

Program - International Graduate Conference 15th June 2023

We the People?

Perspectives on Crises, Conflicts and Social Movements in North America and Beyond

9.30am **Registration**

10.00am **Opening Remarks**

Max Steinhardt

Professor of Economics, John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin; Director of the Graduate School of North American Studies

10.15am **Session 1**

Hanne Nijtmans: "We, The Paranoid People: The Legacy of the Paranoid Style in American Culture"

Simon Voss: "Language Proficiency and Homeownership: Evidence from U.S. Immigrants"

Maxime McKenna: "The Oil Embargo, Fifty Years Later: Fueling the Crisis of American Automobility"

11.45am **Lunch Break**

Restaurant "Eßkultur", Museum Europäischer Kulturen (MEK), Arnimallee 25

1.00pm **Session 2**

Maria Wiegel: "If you could swing it" – The Neoliberal Transformation of Black Lives in Colson Whitehead's Harlem Shuffle (2022)"

Fleur Renkema: "The system can still work sometimes when good people are involved:" The influence of the Black Lives Matter movement on representations of the US police in Brooklyn Nine-Nine

Salma Bouacha: "The Migration of The Thousand and One Nights: Scheherazade and the Question of Female Authorship in John Barth's "Dunyazadiad" and Güneli Gün's On the Road to Baghdad"

2.30pm **Coffee Break**

3.00pm **Session 3**

Tim Lazaroff: "Back to School (Maybe): Neoliberal Crisis Governance in COVID-19 School Reopenings"

Kristi Dehan-Schmidt: ""Dangerous Snowflakes? Realities of the (Post) Pandemic Campus; Protesting Students; and Challenging the Ivory Tower""

4.30pm **Coffee Break**

5.00pm **Keynote Speech**

Eric P. Schwartz

Professor of Public Affairs, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota; Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, Migration

“Human Rights, Migration, and the U.S. Southern Border - A Practitioner’s View on Advocacy and Transformational versus Incremental Change”

6.00pm **Reception**