**PROGRAMME**

**German History Society Annual Conference**

**University of Roehampton, 2-4 September 2021**

**THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021**

18.00-18.30 Registration

18.30 – 19.45 Plenary

Hedwig Röckelein (Georg-August-Universität Gottingen):

Inclusion/exclusion. Can sociology explain monastic norms and practices?

**FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**REGISTRATION: 8.00 - 9.00**

**SESSION 1: 9.00 – 10.30**

**1. Parish Cultures in the Holy Roman Empire:** **Charity, Literacy & Memory *c*. 1600-1800**

Chair: Katherine Hill (Birkbeck, University of London)

Marjolein Schepers (Vrije Universiteit, Brussel / Institute for Advanced Study, Warwick): The parish and the unsettled poor: Navigating different settlement systems, gender and belonging in late eighteenth-century Flanders

Michael Egger (Universität Bern): A Republic of Readers? Reassessing early modern European literacy in the parishes of Zurich 1630-1770

Beat Kümin (University of Warwick): Tower ball deposits and parish memory: Intergenerational communication in the Holy Roman Empire

**2. Forging and Expressing Identities: Bodies and Dress in Modern German History**

Chair: Ulinka Rublack (Cambridge)

Svenja Bethke (Leicester): Between Identities? Dress and Belonging in the German-Jewish Youth Movement Blau-Weiss, 1912-1926

Lisa Städtler (Christian-Albrecht University, Kiel): “Auch Männern macht die Mode Spaß”: Men’s Fashion and Male Bodies in Popular East German Journals

Veronika Springmann (Free University, Berlin): Different than the others? Dress to

impress: The meaning of clothing in queer Germany in the 1970s

**3. Comparative Approaches to Ideological Messaging in the Cultural Diplomacy of Germany’s Cold War**

Chair: Patrick Major (University of Reading)

Sebastian Gehrig (University of Roehampton): Establishing Ties to Asia: German-German cultural diplomacy along the Bamboo Curtain

Katrin Schreiter (King’s College London): Through the Iron Curtain: German-German re-messaging of cultural diplomacy during international détente in Europe, 1967-1970

Mathilde von Bülow (University of Glasgow): ‘Citizens diplomacy’ and ideological messaging in Germany’s Cold War in North Africa: The case of Algeria, 1962

**COFFEE/TEA BREAK: 10:30 - 11:00**

**SESSION 2: 11.00 – 12.30**

**4. Artisans in Early Modern Germany: Intersections of Life and Craft**

Chair: Allison Stielau (UCL)

Alison Rowlands (Essex): Exploring ‘work’ and identity in the case of wheelwright/sorcerer Michael Würth (1663)

Saskia Limbach (Milan): 'Produced by his widow': printing widows, their economic position and their products in early modern Germany

Holly Fletcher (Sussex): Contextualising ‘the body of the artisan’ in early modern Augsburg c. 1550-1650

**5. Violence and Legacies of German Colonialism**

Chair: Eve Rosenhaft (Liverpool)

Minu Haschemi Yekani (Free University, Berlin): Berlin – A Post/Colonial Metropolis

Nicola Camilleri (Padua): Shooting for the Empire: Settler Community, National Identity, and Weapons in German Colonies

Janne Lahti (Helsinki): Marking and Comparing Settler Colonial Genocides: the Hereros in German Southwest Africa and the Western Apaches in the American Southwest

**6. What’s next? Historical Research on the GDR 30 Years after German Unification: A Roundtable**

Chair: Daniel Siemens (Newcastle)

Speakers:

Kerstin Brückweh (ZZF-Potsdam/Erfurt)

Jane Freeland (GHI London)

Mario Kessler (ZZF-Potsdam)

Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt)

**LUNCH: 12:30 - 13:30**

**SESSION 3: 13.30 – 15.00**

**7. Materialities, bodies and selves in early modern Germany**

Chair: Anna Parker (Cambridge)

Tomasz Grusiecki (Boise State University): Amber’s Alchemy: Natural Philosophy, Self-Referentiality, and the Materiality of Knowledge

Allison Stielau (UCL): Numismatic Portraits? Coins as Body Ornaments in Sixteenth-Century Germany

Stefan Hanss (University of Manchester): Craftswomen and Female Industriousness at the Court of Württemberg, 1593–1628

**8. Culture and Colonialism**

Chair: tbc

Katherine Arnold (London School of Economics and Political Science): The Role of the German States in the Determination of South African Flora, 1828-1847bc

Sandra Barkhof (Plymouth): Creating the Myth. Colonial memory and memorialisation in the Weimar Republic - the case of German Samoa

Noah Bender (University of California, Berkeley): Against Globalization: German Agrarians, Emigration Control, and the Imperial Emigration Law of 1897

**9. Violence in Twentieth Century Germany**

Chair: tbc

Les Newsom (UCL): “Vater ist im Kriege”: Explaining the First World War to young German readers

Jacob Berg (University of St Andrews, Scotland and The University of New England, Australia): SA Propaganda and the Territorialisation of Germany from 1933-1945

Lauren Cantillon (KCL): “They thought that we may have hidden something, in unmentionable places”: Border crossing points as spaces of sexual(ised) violence against Jewish women and girls escaping Nazi Germany, 1936-1939

**10. German Democratic Republic**

Chair: Matthew Stibbe (Sheffield Hallam University)

Joseph Cronin (Queen Mary University of London): The Holocaust in East German historiography

Paul Maddrell (Loughborough): The Stasi in the History of Germany and of Communism

Richard Millington (Chester): "Everybody did it": Theft in the GDR

**COFFEE/TEA BREAK: 15.00 - 15:30**

**SESSION 4: 15.30 – 17.00**

**11. Roundtable: “material regimes” and “material communities” in early modern Germany**

Chair: tbc

Speakers:

Ulinka Rublack (Cambridge)

Kat Hill (Birkbeck)

Philip Hahn (Tübingen)

**12. Rethinking Weimar Culture**

Chair: Nadine Rossol (Essex)

Jochen Hung (Utrecht University): A New History of “Weimar Culture”

Anna Messner (LMU Munich): Cross-Cultural Contact Zones between the Weimar Republic and Palestine/Israel

Adam Blackler (University of Wyoming): ‘A Night Under the Palm Trees’: Zoologischer Garten and Colonial Memory in the Weimar Republic

**13.** **Federal Republic of Germany**

Chair: tbc

Benjamin Thomas (Nottingham): Imagining a new order: *Neuordnung* in post-war West Germany, 1945-49

Beate Müller (Newcastle): Communities of Responsibility and Trans-generational Reconciliation: NS Crimes in West German School Essays of the mid-1950s

Annalisa Martin (Birkbeck): ‘He knew precisely that we were happy to have a room’: A microhistory of commercial sex and precarious housing in 1960s Cologne

17.30 – 18.45 Plenary:

Yair Mintzker (Princeton University):

The Case of Ahasverus in Hamburg: The Confessional Origins of the Legend of the Wandering Jew

Followed by:

**Reception, 18.45 - 19.45:**

*Conference Dinner:*

**SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SESSION 5: 9.30 – 11.00**

**14. Early Modern Books and Thought**

Chair: tbc

Natalie Grace (Nottingham): Locating Witchcraft: The Role of Place in Witchcraft News Pamphlets in Early Modern Germany and England

Eva Miller (UCL): A Jewish Past for the German Present: Historicism, Authenticity, and Fantasy in EM Lilien’s Bücher der Bibel Illustrations

Filippo Soramel (Oxford): Gottfried Lengnich (1689-1774): History and Sovereignty

**15. German-Jewish Intellectuals and the Problem of ‘Heimat’ in the Twentieth Century**

Chair/Commentator: André Keil (Liverpool John Moores University)

Mario Keßler (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam/Germany): Between East and West: Alfred Kantorowicz

Kay Schiller (Durham): Culture as a bulwark and retreat: Alex Natan’s continuous exile 1933-1971

Daniel Siemens (Newcastle): Returning Home? The remigrant Hermann Budzislawski in the early GDR

**16. New Research on Camp Societies during the Holocaust**

Chair: Christopher Dillon (KCL)

Paul O’Shea (Leicester): Friendship in Mauthausen: continuities, ruptures, and masculinity in the testimony of Felix Opatowski

Karianne Hansen (Leicester): Beyond Structure: The Social Production of Knowledge about the Block 11 Bunker among Auschwitz prisoners, 1941-1944

Jonathan Lanz (Indiana University Bloomington): Social Networks in a Death Camp: Friendship and Camaraderie among Theresienstadt Family Camp Prisoners

11.30 – 12.45 Plenary:

Doris Bergen (University of Toronto):

*Title tbc* [lecture relates to upcoming book on German military chaplains]

**LUNCH 12.45 – 13.30**

**13.30-14.30 Annual General Meeting of the German History Society**