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GHI News



35+5 – GHI Washington and Its Pacific Office Celebrate Anniversaries

Thirty-five years ago, in the fall of 1987, the German Historical Institute opened its doors in Washington. Five years ago, in the Fall of 2017, the GHI's Pacific Office was established at the University of Berkeley.

“We have a lot to celebrate this year,” director Simone Lässig explains. “Over decades, our institute has developed into a hub for research in and about the transatlantic world, Europe and the Americas. It opened up to global history and most recently to the transpacific region. At the same time, it has witnessed and reflected milestones of global history.”

The GHI Washington, including its Pacific Office, now has 35 research fellows and employees, awards prizes for outstanding research, and publishes several book series as well as its own journal – the *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*. All of these publications are published in open access or will become open access in the near future. Simone Lässig: “Since 2011 we have enabled over 500 researchers to visit the GHI and other institutions and archives in the U.S. or Canada. Many of them have continued their career successfully, and thus underline the value of our programs, which have focused on research topics such as migration and mobility, Jewish history or transregional studies. It is an honor for us to make this kind of scholarly exchange possible and to benefit from it – an international exchange that is still necessary, nowadays probably more than ever before.”

Over the last few years, the GHI Washington has developed into a major transatlantic hub for Digital History through an annual international conference and transnational digital projects that address research, teaching, and citizen scholars. “Projects such as *German History Intersections* or *Migrant Connections* are of considerable value for many people, just as *German History in Documents and Images* has been since

2003. And they show the importance of institutional continuity in transnational research organizations: many topics and even contacts that we are focused on today date back to the beginning of our GHI – 35 years ago in Washington, and five years ago in Berkeley,” Lässig underlines. “We are thankful for all the support the GHI has had in these 35+5 years – from our friends and partners, our employees and fellows, our academic advisory board, the Max Weber Foundation, its funders and from all the other associates.”

German Minister of Education and Research Visits GHI Washington

On June 8, 2022, the German Minister of Education and Research, Bettina Stark-Watzinger, visited the German Historical Institute Washington (GHI) for a panel discussion followed by a reception. “This was a great honor for our institute and the German humanities abroad,” Director Simone Lässig commented.

This honor derives not least from the fact that the GHI, as a center for advanced historical research, with its Pacific Office at UC Berkeley and as a part of the Max Weber Stiftung, is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research. “With our research topics as well as with our conferences and programs for young scholars, our publications, our digital initiatives, and our public outreach programs, we – like all the Max Weber Institutes around the globe – serve as a unique bridge builder,” Simone Lässig mentioned in her introduction. “We build bridges between Europe and North America, and even within the Americas, as well as between the Pacific and the Atlantic worlds. We build bridges between different disciplines, between scholarship and society, including politics, and between tradition and innovation.”

Director Lässig also moderated the panel discussion *Transatlantic Relationships in Science and Technology*, which included the minister, Robert D. Atkinson (President of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation), Jeff



Figure 1. German Minister of Education and Research Bettina Stark-Watzinger (left) and GHI director Simone Lässig (right).

Rathke (President of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies), Constanze Stelzenmüller (Brookings Institution), Charles Wessner (Georgetown University), and Mercedes García Pérez (Head of the Global Issues and Innovation section of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States). The panelists addressed is-

sues like the role of knowledge transfer and research infrastructures, the freedom of value-based research, and the limitations of international cooperation. Reflecting on the successful evening, Prof. Lässig was pleased about the great interest the minister had shown in the research of GHI fellows: “Her visit provided an outstanding opportunity for them to discuss their projects with experts from different fields.”

Time for a Conclusion: GHI director Simone Lässig reflects on the “Wissen entgrenzen” initiative of the Max Weber Foundation

GHI Director Simone Lässig discussed the “Wissen entgrenzen” initiative in a new podcast produced by the Max Weber Stiftung.

GHI Washington director Simone Lässig looked back on the “Wissen entgrenzen” initiative of the Max Weber Foundation, focusing on its accomplishments and further perspectives along with Birgit Schäbler (Director, Orient Institute Beirut), Sandra Dahlke (Director, GHI Moscow), and Franz Waldenberger (Director, German Institute for Japanese Studies) in a recent podcast. You can listen to the episode (in German) at: <https://wissen.hypotheses.org/3489>.

For the last three years, the GHI Washington “Wissen entgrenzen” project “Interaction and Knowledge in the Pacific Region: Entanglements and Disentanglements” was based at the Pacific Office at UC Berkeley, where it included researchers Albert Manke, Sören Urbansky, Sarah Beringer, and Simone Lässig.

GHI Launches New Edition of Award-Winning Website *German History in Documents and Images* (GHDI)

The GHI is pleased to announce the relaunch of its website *German History in Documents and Images* (GHDI), a collection of primary sources and supplementary essays presenting the history of Germany and the German-speaking lands from the early modern era to the present day offered in both German and English.

Since its original launch, twenty years ago, the site has been widely adopted for teaching and research use in the United States, Germany, and beyond while receiving accolades from the American Historical Association and other organizations for its breadth, variety, and academic rigor. With funding from the DFG (German Research Foundation) program for Scientific Library Services and Information Systems, the site's underlying infrastructure has been adapted to fit modern technological requirements, including a responsive, accessible, and mobile-friendly design. The new *German History in Documents and Images* now has the capacity to present audiovisual sources and includes a wider variety of image-presentation options for classroom use as well as custom-designed maps. In addition, the site's editorial board has expanded its topical coverage, specifically including more sources related to environmental history, global history, and the history of migration, while the background essays which accompany the primary sources have been revised and expanded to encompass the new research published since the site's original debut.

The relaunched *German History in Documents and Images* continues the original site's format of ten period-based volumes. Two volumes of the new edition—*From Vormärz to Prussian Dominance, 1815–1866*, and *Two Germanies, 1961–1989*—are now available on GHDI's new website, [GHI NEWS](http://germanhis-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

torydocs.org. The remaining eight volumes, spanning from the early sixteenth century to the 2010s, will be published to the new site over the coming months. During this transition period the original GHDI site will continue to be available at its current URL (www.germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org); once the relaunch is complete the original site will be preserved in a web-archive format and remain accessible.

2022 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize

The 2022 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 Tamar Menashe (University of Pennsylvania). The award ceremony took place at the 30th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute on May 13, 2022. The selection committee was composed of: Daniel Riches (Chair), Barnet Hartston, and Philipp Nielsen. The prize winner will contribute an article presenting her dissertation research to the next issue of the Bulletin.

The committee's prize citation for Tamar Menashe's dissertation, "The Imperial Supreme Court and Jews in Cross-Confessional Legal Cultures, 1495-1690" (Ph.D. dissertation, Columbia University, 2022, advised by Elisheva Carlebach), reads:

Tamar Menashe's dissertation, "The Imperial Supreme Court and Jews in Cross-Confessional Legal Cultures, 1495-1690," is a work of breathtaking erudition and scope. Grounded in meticulous research spanning over thirty archives in six countries and six languages, Dr. Menashe has produced a work of scholarship that is both innovative and profound, with findings that are as significant and surprising as they are historiographically iconoclastic. She has brought to our field not only things we did not know, but rather things we did not believe possible.

The key here is Dr. Menashe's creative recovery of a strong Jewish voice and effective Jewish agency in the early modern Holy Roman Empire. The paucity of surviving source material produced by early modern Jewish Germans – and parallel paucity of scholars with the historiographical and linguistic range to combine high-level understanding of the Empire's Byzantine structures and practices with the ability to use Hebrew and Yiddish sources – have led to the widespread assumption that a deep study of the early modern Jewish experience in the Empire from a Jewish perspective was simply not possible, and that any Jewish voice that could be found would surely be one of defensive retreat from uniformly intolerant surroundings. Dr. Menashe's dissertation explodes these assumptions by turning to the records of the Empire's notoriously decentralized legal system, examining thousands of court documents spread across dozens of collections to reveal a remarkable world of active and successful Jewish legal activity in the Empire's courts, whose files are shown to contain a surprising number of documents written by early modern Jewish Germans themselves that previous scholars have overlooked.

This discovery in itself would have been an accomplishment of major proportions. What takes Dr. Menashe's dissertation to another level, however, is her penetrating analysis of the ends to which early modern Jews used their activity in the Empire's courts. Dr. Menashe deftly teases out the ways in which Jewish residents of the Empire made conscious use of their special legal status as directly subject to the immediate jurisdiction of the emperor regardless of their territory of residence or activity to initiate lawsuits directly at the level of the *Reichskammergericht* (one of the Empire's two supreme courts that usually functioned as an appellate court) while at the same time manipulating the rhetorics of universality embedded in the Roman Law tradition that German jurists were at that moment in the process of implementing in the Empire to persuade imperial judges to incorporate Jewish law into court proceedings regarding Jewish litigants. We see here a kind of utterly unexpected intersectionality between a minority group's special legal status and a legal system's universalizing rhetorical space that was seized upon

actively, assertively, and perhaps most remarkably, successfully, by the Empire's Jews in what Dr. Menashe refers to as an "imperial endorsement of Jewish jurisdictional power." Dr. Menashe's dissertation shows us, then, that contrary to the prevailing literature the Empire's early modern Jews were not a passively fading group that was acted upon by structures of power without themselves being active, but rather that Jews increasingly used litigation as a path to legitimate their place in German society, or better said were successful at writing themselves into German political community through litigation.

Only a scholar with Dr. Menashe's impressive linguistic and paleographic range to engage German, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin sources in their handwritten, early modern variants, could have produced such powerful, and unexpected, conclusions.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to our field, the prize committee is pleased to award – enthusiastically and unanimously – this year's Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize to Dr. Tamar Menashe.

GHI Publications

1. Publications of the German Historical Institute (Cambridge University Press)

Moritz Föllmer and Pamela E. Swett, eds. *Reshaping Capitalism in Weimar and Nazi Germany*

2. Studies in German History (Berghahn Books)

Andrew Kloiber. *Brewing Socialism: Coffee, East Germans, and Twentieth-Century Globalization*.

Ilko-Sascha Kowalczyk. *End Game: The 1989 Revolution in East Germany*.

3. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Steiner Verlag)

Patrick Gaul. *Ideale und Interessen: Die mitteleuropäische Wirtschaft im Amerikanischen Bürgerkrieg.*

4. Worlds of Consumption (Palgrave Macmillan)

Paul Lerner, Uwe Spiekermann, Anne Schenderlein, eds. *Jewish Consumer Cultures in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Europe and North America.*

Staff Changes

Virginia Klotz-Thompson joined the GHI in October 2022 as administrative assistant after a career in the medical field.

Tugba Mack joined the GHI in August 2022 as assistant to the director. Prior to joining the GHI, she worked for the Outreach Liaison of the United Nations Development Program in New York City and conducted journalistic work for RTL Television Network in Germany and CNN Istanbul/Turkey.

Rebekka Sherman-Loeffler, assistant to the director since July 2020, left the GHI in order to pursue a new opportunity.

Melanie Smaney, administrative assistant since January 2016, left the GHI in May 2022 in order to take up a position with the Hanns-Seidel Foundation.

GHI Fellowships and Internships: Call for Applications

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 pri-

mary 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, the GHI also offers the following fellowships: 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 2022

Long-term Visiting Fellowships

Amelia Bonea (Universität Heidelberg)

Archives of the Earth: Fossil Histories and the Global Entanglements of Indian Paleosciences, 1920s-1970s

Kimberly Cheng (New York University)

Chinese Foreign Nationals in Nazi and Postwar Germany, 1933-1949

Kamil Karczewski (European University Institute)

Transnationally Queer: Four Central European Men Between Nations and Sexualities, 1935-1956

Erica Lansberg (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

Encounters in the Rubble: American Interactions with German Children in Postwar Germany

Christoph Nitschke (Universität Stuttgart)

Capital and Civilization: Transimperial Finance and the United States between Civil War and World War, 1857-1917

Gerda Henkel Fellowship for Digital History

Alexandra Krebs (Universität Paderborn)

History in Digital Spaces: Historical Learning inside the 'App in die Geschichte' (App into History)

Tandem Fellowships in the History of Migration at the German Historical Institute Washington's Pacific Office in Berkeley

Vitalij Fastovskij (Universität Münster)

Humanitarian Aid in the Cold War Era: The Tolstoy Foundation's Support of Displaced Persons and Refugees (1949-1989)

Joshua Donovan (Columbia University)

Imagining Antioch: Sectarianism, Nationalism, and Migration in the Greek Orthodox Levant

Short-term Doctoral Research Fellowships

Viviana del Carmen Acuña Azuaje (Universität zu Köln)

“Don’t Stop Me Now!”: The Perseverance of Women of Color in NASA during the 1980s through the 90s

Veronica Barry (Maynooth University)

An Examination of Nazi Propaganda Directed at Women of Key Neutral States from 1933 to 1945

Lisa Katharina Gabriel (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)

Gegen die Missachtung und Rechtlosigkeit: Vielfalt und Ideengeschichte radikaler Perspektiven auf das Problem der sexuellen Gewalt im Kontext der sozialen Bewegungen in den USA, c. 1940-1975

Pia Herzan (Universität Erfurt)

Governed by Voluntariness: Voluntary Civic Engagement & Political Practices during the Yellow Fever Crises in Philadelphia’s Early Republic

Darja Jesse (Technische Universität Berlin)

“A Potential Threat to the World”: Sammlungs- und Wahrnehmungsgeschichte der German War Art Collection

Ulrike Koppermann (Justus Liebig Universität Gießen)

Eindeutig mehrdeutig – Funktionen von Fotografien in Ausstellungen zur Shoah

Anna Kozlova (Carleton University)

Ancestral Homelands and Onward Migration: Oral History Narratives of Post-Soviet German and Jewish Migrants in Canada

Aimée Plukker (Cornell University)

Europe Calling: The Marshall Plan, U.S. Tourism to Europe, and the Making of “the West”

Sydney Ramirez (Universität Kassel)

Queer Youth Organizations and the Circulation of Knowledge in the U.S. since the 1960s

Hans-Georg Ripken (Universität Mannheim)

NATO-Osterweiterung in den 1990er Jahren: Eine qualitative und datenbasierte Analyse der öffentlichen Debatte in Deutschland, den USA, Polen und Russland

Short-term Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Nicola Camilleri (German Historical Institute Warsaw)

German Emigrant, Armed Sociability, and the Making of Legal Regimes (1850s -1920s)

Rachele Delucchi (ETH Zürich)

Vakuum: Geschichte der produktiven Leere (1930-1980)

Lukas Held (Universität Zürich)

Governing a Fractured World: A History of the Commons-Paradigm and the Transformation of the Public Spirit, 1960s-2000s

Cathy McAteer (University of Exeter)

Cold War Women: Translators and Cultural Mediators of Russian and Soviet Literature in the Twentieth Century

Kristin Meißner (Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam)

Im Wandel: Urbanität, Globalisierung und demokratische Kultur im Vergleich der Städte Berlin und New York City 1980-2000

Horner Library Fellowships

Brandon Kinney (Temple University)

Partners in Reconciliation: West German-American Cultural Diplomacy, 1945-1965

RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM, SPRING 2022

- March 10** **Axel Jansen (GHI Washington)**
The Politicization of American Science: Embryonic Stem Cells, Cloning, and the 2004 California Ballot Initiative
- March 24** **Julie Kerestzes (Boston University)**
The Old Fighter: Heinrich Hoffmann and the Early NSDAP, 1920-1925
- Verena Lehmbrock (Universität Erfurt)**
“Freedom is to be with oneself in another”: A Cross-Bloc Friendship in the Cold War Social Sciences
- April 7** **Verena Kick (Georgetown University)**
Stop Reading! Look! Then Look Again! Functional Montages and Counter Publics in Photobooks of Weimar Germany
- April 28** **Lisa Patt (Universität Erfurt)**
“Let’s Make America Great Again” – A History of Nostalgia as a United States Identity Ideology in the 1980s
- Pia Beumer (Universität Erfurt)**
Spaces of Fear: White Male Violence as Self-Defense in 1980s Urban America
- May 5** **Isabella Löhr (Centre Marc Bloch Berlin)**
Protestant Student Internationalism, Humanitarianism, and Educational Mobility in the 1920s

June 16

Aleksandra Pomiecko (University of Manitoba)

Bandits, Outlaws, and Robin Hoods in Postwar Europe, 1917-1925

Sabrina Lausen (University of Paderborn)

The “Human Factor”: The Development of the Human-Machine Relationship in Civil Aviation over the Decades. An East-West Comparison, 1950s-1980s

Pai-Li Liu (LMU München)

Drug Control, Poverty Reduction, Rural Development: The Thai-German Highland Development Program in the 1970s/80s

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June 14

**June Outdoors Meet-and-Greet at
Wunder Garten**

GHI Calendar of Events 2022/23

2022

September 8-10 **Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since 1800**

International conference at the GHI Washington | Organized by Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş (GHI Washington), Andreas Greiner (GHI Washington), Mario Peters (GHI Washington), and Roland Wenzlhuemer (LMU Munich)

September 25-30 **Environments of Inequality: Crises, Conflicts, Comparisons**

International Summer School at the Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS), Guadalajara, Mexico | Organizing Committee: Cornelia Aust (Bielefeld University, SFB 1288), Sarah Beringer (GHI Washington), Olaf Kaltmeier (CALAS), Albert Manke (GHI Washington Regional Office), Mario Peters (GHI Washington), Ann-Kathrin Volmer (CALAS)

September 30 **Beyond Work for Pay? Basic-Income Concepts in Global Debates on Automation, Poverty, and Unemployment (1920-2020)**

Conference at the German Historical Institute Washington | Conveners: Manuel Franzmann (Sociology, Kiel), Axel Jansen (GHI Washington), Alice O'Connor (History, University of California, Santa Barbara)

October 10-13 Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives

Sixth Annual Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at the GHI Washington's Pacific Office | Conveners: Frithjof Benjamin Schenk (Department of History, University of Basel) and Sören Urbansky (Pacific Office of the GHI Washington)

November 3-5 German Migrants and Migrating Knowledge in Latin American History

Conference at GHI Washington | Conveners: Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), Mario Peters (GHI Washington), H. Glenn Penny (UCLA), Stefan Rinke (Freie Universität Berlin)

November 3 More Stories about Lives and Ideas

Keynote Lecture (Virtual) | Speaker: Jeffrey Lesser (Emory University)

November 4-5 Fourth West Coast Germanists' Workshop: Global Germany

Workshop at the University of California, San Diego | Conveners: Frank Biess (University of California, San Diego), Ulrike Strasser (University of California, San Diego), and Sören Urbansky (GHI Washington, Pacific Office Berkeley)

November 4 European History after the Global Turn

Keynote Lecture (Virtual/Zoom) | Speaker: Sebastian Conrad (FU Berlin)

November 10 When Democracy Died in Darkness: German-Jewish Responses to Hitler's Rise

36th Annual Lecture at GHI Washington | Speaker: Michael Brenner (American University/Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Comment: Marion Kaplan (New York University)

November 14 The CCP Information Order in the Early People's Republic of China

Lecture at Stanford University, Okimoto Room, Encina Hall 3rd Floor | Global Challenges in the Asia Pacific Series | Speaker: David Leese (University of Freiburg); Discussant: Andrew G. Walder (Stanford University). Sponsors: Institute of European Studies (UC Berkeley), ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Stanford University

November 16 Governing Information: The Staff Politics of the Central Party in the Post-Mao Period

Lecture at UC Berkeley (223 Moses Hall) | Global Challenges in the Asia Pacific Series | Tsai Wen-Hsuan (Academia Sinica, Taipei); Discussant: Wen-hsin Yeh (UC Berkeley). Sponsors: Institute of European Studies (UC Berkeley), ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Stanford University

November 16 The Echo Chambers of Power

Panel Discussion at UC Berkeley (223 Moses Hall) | Global Challenges in the Asia Pacific Series | Panelists: Tsai Wen-Hsuan (Academia Sinica, Taipei); Wen-hsin Yeh (UC Berkeley); Daniel Leese (University of Freiburg). Sponsors: Institute of European Studies (UC Berkeley), ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius

November 29 "Harlem in Germany": Race, Migration, and the American Analogy in the Federal Republic

Lecture (Hybrid) | 201 Moses Hall and Zoom | Speaker: Lauren Stokes (Northwestern University)
Sponsors: Institute of European Studies, German Historical Institute Washington | Pacific Office Berkeley, Center for

German and European Studies, Department of German, Department of History

December 2 **Crossing Borders, Drawing Lives: Barbara Yelin's Graphic Novels**

Lecture (Zoom) | Speaker: Barbara Yelin, Graphic Novelist | Moderator: Brett E. Sterling (University of Arkansas)
Sponsors: Institute of European Studies (UC Berkeley), Department of German (UC Berkeley), Goethe-Institut San Francisco, German Consulate General San Francisco, German Historical Institute Washington | Pacific Office Berkeley, UC Davis
Department of German

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April 17-18 **Knowledge Production in Displacement and Forced Migration**

Workshop at the University of California, Santa Barbara | Conveners: Joshua Donovan (GHI Washington | Pacific Office), Vitalij Fastovskij (GHI Washington | Pacific Office), and Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky (University of California, Santa Barbara)

May 25-27 **Work, Class, and Social Democracy in the Global Age of August Bebel (1840-1913)**

Conference at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Toronto | Conveners: James Retallack (University of Toronto), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington) and Swen Steinberg (GHI Washington) | Partners: Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Bonn); Institute for Social Movements (Bochum)

July 4-7

**Historicizing the Refugee Experience,
17th–21st Centuries**

Third Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies Duisburg | Organized by the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), the German Historical Institute Washington (GHI) and the American Historical Association (AHA), in cooperation with the Interdisciplinary Center for Integration and Migration Research (InZentIM), the Institute for the Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) and the Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)

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.