Workshop:
Restricting Knowledge: Channeling Security Information in Recent History
December 8 - 9, 2016

Conveners:
Keith Allen (University of Giessen)
Simone Lässig (GHI)
Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson Center)

Thursday, December 8
Location: German Historical Institute
6:00 – 6:30 pm Opening Reception
6:30 – 8:00 pm Welcome and Introduction
Simone Lässig (German Historical Institute, Washington)
Keynote Lecture

Michael Gordin (Princeton University)
*Kernwissen: Nuclear Information and the Germans, 1939-1949*

8:00 – 10:00 pm  Conference Dinner

Ankara Restaurant
1320 19th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Friday, December 9

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center

10:00 am – 12:00 pm  Introduction

Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)

Session I: Archives

Chair: Kathryn Olesko (Georgetown University)

Kristie Macrakis (Georgia Institute of Technology)
*Archives and Cultures of State Secrecy in Transnational Perspective*

Oxana Kosenko (Saxon Academy of Sciences)
*Restricting captured German records in the Soviet Union (1945-1958)*

Douglas Selvage (Office of the Federal Commissioner for Stasi Records)
*Compartmentalization and Circulation of Intelligence Information: The Case of the East German Stasi, 1972-1989*

Commentator: Astrid M. Eckert (Emory University)
12:00 – 1:00 pm  **Lunch Break**

1:00 – 3:00 pm  **Session II: POW Camps**

**Chair:** Tim Nenninger (National Archives and Records Administration)

Eva Jobs (University of Marburg)
*The State of Trust - Limits and Chances of Transatlantic Intelligence Liaison in Postwar Germany*

Derek Mallett (Independent Scholar)
*PO Box 1142: Fort Hunt, Virginia, and the American Interrogation of World War II Prisoners of War*

Jean-Michel Turcotte (L'Université Laval/Ruhr University)
"Was wollen Sie wissen?" *The Western Allied Collaboration and Exchanges of Intelligence Information on German POWs during the Second World War.*

**Commentator:** Sönke Neitzel (University of Potsdam)

3:00 – 3:30 pm  **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 5:30 pm  **Session III: States**

**Chair:** Heidi Tworek (The University of British Columbia and Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy)

Florian Altenhöner (University Berlin)
*Secret Germany: Secrecy, the Abwehr and the Weimar’s Republic Intelligence Culture*

Patrick Roberts (Virginia Tech, Alexandria) and Robert Saldin (University of Montana)
*On a Need Not to Know Basis: Why Presidents Sometimes Do Not Use Intelligence Information.*
Dominik Rigoll (Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam)  
*Geheimschutz. Classifying Information in the West German Ministry of the Interior.*

**Commentator:** Rebecca Lemov (Harvard University)

5:30 pm  
**Wrap-Up Discussion**

**How to reach the German Historical Institute**

Take the red line in the direction of Shady Grove. Exit at the Dupont Circle station. Use the North Exit (Q Street). At the top of the escalator, turn right. Follow Q Street, then cross Connecticut Avenue and 19th Street. Turn left when you reach New Hampshire Avenue. The German Historical Institute is situated on the right-hand side at the end of the block (at the intersection of Corcoran Street).

1607 New Hampshire Avenue  
Washington, DC 20009

**How to reach the Woodrow Wilson Center**

Take the blue, orange, or silver line to the “Federal Triangle” station. At the top of the escalator at street level cross Woodrow Wilson Plaza. Enter the Center’s lobby at the left (southeast) corner of the Ronald Reagan Building. The entrance doors are around the corner behind the large bronze sculpture by Martin Puryear (“Bearing Witness”).

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