



## SPRING PROGRAM

JANUARY – JUNE 2024



AMERICAN ACADEMY IN BERLIN

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We are pleased to present the spring 2024 program of events at the American Academy in Berlin. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at the Academy (Am Sandwerder 17-19, 14109 Berlin), and will also be broadcast online.

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## JANUARY

Tuesday, January 23

6:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Juristische Fakultät, Unter den Linden 9, Raum E25, 10117 Berlin

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE AT HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

### The Theology of the Rule of Law

**Mark Fathi Massoud**, Professor of Politics and Director of Legal Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz

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

Tuesday, January 30

INVITATION ONLY

### Presentation of the Spring 2024 Class of Fellows

Welcoming remarks by **Thomas Bagger**, State Secretary, Federal Foreign Office

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 p.m.

HOLTZBRINCK LECTURE

### Taiwan Rising

**Michael Meyer**, Writer; Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 p.m.

GERHARD CASPER LECTURE

### Theater, Democracy, and the Making of an American Culture War

**James Shapiro**, Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University

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

Thursday, February 15

7:30 p.m.

Location: TBC

FRITZ STERN LECTURE

### Ukrainian History as World History

**Timothy Snyder**, Richard C. Levin Professor of History and Global Affairs, Yale University

**Tuesday, February 20**

**6:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** European School of Management and Technology, Schloßplatz 1, 10178 Berlin

**ESMT OPEN LECTURE**

**Dollar Signs: The Myth of American Decline and the Future of World Order**

**Mark Copelovitch**, Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Madison

In cooperation with ESMT Berlin

**Tuesday, February 20**

**7:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** PalaisPopulaire, Unter den Linden 5, 10117 Berlin

**AMERICAN ACADEMY BOOK PRESENTATION**

**The Identity Trap**

**Yascha Mounk**, Political Scientist

In cooperation with Klett-Cotta

**Thursday, February 22**

**7:30 p.m.**

**AMERICAN POLITICAL ECONOMY LECTURE**

**Opportunity and Exclusion in the New American Metropolis**

**Margaret Weir**, Wilson Professor of International and Public Affairs and Political Science, Brown University

**Monday, February 26**

**7:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Christinenstraße 18–19, Haus 8, 10119 Berlin

**When Home is a Photograph: Kathleen Cleaver's Albums of Exile**

**Leigh Raiford**, Professor of African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley

In cooperation with ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry

**Tuesday, February 27**

**7:30 p.m.**

**MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN READING**

**Altitude Sickness**

**Heidi Julavits**, Writer; Associate Professor of Writing, Columbia University

# MARCH

Tuesday, March 5

7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE

## Abstract Expressionism: Who's in the Picture?

**Adam D. Weinberg**, Alice Pratt Brown  
Director Emeritus, Whitney Museum  
of American Art

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: PwC Stuttgart,  
Friedrichstraße 14, 70174 Stuttgart

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In cooperation with Deutsch-Amerikanisches  
Zentrum Stuttgart and the American  
Chamber of Commerce with kind support  
of PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH  
Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Thursday, March 7

7:30 p.m.

NINA MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

## Victims in the Shadow of Conflict

**Noam Lupu**, Associate Professor of  
Political Science, Vanderbilt University

Monday, March 11

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Neue Nationalgalerie,  
Potsdamer Str. 50, 10785 Berlin

MARINA KELLEN FRENCH LECTURE

## Peter Marino on Art + Architecture

**Peter Marino**, Architect, FAIA

In cooperation with Neue Nationalgalerie

Monday, March 11

8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: English Theatre Berlin,  
Fidicinstraße 40, 10965 Berlin

US EMBASSY LITERATURE SERIES

## Directions to Myself – A Navigation of Gender and Mothering

**Heidi Julavits**, Writer; Associate Professor  
of Writing, Columbia University, in conver-  
sation with Anna Winger, Writer & Producer

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Berlin and the English Theatre Berlin |  
International Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 p.m.

LLOYD CUTLER LECTURE

## The Supreme Court vs. the Administrative State

**David S. Tatel**, Judge, US Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit (ret.)

Thursday, March 14

7:30 p.m.

ANNA-MARIA KELLEN LECTURE

## Black Habits of Photography

**Leigh Raiford**, Professor of African  
American Studies, University of California,  
Berkeley

Tuesday, March 19

7:30 p.m.

BAYER LECTURE IN HEALTH & BIOTECH

## Why Are Epidemiologists So Bad at Epidemics?

**Albert Hofman**, Stephen B. Kay Family  
Professor of Public Health and Clinical  
Epidemiology, Chair, Department of  
Epidemiology, Harvard University

# APRIL

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Thursday, April 11 7:30 p.m.

DIRK IPPEN LECTURE

## Words Without Borders

**Samantha Schnee**, Translator;  
Founding Editor, Words Without Borders

Tuesday, April 16 7:30 p.m.

ELLEN MARIA GORRISEN LECTURE

## Islam and Politics in America Today

**Mark Fathi Massoud**, Professor of Politics  
and Director of Legal Studies, University  
of California, Santa Cruz

Thursday, April 18 6:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Heidelberg Center for  
American Studies (HCA), Hauptstraße 120,  
69117 Heidelberg

BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG SEMINAR

## The Rise and Fall of America's Federal Theater

**James Shapiro**, Larry Miller Professor  
of English and Comparative Literature,  
Columbia University

In cooperation with the Heidelberg Center  
for American Studies, Ruprecht-Karls-  
Universität Heidelberg

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staatliche Kunstsammlungen  
Dresden, Albertinum, Tzschirnerplatz 2,  
01067 Dresden

LISA AND HEINRICH ARNHOLD LECTURE

## A Brief History of the Whitney Biennial: Possibility and Protest

**Adam D. Weinberg**, Alice Pratt Brown  
Director Emeritus, Whitney Museum of  
American Art

In cooperation with Staatliche  
Kunstsammlungen Dresden

Thursday, April 25 7:30 p.m.

AXEL SPRINGER LECTURE

## Dollar Dominance and the Future of American Power

**Mark Copelovitch**, Professor of Political  
Science and Public Affairs, University  
of Wisconsin – Madison

## MAY

Monday, May 6

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: TBC

RICHARD VON WEIZSÄCKER LECTURE

### Climate Change and Innovative Paths towards a More Sustainable Future

**Steven Chu**, Professor of Physics, Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Energy Science and Engineering, Stanford University; former US Secretary of Energy

In cooperation with the Helmholtz Association

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 p.m.

JOHN P. BIRKELUND LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES

### The New Right's Cultural Politics

**Johannes von Moltke**, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures and Film, TV and Media, University of Michigan

Thursday, May 16

7:30 p.m.

GAHL HODGES BURT POLICY LECTURE

### Rising Antisemitism in a Global Context

**Sharon Nazarian**, Director, Anti-Defamation League National Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 p.m.

MARINA KELLEN FRENCH LECTURE

### Stripping Opera for Parts

**David Lang**, Composer



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## JUNE

Tuesday, June 4

6:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA), Hauptstraße 120, 69117 Heidelberg

ENCOUNTERS

### Taiwan Rising

**Michael Meyer**, Writer; Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh

In cooperation with the Heidelberg Center for American Studies and the Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Thursday, June 13

EVENING TBC

LOCATION: TBC

MARINA KELLEN FRENCH LECTURE

### Artist and Writer Edmund de Waal Discusses His Practice

**Edmund de Waal**, Artist

# Berlin Prize Fellows and Distinguished Visitors

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## AXEL SPRINGER FELLOW

**Mark Copelovitch**, Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## BAYER FELLOW IN HEALTH & BIOTECH

**Albert Hofman**, Stephen B. Kay Family Professor of Public Health and Clinical Epidemiology, Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard University

## MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN FELLOW IN LETTERS

**Heidi Julavits**, Writer; Associate Professor of Writing, Columbia University

## NINA MARIA CORRISEN FELLOW

**Noam Lupu**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

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## MARINA KELLEN FRENCH DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

**Edmund de Waal**, Artist  
**David Lang**, Composer  
**Peter Marino**, Architect, FAIA

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**Yascha Mounk**, Political Scientist

## FRITZ STERN LECTURER

**Timothy Snyder**, Richard C. Levin Professor of History and Global Affairs, Yale University

## LLOYD CUTLER DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

**David S. Tatel**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (ret.)

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