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SPRING PROGRAM

FEBRUARY - JULY 2021

The American Academy in Berlin

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We are delighted to present the spring 2021 program of events at the American Academy in Berlin. While we do hope to welcome our guests in person to the Hans Arnhold Center this spring, at the time of this printing the public health situation remains dynamic; event dates and formats may change accordingly. **Until the public health situation allows us to again host events at the American Academy, all events will be held online.** We therefore request that you please visit our website, americanacademy.de, for the most up-to-date information about our programs and register in advance for all events. We remain committed to providing a safe environment for our speakers and guests and very much look forward to resuming our regular in-person programming as conditions allow.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 2 6:00 p.m.

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE AT HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

A Tale of Two Camps: Im/mobilities and Inequalities in the Horn of Africa

Nathalie Peutz, Associate Professor of Anthropology, New York University Abu Dhabi

Registration via lsi@rewi.hu-berlin.de

In cooperation with the Integrative Research Institute Law & Society, Faculty of Law, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Tuesday, February 16 7:00 p.m.

STEPHEN M. KELLEN LECTURE

Religion and the Rise of Capitalism

Benjamin M. Friedman, William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University

Thursday, February 18 7:00 p.m.

Presentation of the Spring 2021 Fellows

Welcoming remarks by **Susanne Baer**, Justice, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Generously supported by Nina von Maltzahn

Tuesday, February 23 7:30 p.m.

NINA MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

Roman Diversity: Modern Lessons from an Ancient Empire

Nandini Pandey, Associate Professor of Classics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wednesday, February 24 7:30 p.m.

KURT VIERMETZ LECTURE

Some Assembly Required: Decoding Four Billion Years of Life, from Ancient Fossils to DNA

Neil Shubin, Robert R. Bensley Distinguished Service Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy, University of Chicago

In cooperation with S. Fischer Verlage

Thursday, February 25 7:30 p.m.

HOLTZBRINCK LECTURE

When Love was Forbidden: Sex and Intimacy in Iran's Revolutionary Generation

Naghmeh Sohrabi, Charles (Corky) Goodman Chair in Middle East History, Brandeis University

MARCH

Tuesday, March 2 7:30 p.m.

ANNA-MARIA KELLEN LECTURE

James Baldwin: The Making of an American Icon

Robert Reid-Pharr, Professor of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University

Friday, March 5 4:00 p.m.

FRITZ STERN SEMINAR IN MEMORY OF SONYA O. ROSE (1935-2020)

Gender, War, and Citizenship: Transatlantic Roundtable to Launch the Oxford Handbook of Gender, War, and the Western World since 1600

Stefan P. Dudink, Senior Lecturer, Radboud University Nijmegen;
Susan R. Grayzel, Professor of History, Utah State University; **Karen Hagemann**, James G. Kenan Distinguished Professor of History and Adjunct Professor of the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; **Kimberly Jensen**, Professor of History and Gender Studies, Western Oregon University; **Thomas Kühne**, Strassler Professor of Holocaust History, Clark University; and **Richard Smith**, Senior Lecturer, Goldsmiths, University of London

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In cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies Amsterdam, the Radboud University Nijmegen, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Thursday, March 11

7:30 p.m.

BERTHOLD LEIBINGER LECTURE

Displacement in the Horn of Africa: Racialization, Migration, and the United Nations

Nathalie Peutz, Associate Professor of Anthropology, New York University Abu Dhabi

Tuesday, March 16 7:30 p.m.

RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE LECTURE

Rethink, Reset, Recalibrate: U.S.-China Relations from Donald Trump to Joe Biden

Elizabeth Economy, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; and Senior Fellow for China Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Thursday, March 18 7:30 p.m.

AIRBUS LECTURE

Virgin Galactic and the Making of a Modern Astronaut

Nicholas Schmidle, Writer, *The New Yorker*

Thursday, March 23 7:30 p.m.

AXEL SPRINGER LECTURE

Age of Emergency: Colonial Violence at the End of the British Empire

Erik Linstrum, Associate Professor of History, University of Virginia

Thursday, March 25 7:30 p.m.

DAIMLER LECTURE

Harun Farocki: Forms of Intelligence between Text and Image

Nora Alter, Professor of Film and Media Arts, Temple University

APRIL

Thursday, April 15 7:30 p.m.

NINA MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

Stepping onto the Pedestal: An Animating History of Art Restitution from the Napoleonic Wars

Alice Goff, Assistant Professor of
German History and the College,
The University of Chicago

Monday, April 19 7:30 p.m.

RICHARD VON WEIZSÄCKER LECTURE

Wagner and His Aftermath: Mythic Culture in Germany and America

Alex Ross, Music Critic and Author
In cooperation with Rowohlt Verlag

Tuesday, April 20 7:30 p.m.

JOHN P. BIRKELUND LECTURE
IN THE HUMANITIES

Trump and the Great Electoral Crisis of 2020

Lawrence Douglas, James J. Grosfeld
Professor of Law, Jurisprudence,
and Social Thought, Amherst College

Wednesday, April 21 7:00 p.m.

STEPHEN M. KELLEN BOOK TALK

America in the World: A History of U.S. Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

Robert B. Zoellick, Senior Fellow, Belfer
Center for Science and International Affairs,
Harvard Kennedy School; and former
President, World Bank

In conversation with **Wolfgang Ischinger**,
Chairman, Munich Security Conference;
and Trustee, American Academy in Berlin

Tuesday, April 27

7:30 p.m.

GERHARD CASPER LECTURE

Being Black in Europe: Identity and Invisibility

Allison Blakely, Professor Emeritus of
European and Comparative History, Boston
University

This lecture is made possible
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Wednesday, April 28

7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hospitalhof Stuttgart,
Büchsenstraße 33, 70174 Stuttgart

HEAD-TO-HEAD:
A MEETING OF INSPIRED MINDS

Love, Death, and Revolution in 1970s Iran

Naghmeh Sohrabi, Charles (Corky)
Goodman Chair in Middle East History,
Brandeis University

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Thursday, April 29

7:30 p.m.

FRITZ STERN LECTURE

The Travails of Theorizing about the Integration of Europe: Neo-Functionalism and Its Competitors

Philippe C. Schmitter, Professor Emeritus,
Department of Political and Social Sciences,
European University Institute

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MAY

Tuesday, May 4 7:30 p.m.

ELLEN MARIA CORRISEN LECTURE

Tony Cokes: Words and Spaces

Tony Cokes, Professor of Modern Culture and Media, Brown University

Thursday, May 6 7:30 p.m.

INGA MAREN OTTO LECTURE

Unifying and Integrating Compositional and Improvisational Language as a Composer-Performer

Anna Webber, Composer, Flutist, and Saxophonist

Monday, May 10 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hospitalhof Stuttgart, Büchesenstraße 33, 70174 Stuttgart

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Gate of Tears: Migration and Immobility across the Red Sea

Nathalie Peutz, Associate Professor of Anthropology, New York University Abu Dhabi

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Tuesday, May 11

7:30 p.m.

ANDREW W. MELLON LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES

The Refugee Crisis: Crossing, Cutting, and Burning the Mediterranean Seametary

Hakim Abderrezak, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, University of Minnesota

Tuesday, May 18

INVITATION ONLY

HENRY A. KISSINGER PRIZE

Honoring James N. Mattis

26th U.S. Secretary of Defense and retired Marine Corps General

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Wednesday, May 26

7:30 p.m.

RICHARD VON WEIZSÄCKER LECTURE

Why Do I Write the Same Tale Differently?

André Aciman, Author, and Professor of Comparative Literature, City University of New York

May 2021

INGA MAREN OTTO CONCERT

Anna Webber in Concert

Anna Webber, Composer, Flutist, and Saxophonist

JUNE

Monday, June 7 – 11

INVITATION ONLY

ANDREW W. MELLON WORKSHOP
IN THE HUMANITIES

Im/Mobilities: New Directions in the Humanities

Co-organized by **Laila Amine**,
Associate Professor of English,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, and
Hakim Abderrezak, Associate Professor
of French and Francophone Studies,
University of Minnesota

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JULY

Monday, July 5

6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden,
Residenzschloss, Hans-Nadler-Saal,
Taschenberg 2, 01067 Dresden

LISA AND HEINRICH ARNHOLD LECTURE

Schreiben von unterwegs: Postkarten von Walter Benjamin

Liliane Weissberg,

Christopher H. Browne Distinguished
Professor in Arts and Sciences and
Professor of German and Comparative
Literature, University of Pennsylvania

In cooperation with
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This lecture will be held in German.

July 10 – 14

INVITATION ONLY

ANDREW W. MELLON WORKSHOP
IN THE HUMANITIES

Past and Future Genders: Latin America and Beyond

Organized by **Moira Fradinger**,
Associate Professor of Comparative
Literature, Yale University

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