI's commitment to fostering programs for younger scholars on both sides of the Atlantic. The Friends of the GHI were represented

by Professors Roger Chickering (Georgetown University) and Marion Deshmukh (George Mason University). Besides providing financial support for several GHI programs, Chickering told the delegation, the Friends have been instrumental in building institutional ties between the GHI and major scholarly organizations in the U.S.

## LIBRARY REPORT

The GHI is proud to announce that the Institute's collection has been enriched by two important acquisitions. The *Verhandlungen des deutschen Reichstages. Stenographische Berichte und Anlagen*, vols. 1–460 (Berlin 1867–1942), which were acquired from a rare book dealer in Berlin, are a superb source for research into the political history of the Kaiserreich, the Weimar Republic, and the Third Reich. In addition to the parliamentary minutes, the *Anlagen* volumes of the *Verhandlungen* contain proposed bills, committee reports, and other ancillary material. Research on every topic discussed in the German Reichstag is greatly facilitated with these volumes. The German Historical Institute is the only library in Washington that provides open-shelf access to this source.

The second important acquisition is the *Diazo-Ausgabe der Volltextverfilmung der Deutschen Zeitschriften des 18. und 19. Jahrhunderts* on microfiche. It includes an extensive selection of popular, scientific, religious, social, and political newspapers and journals. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries a new kind of scholarly and socially communication emerged. This development is amply documented in this collection, which provides easy access to key primary sources for scholars and interested lay persons.

The GHI would like to express its gratitude to the following people and institutions for supporting the GHI Library through the donation of books: AICGS, Thomas Carl Austenfeld, Bayerisch-Amerikanisches Zentrum, Bethany Lutheran College, Malve Burns, Flor Felsenthal, JoEllen Fountain, Fritz-Bauer-Institut, Georg-Eckert Institut, IMIS, Detlef Junker, Leo Baeck Institute, Library of Congress, Gisela R. McBride, Militärhistorisches Museum der Bundeswehr, Prof. Mruck, Kiran K. Patel, Albert J. Phiebig, Arnold H. Price, Lorenzo Riberi, R. Richards, Bernd Schäfer, Christoph Strupp, Thüringer Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek, Wallstein Verlag.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

The GHI is pleased to announce four additions to its "Publications" series with Cambridge University Press: *Republicanism and Liberalism in America and the German States, 1750–1950*, edited by Jürgen Heideking and

James A. Henretta with the assistance of Peter Becker; *Bridging the Atlantic: The Question of American Exceptionalism in Perspective*, edited by Elisabeth Glaser and Hermann Wellenreuther; *Two Cultures of Rights: The Quest for Inclusion and Participation in Modern America and Germany*, edited by Manfred Berg and Martin H. Geyer; and *Medieval Concepts of the Past: Ritual, Memory, Historiography*, edited by Gerd Althoff, Johannes Fried and Patrick J. Geary. All four volumes grew out of GHI-sponsored conferences. The GHI and Cambridge University Press are now also collaborating on a series of monographs on German and German-American history. Hubert Zimmermann's *Money and Security: Troops, Monetary Policy, and West Germany's Relations with the United States and Britain, 1950–1971*, which appeared in February, is the first volume in this new series.

Two books by GHI-affiliated scholars have recently appeared. In *A Government by the People: Direct Democracy in America, 1890–1940* (University of North Carolina Press), GHI Research Fellow Thomas Goebel re-examines the turn-of-the-century movement that led to the introduction of voter initiative, referendum and recall provisions in many states. Goebel argues that antimonopoly sentiment was the driving force behind the call for direct democracy measures. By 1930, he finds, it was clear that direct democracy had not lived up to the promise its early advocates had envisioned. Edmund Spevack, a GHI Research Fellow from 1997 to 1999, contends in *Allied Control and German Freedom: American Political and Ideological Influences on the Framing of the West German Basic Law* (Lit Verlag, Münster) that U.S. officials and advisors played a much more substantial part in laying the constitutional foundations of the Federal Republic of Germany than commonly believed.

The essays gathered in *Across Cultural Borders: Historiography in Global Perspective* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers), edited by Eckhardt Fuchs and Benedikt Stuchtey, were originally presented at a conference held at the GHI. The contributors explore the development of historiographic traditions across the globe and the impact of outside influences on those traditions.

## RECIPIENTS OF JÜRGEN HEIDEKING FELLOWSHIPS

FRANK BIESS (University of California, San Diego), "The Protracted War: Returning POWs and the Making of East and West German Citizens, 1945–1955" (Recipient of the Heideking Fellowship for post-doctoral scholars, sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne)

MARKUS HÜNEMÖRDER (University of Munich), "The Society of the Cincinnati Conspiracy Theory: Radical Antifederalism in the Critical Period"

(Recipient of the Kade-Heideking Fellowship for doctoral students, sponsored by the Annette Kade Foundation)

## STAFF CHANGES

ANITA BROWN, born in Sonthofen, Germany, joined the library staff in October 2001. She has been living in the U.S. for the past twelve years, and previously worked as a hotel receptionist.

THOMAS GOEBEL left the Institute at the end of January 2002 after five years as a Research Fellow. During his tenure, he completed a book that was recently published by the University of North Carolina Press. The title is *A Government by the People: Direct Democracy in America, 1890–1940*. He is now pursuing an MBA at American University.

ANNETTE MARCIEL left the Institute to pursue further education.