



German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

Workshop
**In Search of Better Lives: The Circulation of Ideas for Social
Improvement in the 19th and 20th Centuries**

March 8 – 9, 2013

Conveners:

Christina Lubinski (GHI), Christina May (Göttingen), Warren Rosenblum (St. Louis)

Friday, March 8

9:00 – 9:15 am

Welcome Remarks

Christina Lubinski
Christina May
Warren Rosenblum

9:15 – 10:45 am

**Session 1: Family Policy and Housing: Processes of Policy
Learning**

Chair: Christina Lubinski

Sonja Blum (Vienna)
*Ideas on the Move? Policy Transfers and Family Policy Reforms
in Germany and Austria*

Carmen Van Praet (Ghent)
Ideas for Social Housing at International Congresses, 1848-1884

10:45 – 11:15 am

Coffee Break

11:15 am–12:45 pm **Session 2: Workers' Insurance: The Exchange of Ideas before World War I**

Chair: Warren Rosenblum

Julia Moses (Sheffield)

"Foreign" Models, Welfare Politics, and the Nexus of Modernity in Imperial Germany

Christina May

The Creation of Welfare Knowledge: Social Policy and Expert Communities ca. 1870-1920

12:45 – 2:00 pm **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 3:30 pm **Session 3: Family and Child Care Policies in the Context of Professionalization**

Chair: Christina May

Margaret Vining (Washington, DC)

Internationalism and the Feminist Agenda in the Americas

Adrienne Chambon (Toronto), Marjorie Johnstone (Toronto),
Stefan Köngeter (Hildesheim)

Transnational Agencies: Organizations of Social Reform in Toronto at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century

3:30 – 4:00 pm **Coffee Break**

4:00 – 5:30 pm **Session 4: Medicine and Healthcare in a Global Context**

Chair: Christina Lubinski

Malte Thießen (Oldenburg)

Globalizing Vaccination: Public Health Improvement in Germany in the Twentieth Century

Frauke Scheffler (Cologne)

Producing Citizens: Infant Health Programs and Pronatalism in the US occupied Philippines, 1900 - 1930

6:30 pm

Conference Dinner

Rosemary's Thyme Bistro
1801 18th St., NW
Washington, DC 20009
Tel.: (202) 332-3200

Saturday, March 9

9:00 – 11:15 am

Session 5: The Implementation of Ideas of a Better Society

Chair: Warren Rosenblum

Gül Karagöz-Kizilca (Ankara)

Resistance and Advocacy in Reform: The Young Ottoman Movement and the Use of Transnational Ideas in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire

Mark Malisa (Albany, NY)

Ahimsa and Ubuntu: Nonviolence and Sustainable Peace in Mahatma Gandhi & Nelson Mandela

Beate Löffler (Dresden)

William Merrell Vories: Mission and Social Work in Japan

11:15 – 11:45 am

Coffee Break

11:45 am–12:45 pm Warren Rosenblum and Wiebke Glässer (Berlin)

Final Comments and Concluding Discussion

1:00 pm

Good Bye Lunch at a Near-By Restaurant

Attention: On March 10, 2013 the United States begin Daylight Saving Time (DST). Clocks are turned forward an hour during the night from Saturday to Sunday.