



FALL PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN BERLIN

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We are delighted to present the fall 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 fall, at the time of this printing the public health situation remains dynamic; event dates and formats may change accordingly. We therefore request that you **please visit our website, americanacademy.de, for the most up-to-date information about our programs and to 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.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 12 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: silent green Kulturquartier, Gerichtstraße 35, 13347 Berlin

11th Graphic Novel Day
Amy Kurzweil: Flying Couch

Amy Kurzweil, Writer and Cartoonist

In cooperation with
internationales literaturfestival berlin

11th Graphic Novel Day day ticket:
€10 regular / € 6 reduced,
available at www.literaturfestival.com

Tuesday, September 14 7:30 p.m.

MAX BECKMANN LECTURE

Julie Mehretu in Conversation with Patricia Falguières

Julie Mehretu, Artist; and Trustee,
American Academy in Berlin

Tuesday, September 21 INVITATION ONLY

Presentation of the Fall 2021 Fellows

Welcoming remarks by **Barrie Kosky**,
Artistic Director, Komische Oper Berlin

Generously supported by Nina von Maltzahn

Wednesday, September 22 7:30 p.m.

MARCUS BIERICH LECTURE

What the Empire of the Habsburgs Got Right and Why it Matters

Pieter M. Judson, Professor of History,
European University Institute, Florence

Thursday, September 23 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN ACADEMY BOOK PRESENTATION

Shutdown - How Covid Shook the World's Economy

Adam Tooze, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Chair of History, and Director, European Institute, Columbia University

In cooperation with Verlag C.H. Beck

Tuesday, September 28 7:30 p.m.

NINA MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

Why Did the Uighurs Become Buddhist?

Johan Elverskog, Dedman Family Distinguished Professor, Professor of History, Southern Methodist University

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 5

7:30 p.m.

GERHARD CASPER LECTURE

The Imperial Roots of Modern Greece

Yanni Kotsonis, Professor of History, Russian, and Slavic Studies, New York University

This lecture is made possible through philanthropic support from Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Wednesday, October 6

7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hospitalhof Stuttgart, Büchesenstraße 33, 70174 Stuttgart

HEAD-TO-HEAD:
A MEETING OF INSPIRED MINDS

The Constitutional Foundation of Inequality in the United States

Bertrall Ross, Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

In discussion with **Martin Seelieb-Kaiser**, Professor of Comparative Public Policy, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

In cooperation with the Evangelisches Bildungszentrum Hospitalhof Stuttgart and the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum Stuttgart

Generously supported by
Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH,
Holtzbrinck Publishing Group, and
Berthold Leibinger Stiftung GmbH

Thursday, October 7

8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: English Theatre Berlin, Fidicinstraße 40, 10965 Berlin

U.S. EMBASSY LITERATURE SERIES

A Reading from *The Rib King*

Ladee Hubbard, Author

Moderated by **Anne Potjans**, Department of English and American Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Tickets: € 8 at tickets@etberlin.de
or +49 · 30 · 691 12 11

Free admission for school groups
Please register with IRCBerlin@state.gov

In cooperation with the U.S. Embassy Berlin and the English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, October 12

7:30 p.m.

MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN READING

The Descendants: A Novel

Ladee Hubbard, Author

Wednesday, October 13

6:00 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD:
A MEETING OF INSPIRED MINDS

America's Black Queer History

Channing Joseph, Author; and
Lecturer of Journalism, University of Southern California,

In discussion with **Gero Bauer**,
Managing Director, Center for Gender and Diversity Research, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

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Thursday, October 14

7:00 p.m.

AMERICAN ACADEMY
DIGITAL BOOK PRESENTATION

Cloud Cuckoo Land

Anthony Doerr, Author

Moderated by **Günter Keil**, Author
and Journalist

The German translation of *Cloud Cuckoo Land* will be released on October 14 as *Wolkenkuckucksland*.

In cooperation with Verlag C.H. Beck, the Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations, and Deutsch-Amerikanische Institute Freiburg, Nürnberg, Saarland, Sachsen, and Tübingen

Monday, October 18

7:30 p.m.

KURT VIERMETZ LECTURE

**The Future of Money:
How the Digital Revolution
Is Transforming Currencies
and Finance**

Eswar S. Prasad, Nandlal P. Tolani Senior Professor of International Trade Policy, Cornell University; and Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Thursday, October 21

7:30 p.m.

AIRBUS LECTURE

**China Africa Encounters:
Historical Legacies and
Contemporary Realities**

Helen Siu, Professor of Anthropology, Yale University

Monday, October 25

7:30 p.m.

BERTHOLD LEIBINGER LECTURE

**The Fifteenth Amendment and
the Constitutionalization of
Democratic Self-Governance in
the United States**

Bertrall Ross, Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

Tuesday, October 26

7:30 p.m.

DIRK IPPEN LECTURE

The Art of Graphic Resurrection

Amy Kurzweil, Writer and Cartoonist

Wednesday, October 27

7:30 p.m.

MAX BECKMANN LECTURE

Methods of Inquiry 1965-Present

Gary Kuehn, Artist

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 1

7:30 p.m.

JOHN W. KLUGE LECTURE

**Kurt Vonnegut:
How Being in the Firebombing
of Dresden as a Prisoner of War
Shaped His Vision and Work**

Suzanne McConnell, Author

Tuesday, November 2

12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bard College Berlin, A Liberal Arts University, Lecture Hall, Platanenstraße 24, 13156 Berlin

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE
AT BARD COLLEGE BERLIN

**Pity the Reader:
Kurt Vonnegut as Teacher**

Suzanne McConnell, Author

Wednesday, November 3 7:30 p.m.

BAYER LECTURE IN HEALTH & BIOTECH

Confronting the COVID-19 Pandemic

Howard Kyongju Koh, Harvey V. Fineberg
Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University

Thursday, November 4 7:30 p.m.

MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN READING

The Family Chao: A Novel

Lan Samantha Chang, Author; and Elizabeth M. Stanley Professor of the Arts, University of Iowa

Tuesday, November 9 7:30 p.m.

ELLEN MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

The Constitution and Racial Repair

Joy Milligan, Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

Thursday, November 11 7:30 p.m.

HOLTZBRINCK LECTURE

William Dorsey Swann, Queen of Drag: Uncovering America's Black Queer History

Channing Joseph, Author; and Lecturer of Journalism, University of Southern California

Thursday, November 18 INVITATION ONLY

HENRY A. KISSINGER PRIZE

Honoring James N. Mattis

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

Generously supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Robert Bosch GmbH, and Cerberus Beteiligungsberatung

Monday, November 22 7:30 p.m.

FOREIGN POLICY FORUM

Merkel's Legacy

Kati Marton, Author; and Trustee, American Academy in Berlin

Generously supported by Daimler-Fonds

The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel will be published on October 26.

Wednesday, November 24 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Henry-Ford-Bau,
Freie Universität Berlin, Garystraße 35,
14195 Berlin

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE
AT FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Overcoming the Constitutional Barriers to Economic Equality in the United States

Bertrall Ross, Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

In cooperation with Freie Universität Berlin

Monday, November 29 7:30 p.m.

JOHN P. BIRKELUND LECTURE

Seeing, Sensing, Feeling: Sexual Subjects, Precarious Lives

Juana María Rodríguez, Professor and Chair of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Tuesday, November 30 7:30 p.m.

HOLTZBRINCK LECTURE

Tapped Out: What Do We Owe the World's Coal Regions?

Alec MacGillis, Author; and Senior Reporter, *ProPublica*

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1 **6:00 p.m.**

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

LISA AND HEINRICH ARNHOLD LECTURE

**Dürers anderes Erbe:
Goldschmiedekunst und die
Genealogie des Handwerks
im 16. Jahrhundert**

Shira Brisman, Assistant Professor in Early Modern Art, University of Pennsylvania

In cooperation with
Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden

Thursday, December 2 **7:30 p.m.**

RICHARD VON WEIZSÄCKER LECTURE

**The Origins of
Intellectual Property
in German Renaissance Art**

Shira Brisman, Assistant Professor in Early Modern Art, University of Pennsylvania

Wednesday, December 8

LOCATION: ESMT Berlin, Schloßplatz 1, 10178 Berlin

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE
AT ESMT BERLIN

**Fulfillment:
Winning and Losing
in One-Click America**

Alec MacGillis, Author; and
Senior Reporter, *ProPublica*

In cooperation with ESMT Berlin

Tuesday, December 14 **6:00 p.m.**

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE AT
HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

**Racial Inequality and the
American Administrative State:
Can the Past Be Undone?**

Joy Milligan, Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

Registration via lsi@rewi.hu-berlin.de

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

Wednesday, December 15 **7:30 p.m.**

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE

**Freedom in the Future:
Toward a Transatlantic Approach
to the Global Threat of
Authoritarianism**

Michael Abramowitz, President,
Freedom House

Berlin Prize Fellows and Distinguished Visitors

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Cornell University; and Senior Fellow,
Brookings Institution

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Helen Siu, Professor of Anthropology,
Yale University

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