Berghahn Books and GHI Announce Open Access Agreement

In April 2023 the GHI Washington and Berghahn Books reached an agreement to transition the Studies in German History book series to Gold Open Access. GHI Director and Series Editor Simone Lässig commented: “In the last several years, the GHI has endeavored to transition our publications to Open Access, and we are gratified that we can now add this series to our OA portfolio. This important shift allows us to bring trend-setting and innovative scholarship in German and Central European history, especially by early-career historians and those whose research we have fostered through fellowships and conferences at the GHI, more effectively into transatlantic dialogue.”

Mark Stanton, Books Editorial Director at Berghahn, said, “We are delighted to continue our long collaboration with the GHI Washington with this exciting new step to publish the majority of future books in this important series Open Access. The series will continue to showcase high-quality research from scholars of German history, and this move will enable a much wider audience to access it. It also demonstrates Berghahn’s continued commitment to Open Access publishing and making the work we publish widely available.”

Launched in 2004, the series serves as a transatlantic forum on German and Central European history and currently has 28 volumes covering topics from the 19th-century educational system to 20th-century globalization and from violence in the Weimar Republic to coping with the Nazi past. To date, only two of those volumes are Open Access, so this agreement will greatly increase the availability and accessibility of this important research. The first new Open Access series volume, Timon de Groot’s Citizens into Dishonored Felons: Felony Disenfranchisement, Honor, and Rehabilitation in Germany, 1806–1933, was published in April 2023.
GHI’s Book Series with Cambridge UP Moves to Open Access

In October 2023 the GHI Washington announced that all forthcoming titles in its Cambridge University Press book series, *Publications of the German Historical Institute*, would be available in Gold Open Access (OA) from day one of publication. “The new Cambridge policy,” GHI Director and Series Editor Simone Lässig noted, “reaffirms the GHI’s longstanding commitment to barrier-free access to scholarship and historical sources and also marks the final step in the Institute’s transition to Open Access in our print publication program.” The GHI’s *Transatlantische Historische Studien* series, published with Franz Steiner Verlag, transitioned to Open Access back in 2019, and *Studies in German History*, with Berghahn Books, followed suit earlier this year. The GHI *Bulletin* has long been published in free digital form.

From now on, each new GHI Cambridge title will appear as a hardcover book available for purchase (with an eventual paperback option), an e-book available for purchase, and as an Open Access PDF available for free download. “We view these formats as mutually supportive – each has its own advantages, whether it be ease of reading or enhanced discoverability, and by offering all three,” Lässig explained, “the GHI will better support its existing readers while reaching new ones.”

The first book scheduled for publication under the new OA agreement, Adam Bisno’s engaging monograph *Big Business and the Crisis of German Democracy: Liberalism and the Grand Hotels of Berlin, 1875–1933*, appeared in print in November 2023 and was also made available for download on the Cambridge University Press website. The book’s compelling central question – why did a group of Jewish hotel owners ultimately decide that Hitler would be better for business than democracy? – together with its elegant prose, rich illustrations, and multidisciplinary approach make this title uniquely well-suited for the type of broad readership that Open Access can help attract.
The next book under contract, Jan Jansen and Kirsten McKenzie’s *Mobility and Coercion in an Age of Wars and Revolutions: A Global History, c. 1750–1830*, is a collection of essays by twelve scholars who live and work in cities across the globe and who specialize in the entangled histories of war, empire, and forced migration in different regions – from Chile and Argentina, and New Orleans and the Caribbean, to London and Sydney. The Jansen/McKenzie volume is forthcoming in 2024, as is Michelle Kahn’s prize-winning manuscript, *Foreign in Two Homelands: Racism, Return Migration, and Turkish-German History*, which draws on a range of lesser-known sources from German and Turkish archives.

With strong manuscripts in the pipeline and a new Gold Open Access policy, the GHI-Cambridge series is poised to make exciting contributions to the fields of German, transnational, and global history in the coming years. Here, Lässig notes, “At a time when the Institute is expanding its research network internationally, the new access policy fully aligns our goals.”

### 2023 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize

The 2023 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 Christina Matzen for her dissertation “Women’s Prisons and the Politics of Punishment in Nazi and Postwar Germany,” completed at the University of Toronto in 2022 under the supervision of Doris Bergen. The Stern Prize was presented to Christina Matzen at the 31st Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute, which took place in Washington on May 19, 2023.

The selection committee consisted of Lisa Todd (University of New Brunswick, chair), Eli Rubin (Western Michigan University), and Laura Stokes (Stanford University). The committee’s Stern Prize citation (laudatio) read as follows:
“Dr. Christina Matzen’s dissertation, ‘Women’s Prisons and the Politics of Punishment in Nazi and Postwar Germany’ is a remarkable achievement. By illustrating how conventional prisons operated before, after, and alongside the concentration camp system, Matzen addresses a historiographical gap in the gendered history of criminality, highlights undermemorialized Holocaust victims, and sheds light on contemporary carceral practices. She does all this by closely analyzing the evolution of two prisons from the 1920s to the 1950s: Aichach Women’s Prison in Bavaria, and Barnim Street Prison in Berlin Friedrichshain. Having to contend with uneven archival materials, Matzen creatively uses a wide variety of sources to analyze the histories of the institutions, their employees, and the women they imprisoned.

“Matzen’s research provides an important new vantage point on change and continuity between democracies and dictatorships in Germany’s twentieth century. She at once illustrates how consistently women’s crimes remained tied to economic hardship and ‘deviant’ sexuality, while also showing crucial shifts in lived realities for imprisoned people. Daily prison routines may have remained consistent after 1933, but Matzen illustrates how prisoners were among the first groups to experience the ruthlessness of the Nazi regime. For instance, guards clearly targeted Jewish prisoners for ill treatment, especially after 1938. During the war years, Aichach and Barnim Street were dangerous sites—Matzen describes violent forced labour practices, physical vulnerability during bombing raids, and German courts who meted out an unprecedented number of death sentences. As the war continued, Matzen contends that conventional prisons became ‘sites of ever-increasing brutalization that in many ways mirrored concentration camps.’ And, especially after 1942, many prisoners were transferred directly to camps in the East. Indeed, Matzen contends that German prison authorities participated in the murder of tens of thousands of prisoners and played a direct role in the Holocaust. Allied occupation authorities set out to reform this prison system after 1945, but Matzen shows how this process took decades to complete. American officials released women from Aichach imprisoned by Nazis on ideological
grounds and reduced the unduly harsh sentences of others; however, they also continued to imprison women for sexualized 'crimes,' including spreading venereal diseases and having intimate relationships with GIs. In East Berlin’s Barnim Street Prison, Communist officials constructed a memorial to former prisoner Rosa Luxemburg, while the current prisoners suffered uneven treatment, poor living conditions and sometimes served their time alongside convicted Nazi war criminals. In tracing such myriad developments through decades of turmoil, Matzen admirably keeps the women prisoners as her central focus.

“The significance of this research stretches beyond Germany; indeed, Matzen encourages us to interrogate the continuing gendered nature of incarceration and punishment. As her supervisor, Prof. Doris Bergen, writes, Matzen’s work ‘stands out as a model of engaged scholarship,’ and as ‘a determined intervention against the erasure of incarcerated people.’ The prize committee agrees and is pleased to award this year’s Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize to Dr. Christina Matzen.”

2023 Franz Steiner Prize in Transatlantic History

The 2023 Franz Steiner Prize, offered biennially by the German Historical Institute to recognize an outstanding work in transatlantic and North American history, was awarded to Maximilian Klose for his manuscript “Why They Gave: CARE, the US Public, and Humanitarian Engagement for Germany after World War II.” The prize was presented to Klose at the annual meeting of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS) in Rostock in June 2023 by Deputy Director Axel Jansen, together with Katharina Stüdemann of the Steiner Verlag. His manuscript, a dissertation completed at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2022, uses a carefully selected set of case studies to explain why women’s clubs, New York intellectuals, and members of labor...
unions decided to give money to the humanitarian organization CARE to provide relief packages to individuals in Germany in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War. Klose’s work shows how, in the context of an emerging consumer nation, Americans developed specific modes of transatlantic humanitarianism. As part of the Steiner Prize, Klose’s manuscript will be published as an open-access volume in the Transatlantische Historische Studien (THS) book series, published by the Steiner Verlag in association with the GHI.

In Memoriam: Robert Gerald Livingston (1927 – 2023)

The German Historical Institute Washington mourns the death of Robert Gerald Livingston, a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the GHI since 1997. Born in 1927, Livingston studied at Harvard University, where he also earned his PhD. From 1956 to 1974, he was a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, with postings in Salzburg, Hamburg, Belgrade, Berlin, Bonn, and Washington. In 1974 he became Vice President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, headquartered in Washington, and went on to serve as its President from 1977 to 1981. After a stint as research professor at Georgetown University, in 1983 he became the founding director of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS, now the American-German Institute) of the Johns Hopkins University, serving until 1994. Living- ston made the AICGS an important player in the world of Washington DC think tanks. From the outset, he made sure that AICGS connected academic research and policy work – and covered both West and East Germany. As Senior Vis- iting Fellow at the GHI, Livingston provided valuable advice to the members of the Institute, especially regarding programming about postwar German history. Many will re- member his incisive questions after lectures at the Institute. His presence, his knowledge, and his advice made a great contribution to the life of the Institute; he will be missed.
New Institute Publications

Publications of the German Historical Institute (Cambridge University Press)


Studies in German History (Berghahn Books)


Transatlantische Historische Studien (Steiner Verlag)


Staff Changes

**Sylwia Biel** joined the GHI as Head of Administration in August 2023 after previously holding responsibility for vocational education project funding in the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Prior to joining the BMBF, she was an officer in the German Federal Armed Forces for 12 years.

**Susanne Fabricius**, event coordinator at the institute since January 2012, retired in July 2023.

**Isabel Richter** joined the GHI as Deputy Director and head of the Pacific Office in October 2023. A historian of modern Germany, she was previously DAAD professor in the
departments of history and German at the University of California, Berkeley from 2017 to 2022.

Claudia Roesch, research fellow since January 2018, has taken a position with the chair and working group for the history of knowledge in the department of history and sociology at the University of Konstanz.

Raphael Rössel joined the GHI as research fellow in North American history in October 2023. At the GHI, he is developing a project on the history of hazing at U.S. colleges in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Before joining the institute, he was a research fellow at the Universities of Kiel and Hagen.

Sören Urbansky, research fellow since January 2018 and Head of the GHI Washington Pacific Office since January 2021, left the GHI in August 2023 to take up a professorship for East European History at Ruhr-University Bochum.

Nino Vallen, research fellow at the GHI Washington Pacific Office since April 2022, was appointed as an assistant professor for early modern cultural history at the Radboud University (Nijmegen, The Netherlands) in November 2023.

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). 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 migration, kinship, and belonging, the history of race and ethnicity, and the history of the Americas. In addition to these opportunities, the GHI also offers the following fellowships: a Binational Tandem Research Fellowship for the History of Migration, based at the institute’s Pacific Office, the Fritz Thyssen Pre-Dissertation Fellowship in German history, for students at universities in western North America, and the Gerda Henkel Fellowship for Digital History, based in Washington, offered in collaboration with the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University.

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

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. Internship opportunities are also available for students of public relations, public administration, and public management. Interns receive a small stipend. The program is very flexible in the sense that the GHI tries to accommodate 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, 2023–24

Long-term Visiting Fellowships

Mimi Cheng (Freie Universität Berlin)
China on the Horizon: Art, Science, and Cartographies of Empire

Jonathan Dentler (Université Paris Nanterre)

Maximilian Klose (Universität Freiburg)

Ezra Rudolph (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
Victims of Terrorism as Political Stakeholders in Germany and the US

Gerda Henkel Fellowship for Digital History

Wouter Kreuze (University College Cork)
The Genesis of a News System: The Travel Routes of the Handwritten Newsletter Network

Tandem Fellowships in the History of Migration, GHI Washington Pacific Office

Amy Kerner (University of Texas, Dallas)
Political Violence, Human Rights, and Migration from the Cold War Southern Cone

Fabio Santos (Freie Universität Berlin)
Multidirectional Mobilities and Insular Illegalities: Haitian “Boat People” in Puerto Rico
Short-Term Doctoral Research Fellowships

Annika Bärwald (Universität Bremen)
Colonial Countercurrents in Hamburg

Max Gaida (Universität Köln)
The Sexual Politics of Antiurbanism in Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley

Nora M. Lehner (University of Vienna)
Kommerzielle Sexualität und sexueller Tauschhandel im Wien der Nachkriegszeit (1945–1974)

Thomas Rettig (Universität Greifswald)
Die Russische Freiwillige Westarmee: Eine Geschichte imperialer Verflechtung in Europa nach dem Zerfall der Imperien (1917–1923)

Manuel Schmidgall (University of Cambridge)
From Slaveholders to Imperial Outposts: German Presence in the Caribbean 1850-1914

Andreas Schurr (European University Institute, Florence)
“Curing the Sick Man of the New World”: Mexican Immigration Schemes, German-Speaking Migrants, and the Attempted “Re-Colonization” of Mexico, 1830s–1860s

Christian Stenz (Universität Heidelberg)
Planting Coffee, Gathering Knowledge: Scientific Objects, Plantation Economies and Knowledge Production in Nineteenth Century Guatemala, c.1850–1887

Antonia Wegner (Universität Freiburg)
Politische Ideengeschichte des Gender-Konzeptes in den USA seit den 1970er Jahren

Anastasiia Zaplatina (Universität Bielefeld)
Alina A. M. Zeller (Universität Erfurt/Universität Graz)
Trachtenvereine in the U.S.: Practices of Bavarian Customs
Associations in the Negotiation of German American Ethnicity, Culture and Tradition

**Short-Term Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

Silke Hackenesch (Universität Köln)
Colorblind Love or Racial Responsibility? (Black) Adoptive Families in Postwar America and Transnational Civil Rights

Thilo Neidhöfer
Eine Wissensgeschichte von Rumor Control: Sicherheitsdenken und Knowledge Engineering in den USA, 1941–1974

Elisabeth Piller (Universität Freiburg)
US Humanitarians, Postwar Europe and the Making of the American Century

Anna Strommenger (Universität Bielefeld)
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John M. Efron (UC Berkeley)  
All Consuming: Germans, Jews, and the Meaning of Meat

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Jan Hua-Henning (Duke Kunshan University)  
Incendiary Cities: Fire and Technology in Germany and the U.S., 1850–1900

Andrew Gibson (Georgetown University)  
Machiavelli and Machtpolitik: Reading the Florentine Secretary into Twentieth-Century Politics (1915–1965)

May 3  
Jana Weiß (University of Texas at Austin)  
Transatlantic Brewing Science: German-American Brewers and Knowledge Transfer in the 19th Century

May 25  
Jan Siegemund (Technische Universität Dresden)  
Flugmären im Wandel. Gerüchte und die Entwicklung des Kommunikationssystems im europäischen und transatlantischen Fernhandel in der Frühen Neuzeit

Jan-Niklas Kniewel (Universität Bern)  

June 1  
Lisa Gabriel (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)  
Gegen die Missachtung und Rechtslosigkeit: Vielfalt und Ideengeschichte radikaler Perspektiven auf das Problem der sexuellen Gewalt im Kontext der sozialen Bewegungen in den USA, circa 1940–1975
Anna Kozlova (Carleton University)
Ancestral Homelands and Onward Migration: Oral History Narratives of Post-Soviet German and Jewish Migrants in Canada

Washington Area German History Seminar, Spring 2023

February 27  Robert Gerwarth (University College Dublin)
Germany in Europe’s Age of Civil Wars (1917–1949): A Sonderweg?

March 27  Samuel Huneke (George Mason University)
Lesbians in Nazi Germany

April 24  Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University)
Writing the History of Post-1945 Germany: Transatlantic Developments in the Historiography
**GHI Calendar of Events, 2023–2024**

**June 29–July 3**

28th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Seminar organized by the GHI and the BMW Center at Georgetown University, held at Villa Vigoni, Laveno di Menaggio, Italy
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University) and Richard Wetzell (GHI Washington)

**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)

**July 4**

Humanitarian Time and Refugee Presence: On Palestinian Lives in Extended Displacement
Keynote Lecture (Virtual) at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research
Speaker: Ilana Feldman (George Washington University)
September 7  TV Series and the Public Memory of Colonia Dignidad: An Interdisciplinary Conversation and Screening about the German-Chilean TV Series "Dignity"
Discussion and Screening at the Goethe-Institut Washington
Speakers: María Elena Wood, Andreas Gutzeit, Stefan Rinke, Holle Meding

September 8  Latin America’s Contested Pasts in Telenovelas and TV Series: A Cross-Sector Dialogue between Academia, Entertainment and Society
Conference at GHI Washington
Conveners: GHI Washington and GUMELAB

September 12  “Harlem in Germany”: Race, Migration, and the American Analogy in the Federal Republic
Lecture at GHI Pacific Office
Speaker: Lauren Stokes (Northwestern University)

September 15  Science Communication: Changes in the Relationship between Science and Society
Workshop at GHI Pacific Office

September 18–24  Bucerius Young Scholars Forum Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives
Seventh Annual Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at the GHI Washington Pacific Office, Berkeley and Sitka, Alaska
Conveners: Holly Guise (University of New Mexico), Sören Urbansky, and Nino Vallen (both GHI Washington Pacific Office)
September 19  
**DCHDC Meetup: In-Person Careers Chat**
Event at GHI Washington  
Speakers: Suzanne Chase (Georgetown University), Purdom Lindblad (Maryland Institute of Technology in the Humanities), Megan Martinsen (Georgetown University), Amaobi Otiji (Library of Congress), Crystal Sanchez (Smithsonian Institution)


September 27–28  
**Migrants, Environmental Knowledge, and Consumer Society**
Academic and Policy Symposium at the GHI Washington Pacific Office  
Conveners: Axel Schäfer (Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) and Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)


September 27  
**Selling Wine Country, Hiding Wine Work**
Keynote Lecture at the GHI Washington Pacific Office  
Speaker: Kathleen A. Brosnan (University of Oklahoma)


October 2  
**Coalition in Distress? The Rise of the Far Right in Germany and How to Contain It**
Lecture at the GHI Washington Pacific Office  
Speaker: Andrea Römmele (Hertie School)
October 19  Occupied Germany & Japan after WWII from Global Cultural History Perspectives
Lecture at the GHI Washington Pacific Office
Speaker: Robert Kramm, Freigeist-Fellow (LMU Munich)

October 24  Struggling for Sovereignty, Changing Political Alliances: Western and Eastern European Military Assistance for Revolutionary Cuba During the Early Cold War
Lecture at the GHI Washington Pacific Office
Speaker: Albert Manke (University of Göttingen)

October 27  Fluid Dreamscapes: Lin Hierse in Conversation with Elizabeth Sun and Deniz Göktürk
Virtual Event
Speakers: Lin Hierse, Elizabeth Sun (UC Berkeley), and Deniz Göktürk (UC Berkeley)

November 2  The Other Half of Germany: New Perspectives and Controversies on East Germany
Panel Discussion at GHI Washington
Speakers: Katja Hoyer (King’s College London), Christina Morina (Universität Bielefeld), and Joyce Mushaben (Georgetown University);
Moderator: Samuel Huneke (George Mason University)
November 7  Tipping Points for Global Economic and Ecological Transformation
6th Bucerius Lecture at the David Brower Center, UC Berkeley
Speaker: Marcel Fratzscher
(German Institute for Economic Research)

November 13  Minority and Majority as Asymmetrical Concepts: The Perils of Democratic Equality and Fantasies of National Purity
Lecture at the GHI Washington Pacific Office
Speaker: Till van Rahden (Université de Montréal); Moderator: Philipp Lenhard (UC Berkeley)

December 1  Anti-Globalism, Then and Now
37th Annual Lecture at GHI Washington
Speaker: Tara Zahra (University of Chicago); Comment: Madeleine Herren-Oesch (University of Basel)

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February 23–24  Sixth West Coast Germanists’ Workshop: Globalizing German History in Research and Teaching
Workshop at University of California, Los Angeles
Conveners: Anna-Carolin Augustin (GHI Washington), Glenn Penny (UCLA), and Isabel Richter (GHI Washington Pacific Office)
March 14–16  Exploring Epistemic Virtues and Vices: Data, Infrastructures, and Episteme between Collaboration and Exploitation
Sixth Conference on Digital Humanities and Digital History at the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH)
Conveners: Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH), in collaboration with the GHI Washington, the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, and the German Institute for Japanese Studies

April 15–16  Music, Knowledge, and Global Migration, ca. 1700–1900
Symposium at the GHI Washington Pacific Office
Conveners: Tina Frühaufl (Columbia University/CUNY Graduate Center), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), and Francesco Spagnolo (Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, UC Berkeley)

May 20–21  Fugitive Histories and Migrant Knowledge in Latin America and the Caribbean
Workshop at the University of California, Irvine
Conveners: Kevan Antonio Aguilar (University of California, Irvine), Amy Kerner (GHI Washington Pacific Office), Fabio Santos (GHI Washington Pacific Office), and Chelsea Schields (University of California, Irvine)
June 28–29

Archives in/of Transit; Historical Perspectives from the 1930s to the Present
Workshop at the University of Southern California
Conveners: Anna-Carolin Augustin (GHI Washington), Jane Freeland (Queen Mary, University of London), Wolf Gruner (University of Southern California), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), Jennifer Rodgers (California Institute of Technology), Christine Schmidt, Toby Simpson (both Wiener Holocaust Library, London), Swen Steinberg (GHI Washington/Queens University), Dan Stone (Royal Holloway, University of London)
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 houses about 43,000 books, DVDs, CD-ROMs, microfiches, and 220 print journals. In addition, we offer access to almost 20,000 e-books and 1,000 current and historic 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. However, the library does not include archival material. While we carefully select print resources to fit with the current work of the institute, our electronic collection is developed in cooperation with our ten sister institutes of the Max Weber Foundation and therefore also contains titles not specifically in our own collection focus.

The GHI library offers free access to scholars as well as the general public. Our reading room is open by appointment. 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 and a list of our databases and electronic journals, please visit https://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.