

Sunday, February 12

9:00 Panel 4: New Perspectives on the Social Impact of the War

Chair: Wilfried Mausbach (Heidelberg University)

Mischa Honeck (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC): Playing on Uncle Sam's Team: American Childhoods During World War I

Matthias Voigt (University of Frankfurt/M.): Native American Doughboys in the Great War

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Panel 5: Legacies

Chair: Anja Schüler (Heidelberg University)

Charlotte Lerg (University of Münster): World War I and the Birth of Academic Freedom in America

Helke Rausch (University of Freiburg): The Birth of US Philanthropy from the Spirit of War: Rockefeller Philanthropists in World War I

12:30 Lunch/Departure

The United States and World War I

The year 2017 marks the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I. The Great War had a profound impact on the United States and on its global role. The 39th annual conference of historians in the German Association of American Studies provides an opportunity to reassess the war's significance in U.S. history by focusing on the international and domestic contexts of America's participation in World War I.

Information:

The conference will take place at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Hauptstraße 120, <http://www.hca.uni-heidelberg.de/kontakt.html>

Please register by January 15 with ibahmann@hca.uni-heidelberg.de

There is no conference fee.

We have blocked rooms at preferred rates at the following hotels:

Gasthaus Backmulde, Schiffgasse 11, <http://www.gasthaus-backmulde-hotel.de/>

Hip Hotel, Hauptstraße 115, <http://www.hip-hotel.de/>

Holiday Inn Express, Kurfürstenanlage 23, <http://www.fmhos.de/de/hotels/holiday-inn-express-heidelberg-city-centre>

Booking Code: "DGfA Historikertagung"

Please book your rooms individually by December 31, 2016.

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**The United States and
World War I:
Perspectives and Legacies**

**39th Annual Conference of the
Historians in the DGfA/GAAS**



Friday, February 10

14:30 Arrival, Registration

15:00 Welcome

Manfred Berg (Heidelberg University) and Axel Jansen (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

15:15 Panel 1: Preparing for War

Chair: Axel Jansen (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Dirk Bönker (Duke University): A World Power Second to None? The U.S. Navy, Geopolitics, and the Challenge of World War I

Manuel Franz (Heidelberg): Defense Societies in the Campaign for American Preparedness, 1914-1920

16:45 Coffee Break

17:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: Manfred Berg (Heidelberg University)

Ross A. Kennedy (Illinois State University): Strategic Calculations in Woodrow Wilson's Neutrality Policy, 1914-1917

18:45 Reception (at the HCA)

Saturday, February 11

9:00 Young Scholars Forum

Program and locations will be announced separately

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Panel 2: Mobilization and Propaganda

Chair: Mischa Honeck (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Elisabeth Piller (Trondheim University): American War Relief, Cultural Mobilization and the Myth of Impartial Humanitarianism, 1914-1917

Katja Wüstenbecker (University of Jena/ University of Hamburg): How to Mobilize an Unwilling Country for War: The Committee on Public Information

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: Axel Jansen (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Jennifer Keene (Chapman University): Deeds Not Words: American Social Justice Movements and World War I

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Panel 3: The German American Experience

Chair: Simon Wendt (University of Frankfurt/M.)

Jörg Nagler (University of Jena): The Conflict of Divided Loyalties: German Americans, Their Responses to World War I and the American Home Front

Andreas Hübner (University of Kassel): "We are here as Pro-Americans, as Pro-Louisianians, as Pro-Orleanians": Reassessing the German American Community of New Orleans during World War I

17:30 Break

17:45 GAAS Historians' Business Meeting

19:00 Dinner (On Your Own)