GHI News
2019 FRITZ STERN DISSERTATION PRIZE

The 2019 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize, which is awarded annually by the Friends of the German Historical Institute for the best dissertation in German history completed at a North American university, was awarded to Michelle Lynn Kahn (University of Richmond). The award ceremony took place at the 28th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute on November 1, 2019. The selection committee was composed of: Brendan Karch (chair, Louisiana State University), Tanya Kevorkian (Millersville University), and Andrew Zimmerman (George Washington University). The prize winner has contributed an article presenting her dissertation research to this issue of the Bulletin (see "Features").

The committee’s prize citation for Michelle Kahn’s dissertation “Foreign at Home: Turkish-German Migrants and the Boundaries of Europe, 1961–1990” (Ph.D. dissertation, Stanford University, 2018, advised by Edith Sheffer) reads:

Michelle Kahn’s elegant and highly original dissertation examines Turkish labor migrants to Germany who later returned to Turkey, some with German-born children. These understudied migrants comprised a large portion of West Germany’s Turkish guest workers, yet they were often caught between two worlds. Kahn traces these migrants’ dual estrangement from the moment of departure to Germany, through temporary trips home, to German policies urging return, the challenges of reintegration, and continued transnational mobility. Her work unearths xenophobic sentiment underlying West German policies, especially the incentive money given in 1983 to encourage remigration. Turkish media and popular culture pejoratively labeled many of these returning guest workers and their families ‘Almançı’ to underscore their Germanization. Moreover, the Turkish government resisted migrants’ return, prioritizing instead their remittances from Europe — a neoliberal calculation that Kahn labels ‘financial citizenship.’ Many migrants thus felt unwelcome in both Turkey and Germany.

Kahn draws on a rich source base in both German and Turkish including archival records, oral interviews, travel guides, cartoons, poems, and popular culture. These sources are interwoven, with clear and elegant prose, into a rich tapestry of diverse voices. Divides within the Turkish migrant population — between those from urban and rural backgrounds, between children born in Turkey or in Germany, or between families who stayed in Germany or who departed — are analyzed with great subtlety. A truly transnational project, her work puts at its center a group of migrants who challenge us to rethink German and Turkish national cultures, Cold War politics, European migrant flows, and the alleged divisions between
a democratic Europe and authoritarian others. We are proud to honor Michelle Kahn with the 2019 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize.

NEW STAFF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs


Edited Volumes and Special Issues


Chapters and Articles


Other Publications (Book Reviews, Conference Reports, Working Papers, Blog Articles, Encyclopedia Entries)

Earnshaw, Sarah. “International Political Sociology.” In The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Global Security Studies, ed. Thapa and Romaniuk (Online, August 2019)


Tetzlaff, Stefan. “’The name of the game was globalization of goods, services and finance’ and India was increasingly part of it (Interview with Michael Gadbaw).” TRAFO: Blog for Transregional Research, 12.11.2019. https://trafo.hypotheses.org/19868


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**STAFF CHANGES**

**Jana Adkins**, Assistant to the Director since November 2017, left the GHI in November 2019 to take up a position as office manager with a private company in New York.

**Daniel Burckhardt**, Technical Developer for our GHDI website, left Washington at the end of April to return to Germany, where he continues to work for the GHI remotely.

**Jonathan Casey**, IT staff member since April 2018, left the institute in September 2019 to continue his career in the private sector.

**Brita Hanafy** joined the GHI as Assistant to the Director in September 2019. She previously worked in several project management positions in the marketing sector. She will be leaving the GHI in July 2020 and returning to Germany.
**Nora Hilgert**, who joined the GHI in May 2019 as Research and Press Coordinator to cover for Sarah Beringer during her maternity leave, returned to Germany at the end of April.

**Albert Manke** joined the GHI’s Pacific Regional Office in Berkeley in September 2019. He is a research fellow and coordinator of the GHI’s working group in the project “Interaction and Knowledge in the Pacific Region: Entanglements and Disentanglements,” which is part of the Max Weber Foundation’s collaborative research project “Knowledge Unbound.” Before joining the GHI, he worked at the Center for Inter-American Studies at Bielefeld University and at the Global South Studies Center of the University of Cologne.

**Ralph Miller** joined the GHI as IT System Administrator in October 2019. He has more than 25 years of experience as a systems engineer and IT manager. Ralph holds a M.A. of Science in Management Information Systems from the University of Maryland/Bowie State University and a B.A. of Science in Computer Science, with German as a minor, from Pennsylvania State University.

**Stefan Sachser**, Administrative Associate since May 2018, left the GHI in June 2019 to return to his post at the Technisches Hilfswerk in Germany.

**Atanas Vasilev**, IT Manager since May 2017, left the institute at the end of April to return to Germany and continue his career in the IT sector.

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**GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS**

**Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The GHI awards short-term fellowships to European and North American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars to pursue research projects that draw upon primary sources located in the United States. We are particularly interested in research projects that fit into the following fields: German and European history, the history of German-American relations, the role of Germany and the USA in international relations, and American history (European doctoral and postdoctoral scholars only). The proposed research projects should make use of historical methods and engage with the relevant historiography. We especially invite applications from doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars who currently have no funding from their home institutions. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to five months.
The GHI also offers a number of other long-term doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles to strengthen key research interests at the institute, including: the history of knowledge, the history of race and ethnicity, the history of religion and religiosity, the history of family and kinship, the history of migration, and North American history. In addition to these opportunities, several new fellowships programs have been introduced: The Binational Tandem Research Program for “The History of Knowledge” and “Global and Trans-regional History,” and the Gerda Henkel Postdoctoral Fellowship for Digital History.

For further information about these programs and current application deadlines, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org/fellowships.

GHI Internships

The GHI Internship Program gives German and American students of history, political science, and library studies an opportunity to gain experience at a scholarly research institute. Interns assist individual research projects, work for the library, take part in the preparation and hosting of conferences, and help with our publications. They receive a small stipend. The program is very flexible in the sense that the GHI tries to accommodate the interns’ interests, abilities, and goals. A two-month minimum stay is required; a three-month stay is preferred. There is a rolling review of applications. For further information, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.

GHI FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2019/20

Short-term Doctoral Fellowships

**Pia Beumer**, Universität Erfurt

*Spaces of Fear: White Male Violence as Self-Defense in 1980s Urban America*

**Lia Börsch**, Universität Heidelberg

“One good photo worth ten pages of words”: Eine Visual History der Bildproduktion internationaler Menschenrechtsorganisationen ab 1960

**Stella Maria Frei**, Universität Gießen

*Ein “psychologischer Marshallplan” für Europa: Zur psychosozialen Rehabilitationsarbeit mit Displaced Persons in Nachkriegs Europa* 1945–1951
Roman Hutter, Universität Wien /University of Amsterdam
*Travelling Poets, Travelling Ideas: Oskar Pastior und das Vermitteln im Kalten Krieg*

Darja Jesse, Technische Universität Berlin
*Gutes Kulturerbe — böses Kulturerbe? Zur Genese, Funktion und Rezeption der German War Art Collection*

Christopher Kirchberg, Ruhr Universität Bochum
*Überwachung und Demokratie: Die Auseinandersetzungen um das nachrichtendienstliche Informationssystem des Bundesamts für Verfassungsschutz, 1965-1990.*

Robert Pursche, Universität Basel
*Umkämpftes Nachleben: Walter Benjamins Archive 1940-1990*

**Short-term Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Tanja Hammel, Universität Basel
*Global Health History and the Rise and Fall of the Antimalarial Agent Mefloquine*

Robert Hutchinson, United States Naval War College
*After Nuremberg: American Clemency for Nazi War Criminals, 1949-1958*

Christoffer Leber, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
*Wissenschaft unter Beobachtung: Die Entwicklung der Science Studies in Großbritannien und den USA (1960er-1990er)*

Verena Lehmbrock, Universität Erfurt
*Industrielle Sozialpsychologie in der DDR: Versuch einer transnationalen Genealogie.*

Peter Ridder, Berliner Kolleg Kalter Krieg am Institut für Zeitgeschichte München - Berlin
GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM, FALL 2019

September 18  The Science of Children  
Jamie Cohen-Cole (George Washington University/GHI Washington)

September 19  Öl statt Kohle: Internationale Geschichte der westdeutschen Energietransition nach 1945  
Clemens Huemerlehner (Universität Freiburg)

October 3  Das große Köpfemessen: Die Vergleichende Anatomie und die Konstruktion von “Menschenrassen”  
Sonja Malin Wilckens (Universität Bielefeld)

November 6  Midlife Crisis: The Feminist Origins of a Chauvinist Cliché  
Susanne Schmidt (Freie Universität Berlin/GHI Washington)

November 14  “Priesterschaft des heiligen Merkur”: Schlesische Leinwandkaufleute und der atlantische Leinwandhandel in der frühen Neuzeit  
Anka Steffen (Europa-Universität Viadrina)

November 20  Persistence and Dynamic of Courtly Mobility: The European Social Elite and the Case of the Russian Prince Paul, 1754–1801  
Anna Ananieva (Universität Tübingen/GHI Washington)

December 11  Russia in the European Counterrevolution, 1789–1815  
Gregory Afinogenov (Georgetown University/GHI Washington)

December 12  Einsatzgruppe C in the District of Galicia: Ideology, Situational Violence, and Mass Murder  
Benjamin Nestor (Marquette University)
GHI SPRING LECTURE SERIES 2020

“The spirits that I called”: Artificial Life from the Enlightenment to the Present

Organized by Anna-Carolin Augustin and Claudia Roesch

Will technological advancements enrich our lives or ultimately destroy us? Current debates about the consequences of artificial creations — robots, artificial intelligence, designer babies — raise both hopes and deep concerns. Promises of a better future or eternal life stand in contrast to fears of being overpowered by more intelligent, more resilient artificially created beings.

“The spirits that I called,” lamented the sorcerer’s apprentice in Goethe’s famous ballad, after bringing a broom to life with magic and losing control of it. For centuries, the idea of creating artificial life has fascinated and frightened human beings. It touches upon fundamental questions of human existence, the relationship between humans and nature, and the beginning of life. Fictional characters and stories such as the Golem, and Frankenstein’s monster reflect the long history of engagement with the idea of artificial life. So, too, do attempts over the past three centuries to build androids and robots, to mimic human thought in computer software, and to engineer ever more sophisticated reproductive technologies. The question today, as in the past, is whether artificially created beings and new technologies will ultimately turn against their creator.

The spring lecture series 2020 “The spirits that I called”: Artificial Life from the Enlightenment to the Present combines approaches from the history of science and technology studies with religion, gender and film studies to discuss the history of the idea of artificial life/creation, and how it has framed both hopes and concerns associated with new developments and technologies.

February 27  Human-Machine Boundaries in the Enlightenment and Beyond
Adelheid Voskuhl (University of Pennsylvania)

April 16* The Golem: The Artificial Anthropoid from Enlightenment Monster to AI
Cathy Gelbin (University of Manchester)

May 7* Transmission of Intelligence and Information. A History of Artificial Intelligence
Rudolf Seising (Deutsches Museum)

*Postponed to Spring 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

February 18  Revisiting the Economics of German Overseas Imperialism, 1884-1918
Lecture at GHI PRO, Berkeley
Speaker: Steven Press, Stanford University

February 20-21  Recreating Separate Spheres Across Not-So-Separate Worlds: Gender and Reeducation in Japan, Germany, and the USA after World War II
Workshop at GHI PRO, Berkeley
Conveners: Claudia Roesch (GHI Washington), Jana Aresin and Heike Paul (FAU)

February 27  Human-Machine Boundaries in the Enlightenment and Beyond
Lecture at GHI Washington
Speaker: Adelheid Voskuhl (University of Pennsylvania)

February 27  ‘It hurts us that our people must work for global capital’: The Symbolic Politics of Out-Migration in Socialist Yugoslavia
Lecture at GHI PRO
Speaker: Ulf Brunnbauer (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies & University of Regensburg)

May 25-29  26th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
*** Postponed, Date TBA ***
Seminar at Villa Vigoni, Laveno di Menaggio, Italy
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University), Christiane Liermann Traniello (Villa Vigoni), Corinna Unger (European University Institute, Florence), and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

June 1-2  Mobilities, Exclusion, and Migrants’ Agency in the Pacific Realm in a Transregional and Diachronic Perspective
*** Postponed, Date TBA ***
Conference at the University of California, Berkeley
Conveners: Albert Manke (GHI PRO Berkeley) and Sören Urbansky (GHI Washington)
September 21-22  Change in Motion: Environment, Migration, and Mobilities  
Workshop at GHI PRO, Berkeley  
Conveners: Sarah Earnshaw (GHI PRO, Berkeley) and Samantha Fox (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School, New York)

October 1-4  Sexuality and the Law in German-Speaking Europe  
Seminar at the Forty-Fourth Annual Conference of the German Studies Association  
Conveners: Martin Lücke (Freie Universität Berlin), Veronika Springmann (Freie Universität Berlin), and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

October 12-14  Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives  
Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at GHI PRO, Berkeley  
Conveners: Christiane Reinecke (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, Osnabrück) and Andrea Westermann (GHI PRO, Berkeley)

November 16-17  Contested Meanings of Migration Facilitation: Emigration Agents, Coyotes, Rescuers, and Human Traffickers  
Annual Academic and Policy Symposium: Innovation through Migration at GHI PRO, Berkeley  
Conveners: Ulf Brunnbauer (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies & Regensburg University) and Andrea Westermann (GHI PRO)
GHI Library

The GHI library concentrates on German history and transatlantic relations, with emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In addition to providing essential literature for scholarly research, the library fulfills an important cultural mission: no other library in the United States offers a similarly condensed inventory of modern German history.

The library offers access to about 50,000 books, DVDs, CD-ROMs, microfiches, and 220 print journals. In addition, we offer access to about 500 e-books and 100 online journals.

The collection includes books on American history written by German authors as well as historical literature of the institute’s past research foci: global history, religious studies, exile and migration studies, environmental history, and economic history. The collection includes only print materials, mostly secondary literature; there are no archival holdings.

The GHI library offers free access to scholars as well as the general public; appointments or reader cards are not necessary. The library does not lend materials but visitors may consult material from the entire collection in our beautiful reading room, which also offers access to a variety of databases for journal articles, historical newspapers, genealogical research, and bibliographical research.

For the library catalog or a list of our databases, please visit www.ghi-dc.org/library. Or send an email to library@ghi-dc.org for any further questions.

The library hours are Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm, Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm, and by appointment.