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

Conference
Forever Young?
Rejuvenation in Transnational and Transcolonial Perspective,
1900-2000
May 11-13, 2017
Conveners: Kristine Alexander (University of Lethbridge), Mischa Honeck (GHI Washington), Isabel Richter (University of Bremen)
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PROGRAM

Thursday, May 11

2:45 – 3:15 pm  Welcome and Opening Remarks

3:15 – 5:00 pm  Panel I: First Approaches

Chair: Anne Schenderlein (GHI Washington)

Leslie Paris (University of British Columbia)
Youth Dew: Rejuvenation and Modern Age Fluidity

Nicholas Syrett (University of Northern Colorado)
50 is the new 40: Rejuvenation and the Rise of Chronological Age

Silke van Dyk (University of Jena)
Theorizing Age: Challenging the Norm of Agelessness
5:00 – 5:30 pm  Coffee Break

6:00 – 8:00 pm  **Reception and Keynote Lecture**

**David Pomfret** (University of Hong Kong)
*Springs Eternal: Youth, Age, and Global Histories of Rejuvenation*

**Friday, May 12**

9:00 - 10:45 am  **Panel II: Rejuvenation in the Arts, Letters, and Sciences**

Chair: Elisabeth Engel (GHI Washington)

**Birgit Dahlke** (Humboldt University, Berlin)
*Springtime Awakening: Celebration of Juvenescence as a Symptom of Crisis in Literature and Culture around 1900*

**Kenneth Kidd** (University of Florida)
*The International Philosophy for Children’s Movement since the 1970s*

Commentator: **Kristine Alexander** (University of Lethridge)

10:45 – 11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:45 pm  **Panel III: Rejuvenating Bodies**

Chair: Jan C. Jansen (GHI)

**Catherine Carstairs** (University of Guleph)
*Keeping Your Teeth for Life: Aging, Oral Health, and Inequality*

**Melanie Woitas** (University of Erfurt)
*We Become What We Do: The Aerobic Body and the Struggle for Lasting Juvenileness*

Commentator: **Heiko Stoff** (University of Hannover)
12:45 – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 – 3:45 pm Panel IV: The Commodification of Youth

Chair: Matthew Hiebert (GHI)

Jane Nicholas (St. Jerome’s University)
Rejuvenating the Social Skin: The Canadian Modern Girl

Michelle Smith (Deakin University)
Consuming Beauty: Victorian and Edwardian Girls’ Print Culture and the Problem of Cosmetics

Commentator: Isabel Richter (University of Bremen)

3:45 – 4:15 pm Coffee Break

4:15 – 6:00 pm Panel V: Reinventing Old Age

Chair: Kristine Alexander

Josef Ehmer (University of Vienna)
Educational Revolution, Ageing Society, and the Labor Force: Changing Patterns and Images of Work over the Life Course

Andrew Achenbaum (University of Houston)
Ageism in America and Beyond

Commentator: Anne Leonora Blaakilde (University of Copenhagen)

6:30 pm Conference Dinner at Meze Restaurant, 2437 18th Street NW

Saturday, May 13

9:00 – 10:45 am Panel VI: The Politics of Rejuvenation

Chair: Isabel Richter
**Mischa Honeck** (GHI Washington)
*Rubble and Rebirth: Organized Youth, Postwar Reconstruction, and the Erasure of History*

**Franziska Roy** (ZMO Berlin)
*Nation-Builders of Anti-Social Elements: Constructing and (De)mobilizing Indian Youth during the Independence Struggle and the Cold War*

Commentator: **Till Kössler** (Ruhr-University Bochum)

10:45 – 11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm  **Concluding Roundtable: How Chronological is Age?**

**End of Conference**