25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

The 25th anniversary of the German Historical Institute in Washington DC was celebrated by more than 170 guests on May 17, 2012. After words of welcome from GHI Director Hartmut Berghoff, a number of distinguished speakers offered their congratulations and best wishes to the Institute on the occasion of its anniversary. German Ambassador Peter Ammon noted the importance of the GHI in German-American relations; Heinz Duchhardt, head of the Max Weber Foundation, stressed the contribution of German emigres to German-American scholarly exchange and offered the Foundation’s thanks to the four directors who have led the GHI since its founding; James Grossman, executive director of the American Historical Association, lauded the GHI as a model for the mutual responsibilities of scholars to one another; Simone Lässig, Executive Board Member of the Verband der Historiker und Historikerinnen Deutschlands, highlighted the GHI’s role as a forum for scholarly exchange and cooperation between German and American historians; David Barclay, executive director of the German Studies Association, described the GHI as one of the most exciting ventures in transnational academic cooperation and commended Germany for its commitment to humanities scholarship as a public good; James V.H. Melton, President of the Central European History Society, highlighted the GHI’s role in socializing its research fellows to navigate the different academic cultures of Germany and the United States; Marion Deshmukh, Senior Vice President of the Friends of the German Historical Institute, conveyed the Friends’ congratulations in poetic form; and Alexander Nützenadel, deputy chair of the GHI’s Academic Advisory Board, explained the Advisory Board’s role in connecting the Institute to the larger academic world. The evening’s main feature was a lecture by Professor David Blackbourn (Harvard University) on “Germany and the Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1820,” which is published in this issue of the Bulletin.

Over the next two days (May 18-19, 2012), as part of its anniversary celebration, the Institute hosted a conference on the “second generation” of German émigré historians, who fled Nazi Germany as minors and subsequently became historians teaching European history in the United States (as well as Great Britain and Israel) — a group of scholars that played a key role in promoting the internationalization of the American university, helping a younger generation of German scholars create a democratic academic culture, and shaping German-American relations in the second half of the twentieth century. Catherine Epstein’s conference paper “The Second Generation: Historians of Modern Germany in Post-War America” is published in the “Features” section of this Bulletin. For a full report on the conference, please consult the report in this issue’s “Conference Reports” section.
NEW PUBLICATIONS

   Yair Mintzker, *The Defortification of the German City, 1689–1866* (2012)
   Hartmut Berghoff, Jürgen Kocka, and Dieter Ziegler, eds., *Business in the Age of Extremes: Essays in Modern German and Austrian Economic History* (2012)

2. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Franz Steiner Verlag)

3. World of Consumption (Palgrave Macmillan)

4. Other GHI Publications
   Hartmut Berghoff and David Lazar, eds., *The German Historical Institute at 25, Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Supplement 8* (2012)
   This publication is available free of charge upon request. Readers who wish to obtain a copy should send an email to hester@ghi-dc.org

5. Publications Supported by the GHI
STAFF CHANGES

Nicole Kruz, Assistant to the Director since 2008, left her position in September 2012 to pursue graduate studies in Berlin.

Insa Kummer, Project Associate since 2007, left her position in May 2012 to pursue other professional interests.

Miriam Rürup, Research Fellow since 2010, left the GHI in June 2012 to assume the directorship of the Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden in Hamburg.

Bärbel Thomas, Foreign Language Assistant since 1996, retired from her position at the end of August 2012. Thomas was involved in organizing almost every conference during her more than 15 years at the GHI and will be greatly missed by her colleagues.

GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

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 roles of Germany and the United States 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 further information 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. For further information, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.

RECIPIENTS OF GHI FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship in African American History

Julia Gunn, University of Pennsylvania
“A Good Place to Make Money”: Civil Rights, Labor, and the Politics of Economic Development in the Sunbelt South

Fellowship in Economic and Social History

Julia Rischbieter, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Januskopf des Kapitalismus: Multilaterale Kreditvergabe als Institution der Weltwirtschaftsordnung und Strukturproblem der globalen Ökonomie (1957-1990)

Fellowship in the History of Consumption

Simone Selva, University of Bologna
The West European Mass Market between International Interdependence and National Economic Policies under Bretton Woods: Private Consumption and Public Policies in Transatlantic Perspective

Fellowship in North American History

Simone Müller-Pohl, Freie Universität Berlin

Jasper Trautsch, Freie Universität Berlin
Die Konstruktion kultureller Räume in Europa und Nordamerika, 1945 bis 2011

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Konrad Linke, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Engineers and Entrepreneurs between Tradition and Innovation: The Story of the John A. Roeblings Sons Company, 1849-1953

Klaus Nathaus, Universität Bielefeld
Producing Pop for Germany: A Transnational History of Popular Music in the 20th Century
Julia Nitz, Universität Halle-Wittenberg
The Quest for “Citizenship”: Southern Women’s (Personal) Narratives of the American Civil War, 1861–1920

Anja Werner, Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science
Educating the Deaf: An Exemplary Case Study in German-American Relations in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Doctoral Fellowships

Eva Balz, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Die frühe Rückerstattung in West-Berlin (1949–1957)

Mikkel Dack, University of Calgary
The Categorization of Guilt: The Fragebogen, Denazification and the American Occupation of Germany, 1944–1949

Sven Deppisch, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Die Ausbildung deutscher Polizeioffiziere von den 1920er bis in die 1950er Jahre

Robert Fischer, Universität Erfurt
Grenzleben — eine translokale Geschichte von Ciudad Juárez und El Paso, 1880–1940

Katharina Gärtner, Freie Universität Berlin
White Picket Loans — Government Interventions in the U.S. Mortgage Market

Jan Hüsgen, Leibniz Universität Hannover
Sklaverei und Sklavenemanzipation in der Herrnhuter Brüdergemeine — Dänisch und Britisch Westindien

Emily Löffler, Universität Tübingen
Kulturgüterschutz und Kulturpolitik im besetzten Deutschland — amerikanische und französische Kunstschutzeinheiten im Vergleich

Doron Oberhand, Freie Universität Berlin
Die osteuropäisch-jüdische Migrationsbewegung im Spiegel der jüdischen Presse, 1881–1939

Timothy Sayle, Temple University
NATO’s Survival: The Atlantic Alliance in Crisis, 1955–1968

Emily Swafford, University of Chicago
Democracy’s Proving Ground: U.S. Military Families in Germany between World War II and Vietnam

Matthias Voigt, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main
Re-inventing the Warrior — Native American Activists between Indigenous Traditions and the Modern Nation State during the Red Power Era
Fellowships at the Horner Library

Juliane Graf, Freie Universität Berlin  
*Crossing Boundaries: German Immigrants to the U.S. between Transcultural Challenges and the Realities of the Everyday, 1850–1880*

Christian Horn, Universität Mainz  
*German Travelers in Nineteenth-Century America*

Meredith Soeder, Carnegie Mellon University  
*American Émigrés in Germany in the Interwar Period*

Christian Wilbers, College of William and Mary  
*German America between 1919 and 1942*

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GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR, SPRING 2012

January 18  
Ulrike Thoms (Charité Berlin)  
*Zwischen Wissenschaft und Markt. Pharmareferenten in Deutschland im 20. Jahrhundert*

Margrit Schulte-Beerbühl (Universität Hannover)  
*Im Schatten der Blockaden: Verdeckte Handelsnetze deutsch-britischer Kaufleute im Zeitalter der Napoleonischen Kriege*

February 1  
Clelia Caruso (GHI)  
*Modernity Calling: Employing and Interpreting the Telephone in the United States and Germany (1890–1980)*

February 15  
Christina Lubinski (GHI)  
*Musikalische Entdecker: Westliche Grammophon-Unternehmen in British India, 1902–1947*

February 29  
Andrew Demshuk (University of Alabama)  
*The Lost German East: Silesian Expellees in West Germany and the Idea of Heimkehr, 1945–1970*

March 7  
Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art/USHMM)  
*Remapping European Jewish Flight, Displacement, and Survival: Soviet Central Asia, Iran, and India as Sites of Relief and Refuge*

March 21  
Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University)  
*Turning Right in the Wake of 1968? Conservative Mobilization at West German Universities*
May 2  Winson Chu (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee/USHMM)
   Germans without Borders? Locating “National Indifference” in Twentieth Century Poland

May 9  Espen Storli (Harvard Business School)
   Metal Trading in the Post WWII-World

May 23 Miriam Rürup (GHI)
   Staatenlose als Herausforderung der internationalen Politik, 1919-1961

June 13 Anja Laukötter (Max Planck Institut für Bildungsforschung, Berlin)
   Disease and Emotions: Health Educational Films in Germany and the US in the First Half of the 20th Century

July 17 Silke Hackenesch (Freie Universität Berlin)
   “Toxi kehrt heim”: Der Diskurs um die sogenannten brown babies in den USA nach 1945

Isabella Löhr (University of Heidelberg)
   “A Defence of Free Learning”: Akademische Fluchthilfeorganisationen in Großbritannien und den USA nach 1933

GHI DOCTORAL SEMINAR, SPRING 2012

February 2 Ulrich Kreutzer (Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)
   Das USA-Geschäft von Siemens: Von den Anfängen bis 2001

James Seaver (Indiana University, Bloomington)
   Fighting for Souvenirs: Americans and the Material Culture of World War II

March 15 Elizabeth Lambert (University of Indiana, Bloomington)
   Contested Memory: Divided Representations of KZ Buchenwald and Weimarer Klassik

Matthias Schmelzer (Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)
   “A temple of growth for industrialized countries”: Die OECD und das Wachstumsparadigma in der Nachkriegszeit
Limiting the social costs of market capitalism and its potentially destabilizing effects has become a central concern of governments in modern societies. Especially in times of crisis, when the risk of social disintegration was high, politicians often advocated the “just” distribution of economic benefits and burdens in order to secure social stability. Exactly how this can be achieved has been the subject of substantial debate. Social justice as a concept has thus inspired and justified very different policies. Welfare is often viewed as the “European” approach to social justice, while the focus on equality of opportunities is commonly seen as its “American” counterpart. Recent scholarship, however, has called into question whether the history of social justice and social policy in the late 19th and 20th centuries is characterized by national or regional exceptionalism. This lecture series explores the idea that this history might be better understood as a history of transnational transfers and mutual influence. To what extent and under which circumstances did Europeans and Americans show the same responses to social crises? When and how did they transfer ideas of social justice or social policy instruments? Can we still identify a distinctly American approach to social justice?

September 6  The Idea of Social Justice: Genuine or Spurious?
Wilfried Hinsch (Universität zu Köln)

October 11  Markets, States, and Social Justice in the Era of High Industrial Capitalism: Contrasts and Connections across the Atlantic
Daniel Rodgers (Princeton University)

October 25  Parallels, Networks, and Convergences: Women and Social Justice in Transnational Perspective
Sonya Michel (University of Maryland, College Park)

December 6  The End of the Social Democratic Era? Crisis in the Conceptualization of Social Justice in the 1970s and 1980s
Martin Geyer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2012

September 5-15  Bosch Foundation Archival Seminar for Young Historians 2012: American History in Transatlantic Perspective
Convener: Mischa Honeck (GHI)

September 9-11  The Trial of Adolf Eichmann: Retrospect and Prospect
Conference at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
Convener: Doris Bergen (University of Toronto), Michael Marrus (University of Toronto), and Richard F. Wetzel (GHI)

September 13-14  Immigration and Entrepreneurship: An Interdisciplinary Conference
Conference at University of Maryland, College Park
Convener: David B. Sicilia (University of Maryland, College Park), David F. Barbe (University of Maryland, College Park), and Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

September 20-22  The Transnational Significance of the American Civil War: A Global History
Conference at the GHI
Convener: Marcus Gräser (University of Linz), Jörg Nagler (University of Jena), and Don Doyle (University of South Carolina)

Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Ingo Schulze

November 2-3  Translating Potential into Profits: Foreign Multinationals in Emerging Markets since the 19th Century
Workshop at the GHI
Convener: Matthias Kipping (Schulich School of Business, Toronto) and Christina Lubinski (GHI)

November 8  Twenty-Sixth Annual Lecture of the GHI
The Straits of Europe: History at the Margins of a Continent
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Johannes Paulmann (University of Mainz)
November 9  Twenty-First Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute
Symposium at the GHI

December 6-8  Kriminalität und Strafjustiz in der Moderne (18.-20. Jh.): Tagung zur Historischen Kriminalitätsforschung der Neuzeit
Conference at the Bildungsstätte Liboriam Paderborn
Conveners: Sylvia Kesper-Biermann (University of Gießen) and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)

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March 8-9  In Search of Better Lives: The Circulation of Ideas for Social Improvement between Europe and the US in the 19th and 20th Century
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Christina Lubinski (GHI), Christina May (University of Göttingen), and Warren Rosenblum (Webster University, St. Louis)

April 18-20  Inventing the “Silent Majority”: Conservative Mobilization in Western Europe and the United States in the 1960s and 1970s
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (GHI) and Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University)

May 29 - June 1  19th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: Twentieth-Century German History
Seminar at the Historisches Kolleg, Munich
Conveners: Richard F. Wetzell (GHI), Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University), and Margit Szőllösi-Janze (University of Munich)

September 19-21  The March on Washington and its Legacy
Conference at the GHI
Convener: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (GHI)

September 26-28  Eating, the Body, and the Liberal Self in Transatlantic Perspective
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Jürgen Martschukat (Univ. of Erfurt), Uwe Spiekermann (GHI), Susan Strasser (Univ. of Delaware)
October 18-19  
**Silent Seller: The Cultural Meaning of Commodities that Thrive in Obscurity**  
Workshop at the GHI  
Conveners: Carla Meyer (University of Heidelberg), Ines Prodöhl (GHI), and Amy Slaton (Drexel University)

October 24-26  
**Migrants as “Translators”: Mediating External Influences on Post World War II Western Europe, 1945-1973**  
Workshop at the GHI  
Conveners: Jan Logemann (GHI) and Miriam Rürup (Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden)

December 5-7  
**The Consumer on the Home Front: World War II Civilian Consumption in Comparative Perspective**  
Conference at the GHI London  
Conveners: Andreas Gestrich (GHI London), Felix Roemer (GHI London), Hartmut Berghoff (GHI Washington), and Jan Logemann (GHI Washington)