

AMERICAN STUDIES IN AUSTRIA

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, 2 November 2007

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| 12:00 | Board meets for lunch |
| 13:00-14:00 | Board Meeting |
| 14:00-15:00 | Awarding of the FULBRIGHT PRIZE 2007 |
| 15:00-16:00 | PANEL I.1. |

Teaching American Studies in the Framework of Amerikanistik (English and American Studies Departments and Centers)

Chair: Dorothea Steiner, Salzburg (dorothea.steiner@sbg.ac.at)

Astrid Fellner, Wien (astrid.fellner@univie.ac.at) and Klaus Heissenberger, Wien (klaus.heissenberger@univie.ac.at): Teaching American Studies as Cultural Studies

Silvia Schaltermandl, Graz (silvia.schaltermandl@uni-graz.at): Reading Kingston's 'No Name Woman' as Primer to Critical Multiculturalism

Dorothea Steiner, Salzburg: Teaching North American Civilization

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| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee break |
| 16:30-17:30 | PANEL I.2. |

Doing American Studies in the Framework of Other Disciplines:

Chair: Thomas Fröschl, Wien (thomas.froeschl@univie.ac.at)

Thomas Fröschl, Wien, and Birgitta Bader-Zaar, Wien (birgitta.bader-zaar@univie.ac.at): American History and the History of the Atlantic World at the University of Vienna

Alan Scott, Innsbruck (alan.scott@uibk.ac.at): Habit of the head: institutional and cognitive barriers to interdisciplinarity

Reinhold Wagnleitner, Salzburg: US-History in Salzburg (written report)

17:45-18:45

PANEL I.3.

Teaching Language and Culture (American) in Austrian Highschools and at the University

Chair: Gabriele Pötscher, Graz (gabriele.poetscher@uni-graz.at)

Frank Newman, Graz (fnp73088@yahoo.com): Sprache und Kultur

Tanja Greil, Salzburg (tanja.greil@sbg.ac.at): The Role of Varieties of Languages (American English) in the Common European Framework of Reference and Austrian Secondary School Curricula

Jennifer Schumm (j.schumm@utanet.at): Socio-Cultural Competence

Heidi Petermichl, Linz (h.petermichl@eduhi.at): American English at AHS

19:00-20:30

Dinner at a nearby restaurant

20:30-21:45

GENERAL MEETING, followed by socializing

Saturday, 3 November 2007

9:00-10:30 PANEL II.1.

Amerikanistik and Curricular Developments

Chair: Hanna Wallinger, Salzburg (hanna.wallinger@sbg.ac.at)

Hanna Wallinger, Salzburg: BA/MA Studies in Austria

Roberta Maierhofer, Graz (roberta.maierhofer@uni-graz.at): A Process of Opportunity: American Studies and the New Structures in Higher Education

Barbara Weitgruber, Wien (Barbara.Weitgruber@bmwf.gv.at): The European Higher Education Area - Challenges and Opportunities for American Studies in Austria

Christian Quendler, GSCS, Justus-Liebig Universität Gießen (christian.quendler@uibk.ac.at): Multidisciplinary Studies at Innsbruck: Medical Humanities, Law and the Humanities, and Business/Management and the Humanities

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 PANEL II.2.

"New" American Studies? Perspectives and Research Areas

Chair: Walter Hölbling, Graz (walter.hoelbling@uni-graz.at) and Carmen Birkle, Mainz (birkle@uni-mainz.de)

a. American Studies and / as / vs. Cultural Studies:

Petra Eckhard, Graz (petra.eckhard@uni-graz.at): Restless Goth/am: On Transients and the Modern Unhomely

b. American Studies and / as Media Studies:

Klaus Rieser, Graz (klaus.rieser@uni-graz.at): A Perfect Match? American-Cultural-Film Studies

c. American Studies as / and Postcolonial Studies:

Astrid Fellner, Wien (astrid.fellner@univie.ac.at): América Aquí: Transhemispheric Visions, Border Studies and the Literatures of the Americas

d. A Study of The Americas:

Carmen Birkle, Mainz: Atlantic Studies

12:45-14:00 Lunch at a nearby restaurant

14:00-16:00 PANEL II.3.

American Studies Projects by Junior Scholars

Chair: Silvia Schultermandl, Graz (silvia.schultermandl@uni-graz.at)

a. The Austrian POSTGRADUATE NETWORK (an AAAS-EAAS initiative)
Progress Report

b. The Graduate Student Forum (GSF) (Masters and Doctoral Projects):

Ulla Kribernegg, Graz (ulla.kribernegg@uni-graz.at): The Role of Higher Education for the Transatlantic Dialogue: Narratives and Rationales

Johanna Fally, Wien (johannafally@yahoo.com): American Horror and Eric Kripke's / Supernatural/

Astrid Brunner, Wien (astrid_brunner@yahoo.com): Grrrl Power for Sale? Ambivalent Resistance in Feminist Subcultures

Susanne Hamscha, Wien (0109067@unet.univie.ac.at): "The Body-in Pieces": The Dismemberment and Fragmentation of the Body in the Fiction of Djuna Barnes, Rebecca Brown and Jeanette Winterson

16:00 Farewell coffee (with presentation of "Goodbye Schmidgasse 14")

16:30-17:15 Meeting of the New Board