



German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC



Conference
The Second Generation: German Emigré Historians
in the Transatlantic World, 1945 to the Present

May 18 – 19, 2012

Conveners: Andreas W. Daum (State University of New York), Hartmut Lehmann
(Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel), James J. Sheehan (Stanford University),
and Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the German Historical Institute

Thursday, May 17

5:30 pm Anniversary Lecture

David Blackbourn (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA)

Germany and the Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1820

Conference Program

Friday, May 18

9:00 – 9:15 am **Welcome:** Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

Introduction: Andreas W. Daum (State University of New York)



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- 9:15 – 10:45 am **First Panel: Becoming a Historian: Interests, Careers, Networks**
Moderator: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)
- Catherine A. Epstein (Amherst College)
The Second Generation: Historians of Modern Germany in Post-War America
- Marjorie Lamberti (Middlebury College)
Blazing New Paths in Historiography and in Academia: “Refugee Effect” and American Experience in the Professional Trajectories of Gerda Lerner and Hanna Holborn Gray
- Comments: Uta-Renate Blumenthal (Catholic University of America, Washington DC)
and Atina Grossmann (The Cooper Union, New York)
- 10:45 – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Second Panel: From Nazi-Dominated Europe to America**
Moderator: Jürgen Matthäus (Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Washington, DC)
- Jeffrey Herf (University of Maryland, College Park)
From the Margins to the Mainstream: The German-Jewish Refugee Historians in the United States and the Succeeding Generations of Historians on “the Jewish Question” and Antisemitism in German History
- Doris L. Bergen (University of Toronto)
Out of the Limelight or In: Raul Hilberg, Gerhard Weinberg, and Henry Friedlander and the Historical Study of the Holocaust
- Comments: Steven E. Aschheim (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
and Marion A. Kaplan (New York University)
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm **Lunch** (individual choice, outside the GHI)
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Third Panel: Living Historiography**
Moderator: Jerry Z. Muller (Catholic University of America, Washington DC)
- Merel Leeman (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
Writing the West: George Mosse and Peter Gay as Cultural Intermediators

Tilmann Lahme (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
Golo Mann: An Emigrant-Remigrant's Story

Comments: Carola Dietze (Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg, Universität
Konstanz)
and Georg G. Iggers (State University of New York)

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Group photo of the conference participants
Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Roundtable
Hanna Holborn Gray (University of Chicago),
Peter Paret (Institute for Advanced Study Princeton), and
Fritz Stern (Columbia University, New York)
Moderator: James J. Sheehan (Stanford University)

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Conference Dinner
The Carlyle Suites
Patio Room
1731 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel.: (202) 234-3200

Saturday, May 19

9:00 – 10:30 am

Fourth Panel: Comparative Perspectives
Moderator: Gerhard A. Ritter (Ludwig Maximilians Universität München)

Shulamit Volkov (Tel Aviv University)
German Emigré Historians in Israel

Peter Alter (Universität Duisburg-Essen)
German Emigré Historians in Britain

Comments: Konrad H. Jarausch, (University of North Carolina and
Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung der FU Berlin)
and Frank Mecklenburg (Leo Baeck Institute, New York)

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

- 11:00 – 11:45 am **Fifth Panel: The Second Generation in the Transatlantic World**
Moderator: Jürgen Kocka (Humboldt Universität Berlin)

Philipp Stelzel (Duke University, Durham, NC)
The Second Generation's Impact on Historiography in Germany
- 11:45 – 1:00 pm **Lunch Buffet** at the GHI
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Fifth Panel, cont.: The Second Generation in the Transatlantic World**

Volker R. Berghahn (Columbia University, New York)
Historians of the Second Generation in the Transatlantic Publics

Comments: Renate Bridenthal (Brooklyn College, City University of
New York)
and Gerhard L. Weinberg (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **Final Discussion**
Moderator: Hartmut Lehmann (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)

Statement from Klemens von Klemperer (Smith College, Northampton, MA)