

Current Issues in North American and Cultural Studies

Lecture Series • Winter Term 2024-2025

Monday, 14 October 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

Debating Columbus | Indigenous Peoples' Day: Controversies and Conflicts in Memory Cultures

Impulse Papers: Dr. Sabrina Schmitz-Zerres | Universität Münster | "Adventurer, Explorer, Colonist? Columbus Narratives in History Textbooks" | & Stefan Benz | North American Studies | "Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day – Past, Present, and Future Perspectives" | Panelists: Dr. Aaron Nyerges | United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney | & Matt Sheedy, PhD | North American Studies Program. Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke

Tuesday, 22 October 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

Dr. Aaron Nyerges | United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney

November 5th and the Fate of American Optimism

Tuesday, 29 October 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

The Winner Takes It All: Debating the Possible Outcome of the US Election

Panel Discussion with Dr. Philipp Adorf, Prof. Dr. Andreas Falke, PD Dr. Jasper Trautsch, and Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke

Tuesday, 5 November 2024 | 9:00 pm to 2:00 am | bpb:medienzentrum | Bundeskanzlerplatz 2E | 53113 Bonn

Election Night Special – watch CNN, listen to live music, share the excitement!

Co-organized with the Amerika Haus NRW e.V. and the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb)

Thursday, 28 November 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 02-025

Alexei Kazakov | University of Ottawa, Canada

Nostalgia and Constructions of National Identities

Tuesday, 10 December 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

Dr. Simon Schleusener | John F. Kennedy Institute, FU Berlin, and North American Studies Program

Images of Degradation: Social Photography and the Politics of Visibility

Thursday, 19 December 2024 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 02-025

Jim Mendelson, PhD | Independent scholar and writer

An Archive of Postcards: The Intersection of Cultural and Personal Memory

Thursday, 9 January 2025 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 02-025

Sarah Becker | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

"Water Corpses in US-American Visual Culture"

Thursday, 16 January 2025 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 02-025

Dr. Imke Lichterfeld | IAAK, University of Bonn

'My consciousness flowing': Outdoor Swimming and the Immediacy of Water in Roger Deakin's *Waterlog* and Victoria Whiteworth's *Swimming with Seals*

Monday, 20 January 2025 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

Martin Luther King Day Lecture

Dr. Nadja Klopprogge | University of Tübingen

Intimate Constellations as Sites of Multidirectional Memory: Relating African American and German History

Tuesday, 28 January 2025 | 6:00 c.t.-8:00 pm | Rabinstraße 8 | 53111 Bonn | Room 7

Madita Oeming | Independent writer

America's War on Porn: Anti-Pornography Discourses Across Ideologies