

Workshop

“Diversity and/in the GAAS”

October 20-21, 2017
Amerikahaus Munich

Program

Friday, October 20, 2017

6.45pm **Welcome and Opening**
7.00pm **Keynote Lecture**
Chair: **Heike Paul** (Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Paula-Irene Villa (LMU Munich)
“Diversity – (Not) A Thing”

Saturday, October 21, 2017

9.30am **Opening Lecture**
Chair: **Karsten Fitz** (Passau)

Silke Schmidt (Marburg)
“What Diversity Can Be – Expanding the Concept, Using Its
Potential”

10.30-11am **Coffee Break**

11:00-1pm **Parallel Sessions**

Session 1: Doing What Kind of Diversity?
Chair: **Astrid Böger** (Hamburg)

Eva Boesenberg (HU Berlin)
“Self-Reflexiveness and Diversity in the DGfA”

Annika McPherson and Christine Vogt-William (Augsburg)
“Doing Diversity in German Academia and American Studies”

Courtney Moffett-Bateau (Essen-Duisburg)
“The Unpaid Labor of Diversity Workers”

Kristina Graaff (HU Berlin)
“Diversify Your Syllabi: Intersectional Course Planning and
Instruction”

Session 2: Race, Ethnicity, and Critical Whiteness

Chair: **Catrin Gersdorf** (Würzburg)

Philipp Adorf (Bonn)

“Obama’s Plan = White Slavery’ – How a ‘Whitelash’ Has Reshaped American Politics and is Set to Play a Central Role in Future Decades”

Maria Alexopoulou (Mannheim)

“‘Race’ in the Immigration Society Germany”

Helen A. Gibson (FU Berlin)

“The Invisible Whiteness of Being: Thoughts on the Annual Conference of the German Association of American Studies”

Samira Spatzek (Bremen)

“Interrogating the Structures of White Knowledge Productions in German American Studies”

Session 3: Class

Moderator: **Carmen Birkle** (Marburg)

Alfred Hornung (Mainz)

“Class and Diversity in the Academy”

Philipp Gassert (Mannheim)

“Rethinking the History of Class in America”

Charlotte Lerg (Munich)

“Fashionably Left Wing but Out of Touch With the People? Academic Class Consciousness and the Realities of Social Inequality”

Session 4: Gender

Moderator: **Heike Paul** (Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Verena Reiter (Frankfurt)

“Live Gay, Retire Rich? – Debunking the Myth of Gay Affluence”

Johanna Heil (Marburg)

“From (Sexual) Difference to Diversity”

Simon Wendt (Frankfurt):

“Intersectionality and the Challenge of Diversity”

Jeanne Cortiel (Bayreuth):

“Edgework”

1:00 – 2:30pm **Lunch Break**

2.30 – 4:00pm **Plenary Session**

Moderators: **Philipp Gassert** (Mannheim), **Catrin Gersdorf** (Würzburg), **Karsten Fitz** (Passau)

Presenters of Results from Morning Sessions: **Carmen Birkle** (Marburg), **Heike Paul** (Erlangen-Nuremberg), **Astrid Böger** (Hamburg), **Catrin Gersdorf** (Würzburg)

4:00 – 4:30pm **Coffee Break**

4:30 – 6:00pm **Final Discussion and Wrap Up**

Conveners:

German Association for American Studies (GAAS)
Bavarian American Academy (BAA)

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