GHI WEST: GHI WASHINGTON WILL OPEN BRANCH OFFICE AT UC BERKELEY IN 2017

Partners of the GHI have long pointed out how much historical research in Germany and North America would profit from a GHI presence on North America’s West Coast. The GHI’s new director has now launched such an initiative. In December 2015, with support from David Sabean and Swen Steinberg at UCLA, Simone Lässig organized a workshop in Los Angeles, at which colleagues teaching on the West Coast discussed possible forms of cooperation with GHI academic staff and representatives of several German foundations. Following this meeting, talks with potential cooperation partners quickly led to a successful outcome: With the approval of the Stiftungsrat of the Max Weber Foundation, the GHI Washington will be opening a new branch office (Abteilung) at the University of California at Berkeley in cooperation with UC Berkeley’s Institute of European Studies. The official opening of “GHI West” is planned for the fall of 2017.

Although the new branch will start small, it will offer the GHI unprecedented opportunities to engage with the broad range of innovative research in North America and to expand its cooperation with colleagues in the Western United States and Canada; not least in the area of digital history. GHI West will facilitate the organization of joint conferences, seminars for junior scholars, and lecture series. In addition, our GHI colleagues at Berkeley will set up an international research network on the topic “Knowledge on the Move,” which will bring together two foci of GHI research — the history of migration and the history of knowledge — in order to study migrants as historical agents in the history of knowledge. Through this network, the GHI will seek to expand interdisciplinary research collaboration between scholars in Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific rim.

NEW DIGITAL PROJECT: GERMAN HISTORY INTERSECTIONS

This fall the GHI is launching a new digital project titled German History (GH) Intersections. The project, which was inspired by the great success of our online platform German History in Documents and Images (GHD), is a transatlantic initiative that will begin by examining three broad themes — German identity; migration; and knowledge and education — over as many as five centuries. The initial product will be a dynamic, open-access website consisting of three modules, each of which will include primary source documents (in German and English), high-resolution images, historic audio and video clips, and a variety of additional resources, including podcasts.
and online interviews. Additional thematic modules are envisioned. The project is funded by the Transatlantic Program of the European Recovery Program (German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy). **GH Intersections** will run for approximately three years. During this time, the GHI plans to organize various conference panels and workshops on the themes of German identity, migration, and knowledge and education. If you have recommendations for additional thematic modules or are interested in potential collaboration, please contact the GHI at intersections@ghi-dc.org.

**FRITZ STERN (1926-2016)**

The GHI was saddened to learn of the death of Fritz Stern on May 18, 2016. An acclaimed historian and commentator, Stern was a preeminent participant in German-American scholarly dialogue for more than a half century. Fritz Stern’s first book, *The Politics of Cultural Despair*, appeared in German translation two years after its original publication in 1961, and from that point Stern was a fixture on the German intellectual landscape. He won the admiration of his West German colleagues with the originality of the insights into German political culture of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries he offered in *The Politics of Culture Despair*. His ability to present a nuanced analysis in a lucid, accessible manner won him a large readership among West Germans outside the scholarly community who were interested in trying to comprehend the disastrous course of modern German history. Stern quickly became recognized in West Germany not only as a leading scholar in the field of German history but as one of the most thoughtful and perceptive commentators on the meaning of the German past for political action in the present. The clearest indication of Stern’s standing as a participant in West German public discourse was the invitation he received to address the Bundestag in 1987 on what was then the country’s national holiday. He was the first foreign citizen to be so honored, and he used the occasion to give a characteristically eloquent and subtle explication of the significance of the failed East German uprising of June 17, 1953. For many Germans, this speech confirmed Stern’s standing as the model of the scholar-citizen who is an active participant in civil society. Stern’s voice was often heard in public debate in post-unification Germany as well. His career as non-resident public intellectual in Germany was capped by the publication in 2010 of a collection of wide-ranging discussions with former chancellor Helmut Schmidt entitled *Unser Jahrhundert: Ein Gespräch*.

Fritz Stern was one of the younger members of a group of émigrés from Hitler’s Germany who were decisive in initiating and maintaining a dialogue
among West German and American historians in the decades after World War II. That dialogue did much to shape the study of European history in the United States and played an important part in the development of a critical and democratic academic culture in West Germany. It was in no small part in recognition of Stern’s part in fostering this transatlantic exchange that the Friends of the German Historical Institute decided to name their annual prize for the best doctoral dissertation in German history submitted to a North American university for Fritz Stern.

Fritz Stern’s association with the GHI began shortly after the institute opened its doors. He was a participant in the very first scholarly event the GHI organized, the 1988 conference “German-Speaking Refugee Historians in the United States, 1933–1970.” He also spoke at the follow-up conference on the “second generation” of German émigré historians held in 2012 as part of the GHI’s celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. In between, Fritz Stern was a frequent visitor to the GHI. In 1996, the GHI paid tribute to Fritz Stern’s achievements as an historian, educator, and public intellectual with a symposium on his multifaceted career to mark his seventieth birthday. On that occasion, Marion Gräfin Dönhoff, the longtime editor and then publisher of Die Zeit, noted: “Fritz Stern has achieved something that, it seems to me, is without equal. Driven away and robbed [by the Nazis], he, examined, without resentment and with passionate objectivity, the fundamental nature of National Socialist policies, which, as he said, kept the Germans in line with an irresistible combination of success and terror. In the magnificent book Dreams and Delusions, . . . he explains to his fellow Americans why and how that system functioned. For us Germans, too, his explanations are extraordinarily enlightening.”

NEW GHI PUBLICATIONS


Jonas Scherner and Eugene N. White, eds., Paying for Hitler’s War: The Consequences of Nazi Hegemony for Europe

Eckart Conze, Martin Klimke, and Jeremy Varon, eds., Nuclear Threats, Nuclear Fear and the Cold War of the 1980s

Rebekka Habermas, Thieves in Court: The Making of the German Legal System in the Nineteenth Century
2. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Franz Steiner Verlag)

Elisabeth Engel, *Encountering Empire: African American Missionaries in Colonial Africa, 1900–1939*


3. World of Consumption (Palgrave Macmillan)

Regina Lee Blaszczyk and Uwe Spiekermann, eds. *Bright Modernity: Color, Commerce, and Consumer Culture.*

4. Studies in German History (Berghahn Books)

Andreas W. Daum, Hartmut Lehmann, and James J. Sheehan, eds., *The Second Generation: Émigrés from Nazi Germany as Historians*

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**STAFF CHANGES**

**Sarah Beringer** joined the Institute as Research and Press Coordinator in May 2016. Before working at the GHI, she was a Research Associate and Lecturer at the Department of International Studies at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (2011-2015) and a Visiting Scholar at Florida International University in Miami (2012-2013). She studied Business Administration with a focus on Strategic Management, Marketing Communications and International Studies in Nürnberg and at the University of Florida and received her PhD in Economics and Social Sciences from the University Erlangen-Nürnberg in 2014.

**Anna Maria Boss** joined the GHI as Head Librarian in August 2016. She previously worked as a librarian with the German military’s main information center (Fachinformationszentrum der Bundeswehr), assisting military organizations and individuals with their research as well as marketing the library’s resources and services. Before that, she was Head Librarian at the Infantry School and United Nations Training Center of the German Army.

**Jessica Csoma**, who joined the GHI in 2008 as project coordinator of Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, left the institute in August 2016 in order to pursue a career as an ESL teacher.

**Evi Hartmann**, who joined the GHI as Head Librarian in 2013, left in August 2016 in order to take up a position as librarian at the Salem international private boarding school.
Betsy Hauck, who joined the GHI administration in 2007, retired in June 2016.

Sally Hudson joined the GHI as Administrative & Research Assistant in June 2016. She completed her Master’s work at the BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University and has a Bachelor’s Degree from Bowdoin College. Previously, she worked in the field of translation as a project manager and linguistic editor.

Axel Jansen joined the GHI as Deputy Director in October 2016. He completed an M.A. in history at the University of Oregon and his doctorate at Goethe University Frankfurt where he remains a Privatdozent. He has held a number of fellowships (including a Fulbright American studies fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles and a visiting fellowship at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge) and he has taught at several universities in the United States and in Germany, among them Frankfurt, Tübingen, Heidelberg, and UCLA. In his research, Axel Jansen focuses on United States history and on the history of science.

Kerstin von der Krone joined the GHI as a Research Fellow in January 2016. Her research is part of the German-Israeli research project “Innovation through Tradition? Jewish Educational Media and Cultural Transformation in the Face of Modernity,” funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. Her fields of research include Jewish history in Central Europe in the modern era, the history of Jewish thought, the transformation of knowledge and knowledge production in Jewish education and modern Jewish scholarship.

Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson completed her term as deputy director at the end of September 2016 and took up a professorship in Transatlantic Cultural History at the University of Augsburg.

Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

The GHI awards short-term fellowships to European and North American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars to pursue research projects that draw upon primary sources located in the United States. We are particularly interested in research projects that fit into the following fields: German and European history, the history of German-American relations, and the role of Germany and the USA in international relations. These fellowships are also available to European doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars in the field of American history. The proposed research projects should make use of historical methods and engage with the relevant historiography. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to five months.
The GHI also offers a number of other long-term doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles to strengthen key research interests at the institute, including: the history of knowledge, the history of race and ethnicity, the history of religion and religiosity, the history of family and kinship, the history of migration, and North American history. In addition to these opportunities, several new fellowship programs have been introduced: the Binational Tandem Research Program for “The History of Knowledge” and “Global and Transregional History,” and the Gerda Henkel Postdoctoral Fellowship for Digital History.

For further information about these programs and current application deadlines, please check our website 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 with 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**

**Tandem Fellowships in the History of Knowledge & Knowledge Cultures**

**Robert Fischer**, Universität Erfurt  
*Border Knowledge(s): Regulating and Circumventing the U.S.-Mexico Border*

**Allison Schmidt**, University of Kansas  
*Crossing Germany: Eastern European Transmigrants and Saxon State Surveillance, 1900-1924*

**Tandem Fellowships in Global and Trans-Regional History**

**Shana Klein**, University of New Mexico  
*The Fruits of Empire: Contextualizing Food in Post-Civil War American Art and Culture*
Leonard Schmieding, BMW Center, Georgetown University
*Beyond Beer and Bratwurst: Immigrant German Food Cultures in San Francisco between Gold Rush and Great Depression*

**Doctoral Fellows**

Juliane Aso, Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Tokyo
*Globale Wissenszirkulationen in der physischen Anthropologie: Das koloniale Vermächtnis in Japan während der ersten Hälfte des Kalten Krieges*

Arno Barth, Graduate School at Duisburg-Essen University
*Population Policy as Risk Management of the Paris Peace*

Anna Corsten, Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt
*Deutschsprachige Historiker im US-amerikanischen Exil und die Aufarbeitung der nationalsozialistischen Vergangenheit*

Johanna Folland, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
*AIDS and the Iron Curtain in Germany: Cold-War Epidemiologies and Postsocialist Transitions, 1948-2005*

Clare Kim, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
*Visions of Form: The Making of Modern Mathematics in America*

Marvin Menniken, Max Planck Institute for Human Development / Freie Universität Berlin
*Between Conservatism, Cold War and Counterculture: The American Legion in California, 1950 - 1980*

Adrian Mitter, University of Toronto
*Localism and Transnationalism in the Free City of Danzig (1919/20-1933)*

Kaete O’Connell, Temple University
*Feeding the Enemy: Humanitarian Aid and the Power of Hunger in Occupied Germany*

Tobias Schmitt, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
*Das verdeckte U.S.-Engagement zur Durchsetzung und Realisierung einer westdeutschen Wiederbewaffnung, ca. 1947-57*

**Postdoctoral Fellows**

Rebecca Brückmann, Universität zu Köln
*Empires and Belonging: Mixed Race People(s) and Racial Codifications in the United States and the Dominion of Canada, 1848-1918*

Craig Griffiths, University College London
*Gay Rights as Human Rights*
**Tim Neu**, University of Göttingen
*Imperiale Geldströme: Krieg, public credit und die politische Ökonomie des British Empire (1680–1815)*

**Juliane Scholz**, University of Leipzig
*German Filmmakers in the United States: Transnational Identities between Migration and Exile*

**Gerda Henkel Postdoctoral Fellow for Digital History**

**Gabor Toth**, Maximilianeum München
*Agency and Worlds of Probabilities in the Memory of Holocaust Survivors: The Computer assisted Analysis of Interviews and Witness Accounts*

**Horner Library Fellows**

**Hans Leaman**, Yale University
*Whitefield among the Pennsylvania Pietists*

**Lisa Minardi**, University of Delaware
*Germans in the Quaker City: Ethnicity, Religion, and Material Life in Early Philadelphia*

**Joshua Brown**, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
*Pennsylvania High German in Nineteenth Century America*

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**GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM, SPRING/SUMMER 2016**

**January 27**  
**Mark Keck-Szajbel (European University Viadrina)**  
An Open Audience: How Pornography Penetrated the East

**February 10**  
**Jeroen Euwe (GHI Fellow in Economic and Social History)**  
The Western Art Market between 1930 and 1950: Methodological Approaches Aiming at Transdisciplinary Research

**February 18**  
**Elena Torres Ruiz (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)**  
The Invention of Urban Farming: How the Food Reform Movement Came to Detroit
February 24  Charlotte Lerg (John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress)
All About Prestige: Academics and Diplomats in the Transatlantic Economy of Esteem

March 2  Anna Echterhölter (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)
Rationing Tokens: Mary Douglas on Payment in Times of Scarcity

March 24  Daniel Brewing (RWTH Aachen University)
“The Good Soldier”: Bilder vom “guten Soldaten” im politischen, wissenschaftlichen und öffentlichen Diskurs der USA im 19./20. Jahrhundert

Oliver Werner (Leibniz-Institut für Regionalentwicklung und Strukturplanung Erkner)
Von Görings Vierjahresplanbehörde zur Weltbank: Der Finanzökonom Otto Donner und die Perzeption der deutschen Wirtschafts- und Wissenschaftselite in den USA von 1930 bis 1960

Andreas Wolfsteiner (Stiftung Universität Hildesheim)
Sichtbarkeitsmaschinen. Zum Umgang mit Szenarien als deutsch-amerikanische Beziehung

April 6  Piotr H. Kosicki (University of Maryland)
The Limits of Catholicism: The Case of Tadeusz Mazowiecki

April 13  Isabel Richter (Universität Bielefeld)
The “Discovery” of India in the long 1960s: Entanglements of Migration and Tourism in Transnational Youth Cultures in Western Europe, the United States and India

April 14  Timo Bonengel (Universität Erfurt)
“A disease that steals potential?” Drogenkonsum in den USA der 1970er und 1980er Jahre

Sebastian Huempfer (University of Oxford)
The Political Economy of U.S. Trade Policy since the 1930s

May 11  Annette Weinke (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
Geneva, Nuremberg, Lake Success: European Émigré Lawyers and Their Conceptions of 20th Century International Law
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GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016/17

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August 16  The People vs. Fritz Bauer
Film Screening at Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, DC, Washington Jewish Film Festival
Co-presented by the Goethe-Institut, the Embassy of Germany, the German Historical Institute, and the German School of Washington, DC.

September 16-17  Industrial Decline and the Rise of the Service Sector? How did Western Europe and North America cope with the multifaceted structural transformations since the 1970s
Conference at the Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich
Conveners: Sebastian Voigt (IfZ Munich), Stefan Hörderl (GHI), and Howard Brick (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

September 28  1990: An Epochal Break in German History?
German Unification Symposium Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Martin Sabrow (ZZF Potsdam)

September 29-  Migration and Knowledge
October 2  Panel Series at the Fortieth Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, San Diego, CA
Organizers: Simone Lässig (GHI) and Swen Steinberg (UCLA)

October 20-22  Creating Spatial Historical Knowledge: New Approaches, Opportunities and Epistemological Implications of Mapping History Digitally
International Workshop and Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Simone Lässig (GHI), Matthew Hiebert (GHI), and Stephen Robertson (George Mason University)

October 20  Toward a Spatial Narrative of the 1935 Harlem Riot: Mapping and Storytelling after the Geospatial Turn
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Stephen Robertson (George Mason University)
November 3  A Joint Past for Europe’s Future: National Memory, Bilateral Reconciliation and the German-Polish Textbook Initiative
Panel Discussion at the GHI
In cooperation with the German and Polish Embassies, Washington DC

November 10  Benchmark Europe: Liberalism and Cultural Nationalism in the United States, 1900-1930
30th Annual Lecture at the GHI
Adelheid von Saldern (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

November 11  25th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the GHI
Award of the Fritz Stern Prize at the GHI

December 8-9  Restricting Knowledge: Channeling Security Information in Recent History
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Keith R. Allen (University of Gießen), Simone Lässig (GHI), Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)

December 8  Kernwissen: Nuclear Information and the Germans, 1939-1949
Keynote Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Michael Gordin (Princeton University)

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February 10-11  Mapping Entanglements: Dynamics of Missionary Knowledge and “Materialities” across Space and Time (16th - 20th Centuries)
Conveners: Sabina Brevaglieri (GHI) and Elisabeth Engel (GHI), in collaboration with the History of Knowledge Research Group at the GHI Washington and the GHI Rome

February 23-25  German Past Futures in the Twentieth Century
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Arnd Bauerkmäper (Freie Universität Berlin), Frank Biess (University of California, San Diego), Kai Evers (University of California, Irvine), and Anne Schenderlein (GHI)

March 2-4  Observing the Everyday: Journalistic Practices and Knowledge Production in the Modern Era
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Kerstin von der Krone (GHI) and Hansjakob Ziemer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
March 23-25 Religious Rights, Civil Rights, and Human Rights in the German and American Contexts, 1948 – Present
Conference at Penn State University
Sponsored by the GHI and the Max Kade German-American Research Institute

March 30-April 1 Creating and Challenging the Transatlantic Intelligence Community
Joint Conference at the Woodrow Wilson Center and at the GHI
Conveners: International Intelligence History Association, German Historical Institute, and the History & Public Policy Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center

May 5 Workshop on Medieval Germany
Conference at the GHI London
Organized by the GHI London in co-operation with the GHI Washington and the German History Society

June 1-3 Beyond Data: Knowledge Production in Bureaucracies across Science, Commerce, and the State
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Sebastian Felten (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin), Philipp Lehmann (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin), Christine von Oertzen (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin), Simone Lässig (GHI)

June 7-10 23rd Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Seminar at Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University), Miriam Rüup (IGdJ, Hamburg), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)
GHI Library

The GHI library concentrates on German history and transatlantic relations, with emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In addition to providing essential literature for scholarly research, the library fulfills an important cultural mission: no other library in the United States offers a similarly condensed inventory of modern German history.

The library offers access to about 50,000 books, DVDs, CD-ROMs, microfiches, and 220 print journals. In addition, we offer access to about 500 e-books and 100 online journals.

The collection includes books on American history written by German authors as well as historical literature of the institute’s past research foci: global history, religious studies, exile and migration studies, environmental history, and economic history. The collection includes only print materials, mostly secondary literature; there are no archival holdings.

The GHI library offers free access to scholars as well as the general public; appointments or reader cards are not necessary. The library does not lend materials but visitors may consult material from the entire collection in our beautiful reading room, which also offers access to a variety of databases for journal articles, historical newspapers, genealogical research, and bibliographical research.

For the library catalog or a list of our databases, please visit www.ghi-dc.org/library. Or send an email to library@ghi-dc.org for any further questions.

The library hours are Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm, Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm, and by appointment.