

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

8:00–8:45 Breakfast

9:00–10:30 *Urban Dynamics and Networks of Infrastructure*
Chair: Michael Hochgeschwender (Professor of North American Cultural History, University of Munich)

Urban Connectivity: Airports and the Cult of Mobility in North America, 1920s–1960
Marcus Funck (DAAD Visiting Professor at the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, York University, Toronto)

Dystopia as Entertainment: Dreams and Nightmares of the New Urbanism in Florida
Rob Kroes (Professor of American Studies em., University of Amsterdam)

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 *Globalizing U.S. (Urban) History*
Chair: Oliver Schmidt, CMS Berlin

Exporting the American City? US Advisors and Public Housing Programs in South East Asia after World War II
Nancy Kwak (Asst. Professor of History, Polytechnic University, Brooklyn)

After the Suburban Crisis: New Departures in the Historiography on Urbanisation Made in USA
Matthew Lassiter (Associate Professor of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Concluding Remarks

12:45 Lunch and Departure

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

14:00 Arrival and Coffee

15:30 *Welcome and Introduction*
 Hans-Jürgen Grabbe (Director of the Center for United States Studies, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)
 Oliver Schmidt (Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University of Berlin)

16:00–17:00 *Opening Lecture*
 Chair: Oliver Schmidt, CMS Berlin

The Rise and Fall of the North American City
 Kenneth Jackson (Jacques Barzun Professor of History and the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York)

17:00–19:00 *The Anti-Urban Tradition in American History*
 Chair: Hans-Jürgen Grabbe, ZUSAS Halle-Wittenberg

After Suburbia? Small Town, Mass Society and the Urban Renaissance
 Werner Sewing (Lecturer on Urban Sociology and Architectural Theory, TU Berlin)

Responding to Modern Anti-Urbanism: City Rebuilding from Urban Renewal to Katrina
 Lizabeth Cohen (Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies, Harvard University and Harmsworth Professor of U.S. History for 2007–08, Oxford University)

19:00–20:00 Dinner

20:00–21:30 Business Meeting

Informal Get-together,
 LEUCOREA Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008

8:00–8:45 Breakfast

9:00–10:30 *City Governance in Early America*
 Chair: Norbert Finzsch (Professor of Anglo-American History, University of Cologne)

Creating Urban Landscapes in an Inhospitable Environment: Disease Control and Public Health in French Colonial New Orleans
 Marion Stange (Research Associate, SFB 700: „Governance in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit,“ Free University of Berlin)

Slavery in Colonial Boston, 1690–1760
 Dominik Nagl (Research Associate, SFB 700: „Governance in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit,“ Free University of Berlin)

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 *The Politics and Culture of Urban Conflicts*
 Chair: Manfred Berg (Curt Engelhorn Professor of American History, University of Heidelberg)

Ethnic Strife in an Urban Context. The Temperance Movement in St. Paul, Minn.
 Sabine Meyer (Doctoral Candidate, University of Mainz)

A Cross upon the Hill: Contested Public Space in Early 20th Century Montreal
 Nadine Klopfer (Research Associate, Free University of Berlin)

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:45–14:30 Historic Wittenberg – A Walking Tour

15:00–16:30 *The American Planning Tradition: Continuity and Transformation*
 Chair: Ursula Lehmkuhl (Professor of American History, Free University of Berlin)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (contd.)

Boost or Bust: City Competition, Cultural Entrepreneurs and Urban Identities in Late 19th Century America
 Jessica Gienow-Hecht (DFG Heisenberg Fellow, University of Frankfurt a.M.)

American Exceptionalism, Jane Jacobs and the End of ‘The Urban Renewal Order’ — New York and Toronto in Comparative Perspective
 Christopher Klemek (Asst. Professor of History, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.)

16:30–17:00 Coffee Break

17:00–18:15 *Panel Discussion: Contemporary History and Politics of Cities and their Environment*

Introduction: Berndt Ostendorf (Professor of North American Cultural History em., University of Munich)
 Sinking Cities and Shrinking Cities: New Orleans and Venice in Comparative Perspective

Panelists: Lizabeth Cohen, Kenneth Jackson, Matthew Lassiter

Malsaal des Cranachhofes, Schloßstraße 1

19:00–21:30 *30 Jahre historische Tagungen in der DGfA: Empfang und Podiumsdiskussion*

Grußworte: Prof. Dr. Ernst-Joachim Waschke, Vorsitzender der Stiftung LEUCOREA, Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Kunow, Präsident der DGfA, Ruth Anne Stevens Klitz, stv. Kulturattaché, U.S. Botschaft Berlin

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