DIRECTOR'S INAUGURATION

Hartmut Berghoff delivered his inaugural lecture as director of the German Historical Institute Washington on November 14, 2008. How merchants and manufacturers tried to cope with the risks and uncertainties of doing business in the rapidly expanding, increasingly impersonal markets of the nineteenth century was the focus of his lecture, “Civilizing Capitalism? The Beginnings of Credit Rating in the United States and Germany,” which will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin. Capitalism, Berghoff emphasized, depends on trust: No business ships goods, no bank makes a loan, nor does any professional render a service unless there is a reasonable certainty of receiving payment. As it became increasingly difficult for businesspeople to assess the trustworthiness of potential customers or trading partners in the age of industrialization, they turned to credit rating companies. These firms met the challenge of fast-growing, anonymous markets by “transforming uncertainty into risk” and “producing trust as a commodity.” Berghoff’s lecture was preceded by a series of welcoming comments. On hand to wish Berghoff success in his tenure at the GHI were Ambassador Klaus Scharioth; Wolfgang Schieder, chair of the Foundation German Humanities Institutes Abroad (DGIA); Friedrich Lenger, chair of the GHI’s Academic Advisory Board; David G. Blackbourn, president of the Friends of the GHI; Philipp Gassert, deputy director of the GHI; and Anke Ortlepp, former acting deputy director of the GHI.

ENDOWMENT OF A GERALD D. FELDMAN LECTURE

The Friends of the German Historical Institute Washington are seeking to establish an endowment that will support an annual lecture named in honor of Gerald D. Feldman. These lectures will be a fitting commemoration of an historian who contributed greatly to the study and understanding of modern German history. Gerald Feldman began teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1963. He was an inspiring undergraduate teacher and mentored an extraordinary number of future German historians. His own work was prolific and important. His major works stretch from his pioneering Army, Industry, and Labor in Germany, 1914-1918 (1966) to his prize-winning later works The Great Disorder (1993) on the German inflation of the early 1920s, and Allianz and the German Insurance Business, 1933-1945 (2001). He brought his energy and commitment to the cause of German history on both sides of the Atlantic. He directed Berkeley’s Center for German and European Studies, served on the editorial board of the journal Contemporary European History for more than fifteen years, and gave his time to
many other boards and committees. From the founding of the Friends of the GHI in 199, he was one of its most devoted supporters and was serving as chairman of the Board of Directors at the time of his death in October 2007.

The Gerald D. Feldman Lecture will commemorate these and many other achievements. The director of the GHI, Hartmut Berghoff, joins the Friends of the GHI in strongly supporting the initiative. The Board of the Friends of the GHI recognizes that these are tough times financially but urges members of the scholarly community to contribute what they can. Donations are tax-deductible under U.S. tax law. Checks should be made out to the Friends of the German Historical Institute (for: Donation Feldman Lecture) and sent to the Friends of the GHI, 1607 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington DC 20009-2562. Those who are taxed in Germany can make a bank transfer to: Deutsches Historisches Institut Washington, Verwendungszweck: Spende Friends GHI Washington Feldman Lecture, Kontonr.: 0233 363 600, Dresdner Bank AG, Bankleitzahl: 370 800 40. In either case, contributors will automatically receive a statement for the tax authorities.

FRANZ STEINER PRIZE 2008

Every other year, the German Historical Institute Washington and the Franz Steiner Verlag in Stuttgart, which publishes the Institute’s book series Transatlantische Historische Studien (THS), award the Franz Steiner Prize for an outstanding piece of research in transatlantic history. The 2008 recipient was Ulrike Weckel, who teaches German and European History at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She was honored for her path-breaking work Shameful Images: German Responses to Allied Documentaries on Nazi Concentration Camps. The prize was presented by Thomas Schaber, head of the Franz Steiner Verlag, and Philipp Gassert, deputy director of the GHI. The ceremony took place in Stuttgart on October 23, 2008, during the German-American Day celebrations, which were organized by the James Byrnes Institute in Stuttgart and the Association of German-American Clubs.

Ulrike Weckel’s work represents an important piece of scholarship in four respects: First, it is the first complete examination of the “atrocity films” that were produced in the context of British and American reeducation efforts to confront German concentration camp guards, officials, and the general population with crimes perpetrated against humanity during World War II. Second, it is methodologically innovative in that it combines a traditional social-historical approach with film and literary studies. Third, Shameful Images looks not only at the production of these atrocity films, but also investigates audience responses. For this purpose, Dr. Weckel analyzed new source material, such as the evaluations of
questionnaires handed to the audiences, for the first time. Finally, by embedding the film screenings in the context of shame and shaming, instead of controversies over collective guilt, Ulrike Weckel’s work opens a new perspective on the history of collective and individual “coping” with Nazism after 1945.

FRITZ STERN DISSERTATION PRIZE 2008

The 2008 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize—for the best dissertation in German history completed at a North American university—was awarded by the Friends of the GHI to Marti Lybeck, who earned her doctorate at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 2007, for her dissertation “Gender, Sexuality, and Belonging: Female Homosexuality in Germany, 1890-1933.” Lybeck provides an overview of her dissertation research in a feature article in this issue of the Bulletin. The dissertation was supervised by Kathleen Canning and Geoff Eley. The Stern Prize Selection Committee was composed of Mary Jo Maynes (University of Minnesota), George S. Williamson (University of Alabama), and Jonathan Zatlin (Boston University). The award ceremony took place at the 17th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the GHI on November 14, 2008, an event described in this issue’s Conference Report section.

EXHIBITION “AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS AND GERMANY”

This photo exhibition, which was on view at the GHI from November 19, 2008 to March 15, 2009, showed how Germany emerged as a critical point of reference in African American demands for an end to segregation and for equal rights. From as early as 1933, African American civil rights activists used white America’s condemnation of Nazi racism to expose and indict the abuses of Jim Crow racism at home and to argue that “separate” can never be “equal.” America’s entry into the war allowed these activists to step up their rhetoric significantly. The defeat of Nazi Germany and the participation of African American GIs in the military occupation only strengthened their determination. Drawing on the experience of soldiers stationed in Germany, these activists claimed that it was in post-Nazi Germany that black GIs found the equality and democracy denied them in their own country. Once the civil rights movement gained momentum in the late 1950s, black GIs deployed overseas became crucial actors in the struggle. By 1960, sit-ins to integrate lunch counters were taking place not only in Greensboro, NC, but also in establishments on and around U.S. military bases in Germany. Because military deployments to Germany usually lasted two to three years, African American GIs were able to
establish contacts and often friendships within neighboring German communities. Beginning in the early 1960s, black GIs started to collaborate with German student activists in places like Frankfurt and Berlin to support demands for civil rights in the United States. After Martin Luther King Jr.’s visit to Berlin in 1964, the rise of the Black Power movement, and Angela Davis’s solidarity campaigns in both East and West Germany in the early 1970s, African American GIs only intensified their collaboration with German student activists to fight racism both in the U.S. military and in German communities. By illustrating the untold story of African American GIs and the transnational implications of the African American civil rights movement, this exhibition sought to advance a more nuanced and sophisticated sense of how America’s struggle for democracy reverberated across the globe. It presented the first results of a joint research initiative of the German Historical Institute, Vassar College, and the Heidelberg Center for American Studies at the University of Heidelberg. Its goal is to produce a digital archive on “African American Civil Rights and Germany” that includes documents, images, and oral histories. Please visit its website at: http://www.aacvr-germany.org.

NEW PUBLICATIONS


2. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Franz Steiner Verlag)
   Holger Löttel, Um Ehre und Anerkennung: Englandbilder im amerikanischen Süden und die Außenpolitik der Konföderation (2009)

3. Other Publications Supported by the GHI
GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR, FALL 2008

September 10  
Joachim Scholtyseck, Universität Bonn  
Neuere Entwicklungen und aktuelle Tendenzen in den Forschungen zum Verhältnis zwischen Industrie und Nationalsozialismus

September 17  
Klaus Dittrich, University of Portsmouth  
Bildungspolitik auf Weltausstellungen im 19. Jahrhundert: Akteure, Praktiken und Diskurse in einem Zeitalter früher Globalisierung

Simon Ebert, Universität Bonn  
Wilhelm Sollmann (1881-1951): Sozialdemokratischer Journalist und Politiker

Sönke Kunkel, Universität Bremen  

Stephan Kieninger, Universität Mannheim  
Der konzeptionelle Dualismus in der amerikanischen Europapolitik und das transatlantische Netzwerk der Transformationspolitiker, 1969-1977

September 24  
Uwe Spiekermann, GHI Washington  
Alternative ohne Alternative: Ernährungsreform und Reformwarenwirtschaft im Kaiserreich

October 8  
Georg von Graevenitz, EUI Florence  
Internationalismus in der Zwischenkriegszeit: Die Auswirkung internationaler Kooperation auf dem Agrarsektor in Deutschland und Frankreich (1919-1939)

Gregory Kupsky, Ohio State University  
German-Americans and National Socialism, 1933-1945

Philipp Dorestal, Universität Erfurt  
Style Politics: Mode, Geschlecht, Blackness und Widerstand in den USA, 1960-1975

October 15  
Anke Ortlepp, GHI Washington  
Cultures of Air Travel in Postwar America

November 5  
Patricia Edema, Freie Universität Berlin  

Anthony Santoro, Universität Heidelberg  
Exile or Embrace: Religion, Community and the Death Penalty in Virginia, 1976-2006
Reports on the following events can be found on the GHI website at www.ghi-dc.org/eventhistory.

October 1
“Nature Incorporated”: Business History and Environmental Change
GHI-sponsored panel at the 47. Deutscher Historikertag

October 1
Travel for Everyone? Tourism in the USA and Germany in the Twentieth Century
GHI-sponsored panel at the 47. Deutscher Historikertag

October 4
Making History in Kohl’s Republic: The Politics of the Past in the 1980s and 1990s
GHI-sponsored panel at the 32nd Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, St. Paul (MI)

October 8
What is a European Classic of Contemporary History?
Luncheon at the GHI

October 30
Konkurrenz und Konvergenz: Die USA und Deutschland im Wettlauf um die Moderne
Symposium at the Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte Hamburg

November 19
Martin Luther King Jr. and Germany in the 1960s
Panel discussion at the GHI
Nicole Kruz, Assistant to the Director, joined the Institute in December 2008. Prior to coming to the GHI, she studied Germanic languages and literature and Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS) at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in April 2007.

Jessica Csoma joined the Institute as a Project Associate in October 2008, where she is working on the project “Immigrant Entrepreneurship: The German-American Business Biography, 1770 to the Present.” She received her Master’s degree in English, history, and economics from the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster in 2002. Subsequently, she was a teaching assistant at the European Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder, giving seminars and courses in international management and conducting research on a broad range of topics in international business. From 2004 to 2008, she worked as project manager and curatorial assistant at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, a non-profit art institution in Bethany, Connecticut. There she organized exhibitions, managed the Foundation’s digitization project, performed archival research, and contributed as author and editor to several exhibition publications. Jessica Csoma’s research interests include nineteenth- and twentieth-century European economic history, the history of globalization, and German art history of the early twentieth century.

Philipp Gassert, who joined the GHI as Deputy Director and Acting Co-Director in January 2008, left the GHI in April 2009 to take up the Professorship in Transatlantic History at the University of Augsburg in Germany.

Jan Logemann joined the Institute in January 2009 as a Visiting Research Fellow in the History of Consumption. He studied modern German and U.S. history at Pennsylvania State University and at Humboldt University in Berlin as well as at the Free University’s John-F.-Kennedy Institute. His research focuses on transatlantic comparisons and the development of mass consumer societies in the twentieth century. He is especially interested in the relationship between private and public consumption and in the spatial configuration of modern consumer societies. He is currently revising his dissertation, “Shaping Affluent Societies: Divergent Paths to a Mass Consumer Society in West Germany and the United States during the Postwar Boom Era,” for publication. His article, “Different Paths to Mass Consumption: Consumer Credit in the United States and West Germany during the 1950s and ‘60s,” appeared in the Journal of Social History in the summer of 2008. His next research project will look at the relationship between retailers, consumers, and urban communities in the twentieth century.

Ines Prodöhl joined the Institute as a Research Fellow in October 2008. She studied history at the universities of Leipzig and Zurich. She was a research fellow
in Zurich, where she started a research project on national ambitions in a
global context by examining general encyclopedias from the eighteenth to the
twentieth century. In 2005, she became a *wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin* at
Heidelberg University, at the chair of Professor Madeleine Herren. In 2008, she
received her Ph.D. in Modern History for a thesis on the “Politics of Knowledge”
 focusing on encyclopedias in the “Third Reich,” Switzerland, and the GDR. Her
research and teaching has centered on historical questions that embed the
nation-state into a global context. Her current research project analyzes the
global entanglements of economic interests in Manchuria, focusing on the ex-
port of soy beans to the West and, in particular, to the U.S. in the first half of
the twentieth century.

**Morgan Schupbach**, Research and Project Associate, arrived at the Institute in
August of 2008. She studied Political Science and German at the University of
California at Davis and received her Master’s degree in German and European
Studies from Georgetown University in the spring of 2008. Her research interests
include Cold War German history, East German social and cultural history, and
post-Cold War developments in Germany and Eastern Europe. She will be leaving
the GHI in July 2009 to pursue a Ph.D. in German history.

**RECIPIENTS OF GHI FELLOWSHIPS**

**Thyssen-Heideking Fellowship**

**Nicole Kvale**, University of Wisconsin Madison, “Emigrant Trains: Migratory
Transportation Networks through Germany and the United States, 1847-1914”

**Fellowship in the History of Consumption**

**Jan Logemann**, Pennsylvania State University, “Aunt Emma and King Customer:
Small Retailers between Community and Consumer Interests in the Twentieth
Century”

**Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Kulturgeschichte der Psychoanalyse 1900-1933”

Military Intelligence während des Zweiten Weltkriegs”

**Adam Seipp**, Texas A&M University, “In a Foreign Land: Refugees, Germans, and
Americans, 1945-60”
Doctoral Fellowships

Frank Beyersdorf, Universität Mannheim, “Democratizing International Affairs through Publicity? The Information Policy of the League of Nations, 1919-1946”

Enrico Böhm, Universität Marburg, “Gipfel der Kooperation? Die Entstehung der G7 als Instrument internationaler Sicherheitspolitik”

Deborah Brown, University of California Los Angeles, “Science and Politics of Category Creation and their Relation to Religious-Racial Identity in Germany, 1900-1933”

Julio Decker, Leeds University, “The Immigration Restriction League and the Political Regulation of Immigration, 1894-1924”

Jacob Eder, University of Pennsylvania, “Sanitizing the Nazi Past? West German Politics of the Past and the Americanization of the Holocaust”


Stephan Isernhagen, Universität Bielefeld, “Fiedeln, während Rom brennt? Krieg und Protest – Susan Sontag interveniert in Hanoi und Sarajewo”

Nina Mackert, Universität Erfurt, “Die Figur der ‘Juvenile Delinquency’ in den USA der 1940er bis 1960er Jahre”

Bodo Mrozek, Technische Universität Berlin, ”Jugendstile und Popkultur nach 1945 aus transnationaler Perspektive“


Maren Tribukait, Universität Bielefeld, “Bilder von Verbrechen in deutschen und amerikanischen Massenmedien, 1890-1960”

GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS, 2009-2010

GHI Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

The GHI awards short-term fellowships to German and American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars in the fields of German history, the history of German-American relations, and the history of the role of Germany and
the USA in international relations. The fellowships are also available to German doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars in the field of American history. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to six months but, depending on the funds available, can be extended by one or more months. The research projects must draw upon primary sources located in the United States. The GHI also offers a number of other doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles. For information about all our fellowships and current application deadlines, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org/fellowships.

GHI Internships

The GHI Internship Program gives German and American students of history, political science, and library studies an opportunity to gain experience at a scholarly research institute. Interns assist individual research projects, work for the library, take part in the preparation and hosting of conferences, and help with our publications. They receive a small stipend. The program is very flexible in the sense that the GHI tries to accommodate the interns’ interests, abilities, and goals. A two-month minimum stay is required; a three-month stay is preferred. There is a rolling review of applications but applicants interested in coming to Washington in 2010 are encouraged to submit their application by July 2009. For further information, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.
## GHI LECTURE SERIES, SPRING 2009

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**GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009**

For a regularly updated calendar of events, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org.

**January 3**  
Languages: Sine Qua Non for Globalizing Historiography  
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), New York

**January 4**  
Problematizing Transatlantic History: German-American Perspectives  
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), New York

**January 5**  
Facing the Challenge of a New Religious History: Post-1945 American Religion as a Site of Historical Inquiry in Germany  
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), New York

**January 22**  
Special Screening of *The Reader*  
Screening at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring, MD

**January 20**  
Immer eine Nasenlänge voraus? Amerika und Deutschland im Wettlauf um die Moderne  
Symposium in Kaiserslautern  
Convener: Werner Kremp (Atlantische Akademie, Kaiserslautern)

**January 13**  
Civil Rights and America’s Role in World War II  
Lecture at the GHI  
Speaker: Harvard Sitkoff (University of New Hampshire)

**March 4-6**  
1968 in the US, Japan and Germany  
Conference at the Japanese-German Center, Berlin  
Conveners: Martin Klimke (GHI/HCA Heidelberg), Yoshie Mitobe (Meiji University, Tokyo), Joachim Scharloth (University of Zurich) and Laura Wong (Harvard University)

**March 12**  
Tenth Gerd Bucerius Lecture  
Lecture in Washington  
Speaker: Kurt Biedenkopf

**March 13**  
Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America  
Lecture at the GHI  
Speaker: Leon Dash (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

**March 13-14**  
Representing Poverty: American and European Perspectives  
Conference at the GHI  
Conveners: Anke Ortlepp (GHI) and Christoph Ribbat (University of Paderborn)
March 18
Networking the International System
Workshop and Luncheon at the GHI
Convener: Ines Prodöhl (GHI)

March 19-21
Black Diaspora and Germany Across the Centuries
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Martin Klimke (GHI), Anne Kuhlmann-Smirnov (University of Bremen), and Mischa Honeck (HCA Heidelberg)

March 20
“Kasseler Neger—Kasseler Mohren?” Silenced Narratives of the African Diaspora in Germany
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Maria I. Diedrich (University of Münster)

March 26-28
Zweiter Kalter Krieg und Friedensbewegung: Der NATO-Doppelbeschluss in deutsch-deutscher und internationaler Perspektive
Conference at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin
Sponsored by the GHI and the Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ) Munich-Berlin
Conveners: Philipp Gassert (GHI), Tim Geiger (IfZ), Hermann Wentker (IfZ)

April 29-May 2
15th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth Century
Seminar at the GHI and Georgetown University
Conveners: Roger Chickering (Georgetown University) and Richard F. Wetzel (GHI)

May 4
Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Alexander von Humboldt’s Death
Roundtable at the GHI
Moderator: Frank Holl

May 29-30
A World of Populations
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Heinrich Hartmann (Freie Universität Berlin) and Corinna R. Unger (GHI)

June 18-20
The Short- and Long-Term Economic Effects of German Exploitation in Occupied Countries during World War II
Workshop at the GHI
Convener: Jonas Scherner (GHI)

June 22-July 3
Archival Summer Seminar in Germany

June 25-27
“Public History” in Germany and the United States: Fields, Developments and Debates in Praxis and Theory
Conference at the Freie Universität Berlin
Conveners: Andreas Etges and Paul Nolte (FU Berlin) and Anke Ortlepp (GHI)
September 24–26  Falling Behind or Catching Up? The East German Economy in the 20th Century
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Hartmut Berghoff and Uta Balbier (GHI)

October 1–3  African American Civil Rights and Germany in the 20th Century
Jointly organized by the GHI and Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, NY)
Conveners: Maria Höhn (Vassar College) and Martin Klimke (GHI)

October 8–11  Medieval History Seminar
Conference at the GHI London
Conveners: Carola Dietze (GHI), Jochen Schenk (GHIL)

October 15–17  The Decline of the West? The Fate of the Atlantic Community after the Cold War
Conference at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia
Conveners: Philipp Gassert (GHI), Ronald Granieri (Penn), Eric Jarosinski (Penn), and Frank Trommler (Penn)

October 22–25  Beyond the Racial State
Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington
Conveners: Devin Pendas (Boston College), Mark Roseman (Indiana University), and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)

October 30–31  Understanding Markets: Information, Institutions and History
Conference at the Hagley Museum and Library (Wilmington, DE)
Sponsored by the Hagley Museum and Library and the GHI

November 12  23rd Annual Lecture of the GHI
Speaker: Hans-Ulrich Wehler

November 13  Symposium of the Friends of the GHI and Award of the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize
Event at the GHI