

The American Press and the Challenges of Politics and Technology



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Through lectures and workshops, participants are introduced to the basic issues surrounding the role of the press in American politics and culture. The program is designed to provide students with a closer look at issues such as freedom of the press, media concentration, and challenges print media face through electronic media. Participants will have an opportunity to develop an e-journal in a workshop setting. Close exchange with faculty and organizers is an essential part of the program. An e-reader intended to help participants prepare for the conference will be available shortly before the conference.

Participants

The organizers encourage students from all disciplines, especially the Social Sciences, American Studies and Cultural Studies, from all German Universities to apply to the Summer School. The conference language will be exclusively English. Attendance will be limited to 30 participants.

Organizers

The Wittenberg Summer School is jointly organized by Professor Dr. Holger Kersten, Magdeburg University, Professor Dr. Hans-Jürgen Grabbe, Zentrum für USA Studien (ZUSAS) der Universität Halle-Wittenberg, and Dr. Martina Kohl, U.S. Embassy Berlin and supported by the German Association of American Studies.

Costs

The cultural office of the U.S. Embassy funds the program, room and board for participants and faculty. Participants will have to cover a registration fee of € 10 and their travel costs.

Faculty

Senior faculty from U.S. and German universities will present papers and function as advisors in a workshop setting:

Dr. Hans-Jürgen Grabbe, Professor of British and American Studies, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, and Director of the Center for United States Studies

Dr. Holger Kersten, Professor of American Studies, Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg

Erik Kirschbaum, Correspondent, Reuters AG, Berlin

Dr. Joe Misiewicz, Professor of Telecommunications, Ball State University

Dr. Stephen Whitfield, Professor of American Studies, Brandeis University

Dr. Jim Willis, Professor and Chair, Communication Department, Azusa Pacific University

Application

The application form can be downloaded at www.zusas.uni-halle.de.

Please enclose a letter of motivation and mail, e-mail or fax your application no later than **July 9, 2007** to ZUSAS.

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