



German Historical Institute

1607 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC



Conference

**The Second Generation: German Emigré Historians
in the Transatlantic World, 1945 to the Present**

May 18-19, 2012

Conveners: Andreas W. Daum (State University of New York), Hartmut Lehmann (University of Kiel), James J. Sheehan (Stanford University), and Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the German Historical Institute

Thursday, May 17

5:30 pm Anniversary Lecture

David Blackbourn (Harvard University)

Germany and the Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1820

Conference Program

Friday, May 18

9:00 - 9:15 am **Welcome:** Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

Introduction: Andreas W. Daum (State University of New York)

- 9:15 - 10:45 am **First Panel: From Nazi-Dominated Europe to America**
- Moderator: Jürgen Matthäus (Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies)
- Jeffrey Herf (University of Maryland)
From the Margins to the Mainstream: The German-Jewish Refugee Historians in the United States and the Succeeding Generations of Historians on “the Jewish Question” and Antisemitism in German History
- Doris L. Bergen (University of Toronto)
Out of the Limelight or In: Raul Hilberg, Gerhard Weinberg, and Henry Friedlander and the Historical Study of the Holocaust
- Comment: Steven E. Aschheim (Hebrew University)
and Marion A. Kaplan (New York University)
- 10:45 - 11:00 am **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm **Second Panel: Becoming a Historian: Interests, Careers, Networks**
- Moderator: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)
- Catherine A. Epstein (Amherst College)
The Second Generation: Historians of Modern Germany in Post-War America
- Marjorie Lamberti (Middlebury College)
Blazing New Paths in Historiography and in Academia: The “Refugee Effect” and American Experience in the Professional Trajectories of Gerda Lerner and Hanna Gray
- Comments: Uta-Renate Blumenthal (Catholic University of America)
and Atina Grossmann (The Cooper Union)
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm **Lunch** [individual choice, outside the GHI]
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm **Third Panel: Living Historiography**
- Moderator: Jerry Z. Muller (Catholic University of America)
- Merel Leeman (Amsterdam)
Writing the West: George Mosse and Peter Gay as Cultural Intermediators
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(Third Panel cont.)

Tilmann Lahme (Göttingen)
Golo Mann: An Emigrant-Remigrant's Story

Comments: Carola Dietze (Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg, Konstanz)
and Georg G. Iggers (Williamsville, NY)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Roundtable with Hanna Gray (University of Chicago), Peter Paret
(Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton), and Fritz Stern (New York)
Moderator: James J. Sheehan (Stanford)

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Conference Dinner
TBA

Saturday, May 19

9:00 – 10:30 am

Fourth Panel: Comparative Perspectives

Moderator: Gerhard A. Ritter (Berlin)

Shulamit Volkov (Tel Aviv University)
German Emigré Historians in Israel

Peter Alter (Köln)
German Emigré Historians in Britain

Comments: Konrad H. Jarausch, (University of North Carolina and
Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung der FU Berlin)
and Frank Mecklenburg (Leo Baeck Institute, New York)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:45 am

Fifth Panel: The Second Generation in the Transatlantic World

Moderator: Jürgen Kocka (Berlin)

Philipp Stelzel (Duke University)
The Second Generation's Impact on Historiography in Germany

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- 11:45 – 1:00 pm **Lunch Buffet** at the GHI
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Fifth Panel cont.: The Second Generation in the Transatlantic World**

Volker R. Berghahn (Columbia University)
Historians of the Second Generation in the Transatlantic Publics

Comments: Renate Bridenthal (New York)
and Gerhard L. Weinberg (Efland, N.C.)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **Final Discussion**
Moderator: Hartmut Lehmann (Kiel)

Statement from Klemens von Klemperer (Northampton, Mass.)