

# EVENTS

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## LECTURE SERIES, SPRING 2007

### EMPIRE IN GERMAN AND AMERICAN HISTORY

The quest for empire is not always acknowledged by those who pursue it. Germany openly espoused imperial ambitions at several points in its history before other powers reined it in. The United States has time and again refused to label itself an empire even when its exercise of power beyond its borders has taken on many hallmarks of imperial rule. This lecture series will explore the multifaceted concept of empire through the examples provided by German and American history. All lectures are held at the German Historical Institute. Refreshments are served at 6 pm. Lectures begin at 6:30 pm.

- March 1     *Globalization and Nation: The German Empire until 1918*  
Sebastian Conrad (Free University Berlin)
- March 8     *Among Empires: American Ascendancy and Its Predecessors*  
Charles Maier (Harvard University)
- March 29    *Empire by Land or Sea: Germany's Imperial Imaginary*  
Geoff Eley (University of Michigan)
- April 19    *Irresistible Empire? America's Global Cultural Attraction*  
Victoria De Grazia (Columbia University)
- May 10     *Colonialism and German Notions of Empire, 1918–1945*  
Birthe Kundrus (Hamburg Institute for Social Research)