

The Revolution Will Not Be Peer-Reviewed

American Disconnects and the Production of Knowledge

*Graduate Conference at the Graduate School of North American Studies
John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin – May 5 and 6, 2017*

The conference will be held at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Lansstr. 7-9, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem (close to U3 station Dahlem-Dorf). All events will take place in Room 340 (top floor). Coffee will be provided during breaks.

	Friday (May 5)
From 8:30	Welcome and registration
9:00	Opening remarks by Frank Kelleter (JFKI)
9:30	<p>Panel: The Politics of Academic Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heleen Blommers (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam): “Lyndon B. Johnson and the experts: How Academia shaped the War on Poverty” • Gonçalo Piolti Cholant (Universidade de Coimbra): “From Intersectionality to an Ecology of Knowledges” • Rahab Njeri (Universität Trier): “Reclaiming Black Spaces in German Academia” <p>Chair: Simon Strick, FU Berlin (Cultural Studies)</p>
11:00	– break –
11:30	<p>Panel: Poetics of Dis/Reconnection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes Kohrs (FU Berlin): “The Black Radical in the Ivory Tower: Satire Satirized in Percival Everett’s <i>Erasure</i>” • Riley Nisbet (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg): “Radical Code Switching and Immigrant Identity in Junot Diaz’s ‘The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao’” • Najoua Stambouli (Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Sousse): “Postmodern Poetics in Adrienne Rich’s ‘Heroines’: A Step toward Social Change” <p>Chair: Birte Wege, FU Berlin (Literature)</p>
13:00	– lunch break – (meal not provided but several options nearby)
14:00	<p>Panel: Trump and the Circumstances: The Making of a New Populism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katharina Thalmann (Universität Tübingen): “Conspiracy Theory in the Age of Trump(ism)” • Simon Schleusener (FU Berlin): “Political Disconnects: Donald Trump, the Cultural Left, and the Crisis of Neoliberalism” <p>Chair: Ilaria Scaglia, FU Berlin (History)</p>
15:00	– break –
15:30	<p>Panel: Disconnected: Questioning the Academic Production of Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thorn Kray (JLU Gießen): “Unpractical, Inaccessible, Contentious, and Always Ready for Critique: Four Reasons Why the Humanities Are Disconnected From Civil Society” • Madita Oeming (Universität Paderborn): “Out of the Box – Lessons Learnt from Being a Porn Scholar”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fabius Mayland (FU Berlin): “Attached You Find My Proposal” Chair: Sebastian Jobs, FU Berlin (History)
17:00	– break –
17:30	Keynote: Larycia Hawkins (University of Virginia): “Academic Freedom in the Iron Cage of the Ivory Tower” Chair: Teresa de Lauretis (UC Santa Cruz/FU Berlin)
After	Dinner (free buffet provided by GSNAS, set up outside Room 340)

	Saturday (May 6)
From 10:30	Welcome and registration
11:00	Panel: Performing Politics: Activism in Popular Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewa Adamkiewicz (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz): “Traditions of Black Dissent: Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar” Teresa Teklic (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg): “The Stories We Tell: Cultural Activism in Miranda July and Harrell Fletcher’s Art Project Learning To Love You More” Lee Flamand (FU Berlin): “Entertainment is the New Activism: The Impassioned Politics of <i>Orange is the New Black</i>” Chair: Martin Lütke, FU Berlin (Cultural Studies)
12:30	– lunch break – (meal not provided but several options nearby)
13:30	Panel: America in Global Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karin Louise Hermes (HU Berlin): “We are not Americans! – Indigenous Sovereignty in Hawai‘i in the Age of Trump” Olga Korytowska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw): “American studies and gender trouble: ‘gender’ as a foreign ideology in right-wing Polish discourse” Muhammad Naseem Khan Achakzai (University of Management and Technology, Lahore): “Foreign’ Perspectives on American Foreign Policy” [video contribution] Chair: Nadja Klopprogge, FU Berlin (History)
15:00	– break –
15:30	Panel: Reconnecting: Movements in the University and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Priebe (<i>Abolition Journal</i>): “Against and Beyond Academia: the Abolition Journal Project” Michael C. Gilbert (independent researcher): “The Third Sector Becomes Movement: Academia-in-Civil-Society at the Existential Abyss” Chair: Markus Kienscherf, FU Berlin (Sociology)
16:30	– break –
17:00	“Media, New Authoritarianism, and the Trials of the Next Left” A Roundtable Discussion with Chris Spannos (<i>New Internationalist</i>) and Jerome Roos (University of Cambridge/ <i>ROAR Magazine</i>)