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- a selection of primary source documents (in German and English) originating from the period
- a selection of images originating from or relating to the period
- a selection of relevant maps

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The ten volumes and their editors are listed below.

*From the Reformation to the Thirty Years’ War (1500–1648)*
Edited by Prof. Thomas A. Brady, Jr., Prof. Jeanne E. Grant, and Ellen Yutzy
German Studies Directory

This online database (http://directory.ghi-dc.org) provides background and contact information for over 1,000 scholars in a variety of disciplines whose research is historical in focus and somehow tied to the German-speaking world. A printed edition was published in 2004 (GHI Reference Guide 17), when the directory went online. Since then, new and updated listings have continuously been added by scholars themselves. The site is coordinated and maintained by research associates and editors at the GHI.

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useful resource for both scholars and students seeking to familiarize themselves with the institutional landscape in Europe. It shows what kind of research is being done at different institutions, as well as the scholars engaging in it. Programs of study may enter or update their own information through a questionnaire on the web site (http://americanhistory.ghi-dc.org). A printed edition was published in 2007 (GHI Reference Guide 23); it is maintained by research associates and editors at the GHI.

Competing Modernities

Together with the Humboldt University of Berlin, the German Historical Institute launched this project in 2005 with the goal of systematically comparing the paths of the United States and Germany from a number of vantage points over an extended period of time. Made possible by a grant from the Robert Bosch Stiftung (Stuttgart), the project is directed by Christof Mauch (GHI) and Kiran Patel (Humboldt University Berlin) and is also supported by the American Institute of Contemporary German Studies. It is conceived for a broader public in addition to an academic audience. Competing Modernities presents a collection of scholarly but highly readable essays in English and German. Because it is the first comprehensive comparison of two national histories on this scale, it is hoped that the publication will serve as a model and a stimulus for future research. The project also strives to contribute to the public discussion about future social and political developments in Germany and in the United States. It can be viewed online at http://www.ghi-dc.org/competingmodernities/.