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until Dec. 15, 2019

Conference Fee
Including room and board
150€ (single room) 120€ (double room)

Meals
All meals are included in the conference fee.
Please inform us with your registration about allergies and/or whether you are vegetarian or vegan.
Friday, Feb. 14, 2020
14:30 – Arrival & Registration, Coffee & Tea
16:00-16:15 – Welcome & Introduction

16:15-17:45
Session I: Eugenics
Chair: Michaela Hampf (Berlin)
Michael Wala (Bochum)
Better Babies
Selma Bildtgmaier (New York/Berlin)
New York City's Gentry-ization and Lawrence
Vielter's Tenement House Movement
Sigrid Schinfelder (Passau)
Dr. Bethenia Owens-Adair: 'Cleanings' from the Life of Oregon's First Doctress and Crusader in the Eugenics Movement

18:00-19:30 – Dinner

19:30-21:00 Round-Table: U.S.-American History in Germany. State of the Art – State of the Craft
Chair: Anke Ortlepp (Cologne)

The round-table discussion aims to assess and determine the current situation of U.S.-American history as an academic field within German universities, schools as well as within German society in general. It will tackle three core questions and themes:
1. As student numbers decline and chairs are being re-categorized or disappear completely, how do we position ourselves within the field of history and American Studies in Germany as well as within the international field of American history?
2. Many of us teach students who become teachers. In many states U.S.-American history is part of the curriculum or even the Abitur. How can we reach out to teachers – how can they reach out to us? How can we work together?
3. Moreover, even if, as historians, we know the current political situation is neither entirely unique nor unchangeable, it does affect our work. What role can (or should?) historians of the USA and transatlantic relations play in the public sphere? Our work, for example, can put the current situation into perspective. We can also unpack complexities as memorializing, for example the Cold War, becomes a mainstream political issue.

- Andreas Etges (Munich)
- Philipp Gassert (Mannheim)
- Christian Werner (Wolfburg)
- Meike Zwingenberger (Munich)

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020
08:30-09:30 – Breakfast
09:30-11:00
Session II: War and Peace
Chair: Charlotte Lerg (Bochum/Munich)
Johannes Nagel (Bielefeld)
The U.S. Military Reform Movement in the Context of an Emerging Modernity, 1865-1915
Regina Poernert (Swansea)
Repression, Reaction, and Reform: Wartime Legislation, Civil Liberties, and the Legal Profession, c. 1917-1920
Lara Trud (Heidelberg)
Nevertheless, They Persisted: Women Strike for Peace between the Movements for Peace and Women’s Rights
11:00-11:30 – Coffee & Tea
11:30-13:00 – Young Scholars Forum
13:00-14:00 – Lunch

14:00-15:30
Session III: Socialism and Social Welfare
Chair: Axel Schäfer (Mainz)
Olivier Burtin (München)
Veterans as a Reform Movement: The Interaction of War, Social Policy, and Citizenship in the mid-20th Century United States
Axel Jansen (Washington DC)
The Future of Reform in the United States? Poverty, Automation, and the History of a Basic Income Guarantee
Wef Werner (Heidelberg)
Is there “Socialism” in the U.S. After All? Economic Dimensions of a New Social Reform Movement

15:30-16:00 – Coffee & Tea

16:00-17:30
Session IV: Empowerment
Chair: Simon Wende (Frankfurt)
Viola Huang (Passau)
Between Reform and Radical Change: Black Power Education in Harlem in the Late 1960s
Katharina Matuschek (Regensburg)
Negotiating the 1970s Prison Reform Movement in Autobiographical Prison Texts
Elena Torres Ruiz (Munich)
From Curing Idleness to Reclaiming the Urban Frontier: Urban Agricultural Reform in the United States, 1893-1994

18:00-19:30 – Dinner
19:30 – Business Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020
08:30-09:30 – Breakfast

9:30-10:30
Session V: Family
Chair: Masha Honeck (Berlin)
Nina Schneider (Duisburg-Essen)
Spotlighting the Diversity of U.S. Anti-Child Labour Activists: Contrasting Jacob A. Riis, Florence Kelley, and Lewis Hine
Silke Hackenesch (Gologne)
Adopting a Rainbow Tribe? Modern Families and Multiracial Adoption in Postwar America

10:30-11:00 – Coffee & Tea

11:00-12:30
Session VI: Immigration
Chair: Jan Weiβ (Münster)
Anja-Maria Bassimir (Mainz)
Seeking the Good Life for the Good Worker: The American Federation of Labor and Immigration
Natasha Anderson (Mainz)
Isaac M. Rubinow: Transnational Reformer and Social Security Pioneer
Axel Schäfer (Mainz)
Immigration and Welfare States: Transnational Social Politics between the World Wars

12:30 – Lunch & Departure