



German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.



Workshop:
**Restricting Knowledge: Channeling Security
Information in Recent History**

December 8 - 9, 2016

Conveners:
Keith Allen (University of Giessen)
Simone Lässig (GHI),
Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson Center)

Thursday, December 8

Location: German Historical Institute

6:00 – 6:30 pm **Opening Reception**

6:30 – 8:00 pm **Welcome and Introduction**

Simone Lässig (German Historical Institute, Washington)

Keynote Lecture

Michael Gordin (Princeton University)
Kernwissen: Nuclear Information and the Germans, 1939-1949

8:00 – 10:00 pm

Conference Dinner

Location: tba

Friday, December 9

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Introduction

Christian Ostermann (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)

Session I: Archives

Chair: Kathryn Olesko (Georgetown)

Oxana Kosenko (Saxon Academy of Sciences)

Kristie Macrakis (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Douglas Selvage (Office of the Federal Commissioner for Stasi Records)

Compartmentalization and Circulation of Intelligence Information: The Case of the East German Stasi, 1972-1989

Commentator: Astrid Eckert (Emory University)

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

1:00 – 3:00 pm **Session II: POW Camps**

Chair: Tim Nenninger (National Archives and Records Administration)

Eva Jobs (University of Marburg)
The State of Trust - Limits and Chances of Transatlantic Intelligence Liaison in Postwar Germany

Derek Mallett (US Army Command and General Staff College)
PO Box 1142: Fort Hunt, Virginia, and the American Interrogation of World War II Prisoners of War

Jean-Michel Turcotte (L'Université Laval)

Commentator: Sönke Neitzel (University of Potsdam)

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 5:30 pm **Session III: States**

Chair: Heidi Tworek (The University of British Columbia)

Florian Altenhöner (University Berlin)
Secret Germany: Secrecy, the Abwehr and the Weimar's Republic Intelligence Culture

Patrick Roberts (Virginia Tech, Alexandria) and Robert Saldin (University of Montana)
On a Need Not to Know Basis: Why Presidents Sometimes Do Not Use Intelligence Information."

Dominik Rigoll (Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam)
*Geheimchutz. Classifying Information in the West German
Ministry of the Interior.*

Commentator: Rebecca Lemov (Harvard University)

5:30 pm

Wrap-Up Discussion

How to reach the German Historical Institute

Take the red line in the direction of Shady Grove. Exit at the Dupont Circle station. Use the North Exit (Q Street). At the top of the escalator, turn right. Follow Q Street, then cross Connecticut Avenue and 19th Street. Turn left when you reach New Hampshire Avenue. The German Historical Institute is situated on the right-hand side at the end of the block (at the intersection of Corcoran Street).

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How to reach the Woodrow Wilson Center

Take the blue, orange, or silver line to the "Federal Triangle" station. At the top of the escalator at street level cross Woodrow Wilson Plaza. Enter the Center's lobby at the left (southeast) corner of the Ronald Reagan Building. The entrance doors are around the corner behind the large bronze sculpture by Martin Puryear ("Bearing Witness").

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