

ENDOWMENT OF A GERALD D. FELDMAN LECTURE

As was announced in the last issue, the Friends of the GHI have begun a fund-raising campaign to establish an endowment for an annual lecture named in honor of Gerald D. Feldman to commemorate his contributions to the study of modern German history and to the work of the German Historical Institute. The campaign is off to a promising start with significant contributions. We would like to thank all colleagues who have already contributed to the fund. All contributions will be acknowledged in a future issue of the *Bulletin*. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so.

From 1963 until his death in 2007 Gerald Feldman taught at the University of California, Berkeley, where he directed the Center for German and European Studies and mentored an extraordinary number of future German historians. His own work was prolific and important. His major works stretch from his pioneering *Army, Industry, and Labor in Germany, 1914-1918* (1966) to his prize-winning later works *The Great Disorder* (1993) on the German inflation of the 1920s, and *Allianz and the German Insurance Business, 1933-1945* (2001). From the founding of the Friends of the GHI in 1991, he was one of its most devoted supporters and served as chairman of the Board of Directors at the time of his death in October 2007.

The Friends of the GHI recognize that these are tough times financially but urges members of the scholarly community to contribute. Donations are tax-deductible under U.S. tax law. Checks should be made out to the Friends of the German Historical Institute (for: Donation Feldman Lecture) and sent to the Friends of the GHI, 1607 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington DC 20009-2562. Those who are taxed in Germany can make a bank transfer to: Deutsches Historisches Institut Washington, Verwendungszweck: Spende Friends GHI Washington Feldman Lecture, Konto-Nr.: 0233 363 600, Dresdner Bank AG, Bankleitzahl: 370 800 40. Contributors will receive a statement for the tax authorities.

TENTH GERD BUCERIUS LECTURE

On 12 March 2009, the German Historical Institute's Tenth Gerd Bucorius Lecture was delivered by Kurt Biedenkopf, Chairman of the

Board of the Hertie School of Governance and former Minister President of Saxony (1990-2002), who spoke on the topic "Germany in Europe: Twenty Years After Unification." Biedenkopf was introduced by Hartmut Berghoff, Director of the GHI, and Tatiana Matthiesen as the representative of the ZEIT Foundation, which sponsors the Bucerius Lecture Series.

In the first part of his lecture, Professor Biedenkopf argued that German reunification was in many ways a "missed opportunity" to reform the whole of Germany, which was already facing a number of serious problems in 1990. Chief among these problems were: first, the demographic challenge of an aging society, which will necessitate a major reform of the social insurance and pension system; second, the transition from a production-based to a primarily science-based economy, which demands important educational reforms; and third, the ecological challenge of how to protect a threatened natural environment. The postponement of efforts to solve these problems, he noted, has only made them harder to solve.

Biedenkopf also argued that, somewhat paradoxically, German reunification was not experienced as the reunification of a nation because, due to the Nazis' abuse of the concept of the nation, Germans still had a very ambivalent attitude to national identity. In the years since unification, this ambivalence has receded somewhat as Germans, especially the younger generation, have developed a more normal type of national identity, which is, however, firmly rooted in European integration. Reunification, Biedenkopf concluded, was a "success story" because the East German population successfully adapted to West German ways of doing things, participated in the transformation of their society and economy, and came to recognize their own contribution to this process.

In the second part of his lecture, Biedenkopf commented on the role of Germany in Europe and the world, with special emphasis on the current international economic crisis. In his analysis of the crisis, Biedenkopf stressed that, since the true causes of the financial crisis are not yet fully understood, it is extremely difficult to decide on the proper remedies—very much like having to prescribe "therapy without a diagnosis." Given this uncertainty regarding both causes and remedies, Biedenkopf insisted that it was all for the good if different countries tried different policies. While there is an international consensus on the need for more financial regulation, there is substantial

disagreement—especially between the United States and Europe—on the wisdom of government stimulus legislation along the lines just enacted by the U.S. The very real danger that the stimulus approach presents, Biedenkopf argued, is the risk of a bubble of state deficits that could eventually endanger the government's role as lender of last resort.

In conclusion, Biedenkopf reminded the audience that beyond the current economic crisis Germany and Europe still face the pressing long-term issues whose solution has been put off too long: how to maintain growth and prosperity in an aging society; how to foster the transition to a science-driven economy with an aging population; and, finally, how to manage the distribution of limited natural resources in a world whose population is still growing at a rapid pace.

NEW GHI PUBLICATIONS

1. Publications of the German Historical Institute (Cambridge University Press)

Michaela Hoenicke Moore, *Know Your Enemy: The American Debate on Nazism, 1933-1945* (2009)

Matthias Schulz and Thomas A. Schwartz, eds., *The Strained Alliance: U.S.- European Relations from Nixon to Carter* (2009)

Suzanne L. Marchand, *German Orientalism in the Age of Empire: Religion, Race, and Scholarship* (2009)

2. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Franz Steiner Verlag)

Anke Ortlepp and Christoph Ribbat, eds., *Mit den Dingen leben: Zur Geschichte der Alltagsgegenstände* (2009)

Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, *Christian Science im Lande Luthers: Eine amerikanische Religionsgemeinschaft in Deutschland, 1894-2009* (2009)

Thomas Adam, Simone Lässig, and Gabriele Lingelbach, eds., *Stifter, Spender und Mäzene: USA und Deutschland im historischen Vergleich* (2009)

Victoria de Grazia, *Das unwiderstehliche Imperium: Amerikas Siegeszug im Europa des 20. Jahrhunderts* (2009)

Daniel T. Rodgers, *Atlantiküberquerungen: Sozialpolitik im Zeitalter des Progressivismus, 1870-1940* (2009)

3. Other Publications Supported by the GHI

Jonathan Strom, Hartmut Lehmann, and James Van Horn Melton, eds., *Pietism in Germany and North America, 1680-1820* (Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate Publishing, 2009)

Charles E. Closmann, ed., *War and the Environment: Military Destruction in the Modern Age* (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2009)

LIBRARY REPORT

The GHI Library is happy to announce its subscription to three new databases. *Historical Abstracts* is an annotated historical bibliography, providing coverage of the history of the world, excluding North America, from 1450 to the present. *JSTOR* provides full-text access to more than a thousand leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work. *Academic Search Premier* by EBSCO provides full-text access to more than 4,500 journals. PDF back files to 1975 or further are available for well over one hundred journals. For further information, please visit the "Electronic Research Tools" link on the library's web site, which helps users navigate the library's databases and other resources for research.

Recent noteworthy acquisitions include: *Constitutions of the World From the Late 18th Century to the Middle of the 19th Century*, edited by Horst Dippel, with 7 of 12 prospective volumes published containing constitutional documents dating from 1776 to 1849 from all over the world; *Control Commission for Germany: British Element*, 11 volumes, an inventory of the records now held at the Public Record Office in Kew of the Control Commission for Germany, British Element, which originated in Germany; *The Nazi Holocaust: Historical Articles on the Destruction of European Jews*, 9 volumes, edited by Michael R. Marrus, which gives an overview of historical accounts of the Holocaust, with special emphasis on recent contributions; the microfiche collection *Privatbanken in der NS-Zeit* which shows how foreign-exchange control regulations as well as banking and financial activities were used as

instruments of persecution. Newly acquired dictionaries include the *Biographical Dictionary of American Business Leaders* in 4 volumes and the *Dictionary of Business Biography* in 5 volumes. The GHI Library received 170 books from Dr. Ernest F. Fisher, author of several books on U.S. military history. We are very grateful for this generous contribution to our collection.

The GHI would like to express its gratitude to the following people and institutions who donated books to the GHI library: Hartmut Berghoff, Brandeis University, Deutsches Historisches Institut in Paris, Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom, Timothy A. Duskin, Embassy of the Principality of Lichtenstein, Ernest F. Fisher, Historische Kommission der VW AG, David Lazar, Gerry Livingston, Bob Meier, Alexander Missal, The Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, Palgrave, Amy Schmidt, Martin L. Skubinna, Gerald Steinacher, Franz Steiner Verlag, Corinna R. Unger.

RECIPIENTS OF GHI FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship in Economic and Social History

Christina Lubinski, Fernuniversität Hagen, "Corporate Governance: Veränderungen deutscher und US-amerikanischer Groß-Familienunternehmen nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg"

Doctoral Fellowships in Business History

Berti Kolbow, Universität Göttingen, "Von der 'Brownie' zur 'Billy': Transatlantischer Marketingtransfer zwischen Kodak und Agfa von 1925 bis 1960"

Natascha van der Zwan, New School for Social Research, New York City, "Society of Owners? Finance Capitalism and Class Politics in Germany and the United States, 1974-2008"

Doctoral Fellowships in the History of African Americans and Germans/Germany

S. Marina Jones, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "'Outsiders Within': Afro-Germans in West Germany—Discourses and Experiences, 1949-1989"

Natalia King, Boston College, "Blacks, Blackness, and Race in the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic, 1945-1990"

Horner Fellowships

Laura Feil, Universität Mainz, "'Vor die Sonnenhöhe von Pennsylvanien: German Printing and Cross-Cultural Practices in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region"

Christopher Geissler, Jesus College, Cambridge University, "Distinctly German Mission: Slavery and Abolitionism in German Writing, 1848-1918"

Richard Schaefer, SUNY Plattsburgh, "Catholic and Modern: German Scholars and the European Catholic Imagination, 1815-1865"

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Volker Ebert, Universität Bonn, "Weichenstellung für neue Pfade. Die Deregulierung des US-Güterverkehrs in vergleichender Perspektive, 1945-1980"

Maria Fritsche, Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet, "Selling Europe: The American Marshall Plan Film Campaign and the Advertisement of the European Idea, 1948-1954"

Peter Hoeres, Universität Gießen, "Die deutsch-amerikanischen Beziehungen 1963-1974 und die Öffentlichkeit"

Kai Marcel Sicks, Universität Gießen, "Die Eroberung des Nordpols. Arktisexpeditionen als transnationale Medienereignisse, 1869-1909"

Claudia Siebrecht, Trinity College Dublin, "Colonial Concentration Camp Systems: Origins and Historical Trajectory"

Doctoral Fellowships

Maria Dörnemann, Universität Tübingen, "Diagnose 'Überbevölkerung': Die Bevölkerungspolitik internationaler Organisationen am Beispiel von Kenia, 1974-1984"

Elisabeth Engel, Universität zu Köln, "Fighting the Color Line— Fighting Colonialism? AfroamerikanerInnen als AkteurInnen der (De)kolonisierung Afrikas"

Brendan Matz, Yale University, "Agricultural Animal Breeding and the Study of Heredity in Germany and the United States, 1860-1929"

Anja Milde, Universität Heidelberg, "'Pansies', 'Dykes,' and Panthers: New Dimensions of Social Movement Coalitions"

GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

GHI Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

The GHI awards short-term fellowships to German and American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars in the fields of German history, the history of German-American relations, and the history of the role of Germany and the United States in international relations. The fellowships are also available to German doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars in the field of American history. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to six months but, depending on the funds available, can be extended by one or more months. The research projects must draw upon primary sources located in the United States. The GHI also offers a number of other doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles. For further information and current application deadlines, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org/fellowships.

GHI Internships

The GHI Internship Program gives German and American students of history, political science, and library studies an opportunity to gain experience at a scholarly research institute. Interns assist individual research projects, work for the library, take part in the preparation and hosting of conferences, and help with our publications. They receive a small stipend. The program is very flexible in the sense that the GHI tries to accommodate the interns' interests, abilities, and goals. A two-month minimum stay is required; a three-month stay is preferred. There is a rolling review of applications. For further information, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.

GHI-SPONSORED EVENTS, SPRING 2009

Reports on the following events can be accessed online at www.ghi-dc.org/eventhistory. The list does not include conferences (on

which we report in the "Conference Reports" section) or the Spring and Fall Lecture Series (listed separately).

- January 3** **Languages: Sine Qua Non for Globalizing Historiography**
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York
- January 4** **Problematizing Transatlantic History: German-American Perspectives**
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York
- January 5** **Facing the Challenge of a New Religious History: Post-1945 American Religion as a Site of Historical Inquiry in Germany**
GHI-sponsored panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York
- January 13** **Civil Rights and America's Role in World War II**
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Harvard Sitkoff (University of New Hampshire)
- January 20** **Immer eine Nasenlänge voraus? Amerika und Deutschland im Wettlauf um die Moderne**
Symposium in Kaiserslautern
Convener: Werner Kremp (Atlantische Akademie)
- January 22** **Special Screening of *The Reader***
Screening at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring, MD
- March 13** **Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America**
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Leon Dash (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

- March 18** **Networking the International System**
Luncheon at the GHI
Speakers: Cornelia Knab, Maya Okuda,
Christiane Sibille (University of Heidelberg)
- March 28** **To Police and Protect: The Surveillance of
Homosexuality in Imperial Berlin**
Mid-Atlantic German History Seminar at the
GHI Speaker: Robert Beachy (Goucher College)
Convener: Peter Jelavich (Johns Hopkins
University)
- April 15** **Songs from Weimar Berlin**
An Evening of Cabaret at the GHI
Performance at the GHI, in cooperation with
the In Series theater company
- April 22** **Sexuality, Race, and Politics: Historical
Perspectives on *Antebellum***
Panel Discussion at Woolly Mammoth
Theatre
Speakers: Martin Klimke (GHI), Anke Ortlepp
(GHI), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)
- May 4** **Alexander von Humboldt - A Man for the
21st Century**
Roundtable at the GHI
Speakers: Ottmar Ette (University of Potsdam),
Andreas Daum (University at Buffalo), Kirsten
Belgum (University of Texas at Austin)
Moderator: Frank Holl (Munich)
- May 6** **Mourning, Celebrating, Revisiting:
Alexander von Humboldt in the United
States, 1859-2009**
GHI-sponsored Lecture at the Library of
Congress
Speaker: Andreas Daum
(University at Buffalo)
- June 10** **Haus des Rundfunks - Berlin's Broadcast
House: An Audio Evening with Alex van Oss**
Co-sponsored event at the Goethe-Institut
Washington

GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR, SPRING 2009

- January 14** **Ines Prodöhl (GHI Washington)**
Globalisierung und Global History: Sojabohnen und die globalen Verflechtungen der Mandschurei in der ersten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts
- January 21** **Felix Roemer (Universität Mainz)**
"Information Requested..." The Culture of US Military Intelligence during World War II
- January 28** **Bettina Hessler (Northwestern University)**
Constructing a Global Community in Early America: Moravians in an Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World
- Hartmut Berghoff (GHI Washington)**
Consumer Demand and Nazi Economic Policy: Conceptual Problems and Preliminary Findings
- February 11** **Carola Dietze (GHI Washington)**
Terror in the 19th Century: Political Assassinations and Public Discourse in Europe and the United States, 1878-1901
- February 25** **Jan Logemann (GHI Washington)**
State, Society & Space: Transatlantic Differences in Shaping Postwar Mass Consumption in West Germany and the United States
- March 11** **Corinna Unger (GHI Washington)**
West German and American Modernization Policies in India, 1945-1980
- March 18** **Jan Behrends (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)**
Metropolen der Moderne: Moskau, Berlin und Chicago um 1900
- April 22** **Simon Wendt (Universität Heidelberg)**
Gender, Memory, and Nation: A History of the Daughters of the American Revolution

- May 6** **Uta Balbier (GHI Washington)**
*God's Own Citizens: Political Participation and
the Transformation of American
Evangelicalism, 1900-1961*
- May 13** **Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)**
*The Politics of Punishment in Modern
Germany: Reforming Criminal Justice,
1870-1970*
- May 27** **Martin Klimke (GHI Washington)**
*Accidental Armageddons: Die Nuklearkrise
und der Zweite Kalte Krieg*
- June 10** **Friederike Baer (Temple University)**
*Tour of Duty: Gender, Class, and Cultural
Contact in the American Revolution*
- June 24** **Uffa Jensen (Universität Göttingen)**
*Die transnationale Geschichte der psychoana-
lytischen Wissenskultur in Berlin, London und
Kalkutta, 1910-1940*

GHI LECTURE SERIES, FALL 2009

“DDR–Was Bleibt?” East German Legacies in German History

With the fall of the Berlin Wall twenty years ago and the subsequent union of both Germanys, the German Democratic Republic ceased to exist as a state. Culturally, however, the GDR remains a presence in contemporary Germany. There has been a steady flow of books and movies about Eastern German memory and identity amid discussion of Easterners' *Ostalgie*. Historians debate the place of the GDR in the larger sweep of German history. Even in political and social debates, the GDR continues to have an impact on united Germany through the presence of the Left Party, which has its roots in part in East Germany's ruling communist party. The question, then, as Germany celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, is not “Why did the GDR fail?” but rather: *Was bleibt?* What remains?

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| September 17 | East German Socialist Modernity and Consumer Culture before and after the Wall
Katherine Pence (Baruch College, City University of New York) |
| October 5 | Popular Culture, Memory, and German Unification: Heiner Carow's <i>The Mistake</i>
Barton Byg (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) |
| October 15 | <i>Afterlives: On the Resonance of Vanished German States (Prussia, Weimar, The Third Reich, The GDR)</i>
Charles S. Maier (Harvard University) |
| November 5 | On Shoelaces, Fishing Manuals, and the Fear of Misspeaking
Katrin Askan (Berlin) |
| December 3 | “Was it really meant to be this way?” Unification and the Remaking of German Party Politics
Daniel Hough (University of Sussex) |

GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS, FALL 2009 / SPRING 2010

For a regularly updated calendar of events, please check our web site at www.ghi-dc.org.

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| September 10-11 | <p>Kaleidoscopic Knowledge: On Jewish and Other Encyclopedias in Modernity
Workshop at the Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig
Conveners: Arndt Engelhardt (Simon Dubnow Institute) and Ines Prodöhl (GHI Washington)</p> |
| September 16 | <p>Why Write a Book? From Lived Experience to the Written Word in Early Modern Europe
Lecture at the Grolier Club, New York
Speaker: Pamela H. Smith (Columbia University)</p> |
| September 23 | <p>Yes, We Can! Political Rhetoric in U.S. and German Elections
Panel Discussion at the Goethe Institute Washington</p> |
| September 24-26 | <p>Falling Behind or Catching Up? The East German Economy in the 20th Century
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI) and Uta Balbier (GHI)</p> |
| October 2 | <p>German Unification Symposium 2009
At the GHI
Speaker: Dr. Frank Elbe</p> |
| October 1-3 | <p>African-American Civil Rights and Germany in the 20th Century
Conference at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Jointly organized by the GHI and Vassar College
Conveners: Maria Höhn (Vassar College) and Martin Klimke (GHI)</p> |
| October 1-3 | <p>Germans' Things: Material Culture and Daily Life in East and West, 1949-2009
Conference at the Wende Museum and the University of California at Los Angeles
Conveners: Uta Balbier (GHI), Philipp Gassert (University of Augsburg), Justinian Jampol (Wende Museum), Robert G. Moeller (UC Irvine)</p> |
| October 8-11 | <p>Medieval History Seminar
Conference at the GHI London
Conveners: Carola Dietze (GHI), Jochen Schenk (GHI London)</p> |

- October 15-17** **The Decline of the West? The Fate of the Atlantic Community after the Cold War**
Conference at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Conveners: Philipp Gassert (University of Augsburg), Ronald Granieri (Penn), Eric Jarosinski (Penn), and Frank Trommler (Penn)
- October 22-25** **Beyond the Racial State**
Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington
Conveners: Devin Pendas (Boston College), Mark Roseman (Indiana University), and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)
- October 30-31** **Understanding Markets: Information, Institutions, and History**
Conference at the Hagley Museum and Library (Wilmington, DE) Co-sponsored by the GHI and the Hagley Museum
Conveners: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI), Roger Horowitz (Hagley), Philip Scranton (Hagley), Uwe Spiekermann (GHI)
- November 12** **Twenty-Third Annual Lecture of the GHI**
Speaker: Donna Harsch (Carnegie Mellon University)
- December 10** **Award of the Helmut Schmidt Prize**
Award Presentation and Lecture at the GHI
- 2010**
- January 7-10** **Immigrant Entrepreneurship in 19th- and 20th-Century America**
GHI-sponsored Panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association
- February 5-6** **Cultures of Credit: Consumer Lending and Borrowing in Modern Economies**
Conference at the GHI
Convener: Jan Logemann (GHI)
- February 12-14** **Lives Beyond Borders: Toward a Social History of Cosmopolitans and Globalization, 1880-1960**
Conference at the University of Heidelberg
Conveners: Madeleine Herren (University of Heidelberg) and Ines Prodöhl (GHI)
- March 18-20** **Anonymous Consumption: Rationalization, Mechanization, and Digitalization in the Twentieth Century**

- Conference at the GHI Conveners: Angelika Epple (University of Bielefeld), Gary Cross (Penn State University), Uwe Spiekermann (GHI)
- May 12-15** **16th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: Twentieth-Century German History**
Seminar at the University of Jena
Conveners: Roger Chickering (Georgetown University), Norbert Frei (University of Jena), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)
- June** **Archival Summer Seminar in Germany 2010**
Convener: Ines Prodöhl (GHI)