Conference
Secularization and the Transformation of Religion
in the U.S. and Germany after 1945
March 17 – 19, 2011
Conveners:
Uta Andrea Balbier (GHI Washington/London), Wilhelm Damberg (Bochum University),
Lucian Hölscher (Bochum University), Mark Ruff (Saint Louis University)

Program

Thursday, March 17
6:00 – 7:00 pm  Opening Lecture:
Janet Jakobsen (New York)
Sex and the Secular: Reflections on Religion and Politics

7:00 – 8:00 pm  Opening Reception at the GHI

Friday, March 18
8:30 – 9:00 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 – 9:15 am  Introduction
Wilhelm Damberg

9:15 – 11:15 am  Panel I: Secularization
Chair: Uta Andrea Balbier (GHI Washington/London)
Amandine Barb (Paris)
“You Can be Good Without God” The “Great Awakening” of Non-Believers in Twentieth Century America?
Claudia Haupt (Washington DC)
The Neutrality Principle in Religion-State Relations: A Comparative View of U.S. and German Constitutional History

John Torpey (New York)
A (Post-) Secular Age? Religion and the Two Exceptionalisms

Sven-Daniel James Gettys (Bochum)
Theological Discourse on Secularization in Germany and the United States

11:15 – 11:45 am
Coffee Break

11:45 am – 1:45 pm
Panel II: Religion and Media
Chair: Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)

Stewart Anderson (Bingham)
The Sermon Reinvented: Religion and Television Fiction in the 1950s and 1960s

Nicolai Hannig (Munich)
Religion in Public: Medialization and Secularization in Germany Since 1945

Felix Krämer (Münster)
Born Again in Politics: The Rise of Moral Leadership in the U.S. Media at the Turn of the Decades from 1970s to 1980s

1:45 – 3:00 pm
Lunch Break

3:00 – 5:30 pm
Panel III: Religion and Social Movements
Chair: Ines Prodoehl (GHI)

Daniel Gerster (Florence)
From Pilgrimages to Protest Rallies? Transformation of Catholic Peace Protest in the United States and in West Germany During the Cold War, 1945-1990

Michael O’Sullivan (Poughkeepsie)
Therese Neumann and Johannes Leppich: Catholic Outsiders and a ‘Braided’ Narrative of Secularization in the Early Federal Republic

Amy Koehlinger (Tallahassee)

Isabel Richter (Bochum)
Pilgrimages to the “Orient”: Voyages to India in the Youth Cultures of Germany and the United States in the Long Sixties

7:00 pm
Conference Dinner
Levante’s
1320 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC
Phone: 202 293-3244
Saturday, March 19

8:30 – 9:00 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 – 11:00 am  Panel IV: Religion and Civil Society

Chair: Mark Ruff (St. Louis)

Andreas Henkelmann (Bochum)
*From Milieu Stabilizer to a Protagonist in Civil Society? Caritas (Catholic Charities) and the Transformation of Catholicism in Germany During the 1960s and 1970s*

Joseph Williams (New Brunswick)
*Healing and the “Off-Modern” in American Religion*

Anette Lippold (Delmar)
*Christian Marriage Counseling in Germany and the United States, 1945-1970*

11:00 – 11:30 am  Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:30 pm  Panel V: Transformations in the Religious Landscape

Chair: Lucian Hölscher (Bochum)

John D. Boy (New York)
*“Church Planters” in the German Urban Public: The Spatial Practices of Deterritorialized Religion*

Peter Van Dam (Amsterdam)
*The Transformation of Religious Impetus. Religion in Dutch and German Civil Society, 1945-2000*

Thomas Mittmann (Bochum)
*Churchly „Self-Modernization“ in the Federal Republic of Germany in the „long 1960s‟: Academies, German Protestant Church Days and Catholic Days*

1:30 – 2:30 pm  Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:00 pm  Final Discussion