

The President in American Politics and Culture

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In November 2008, the United States of America will elect a new President, a good occasion to take a closer look at historical, political and cultural issues surrounding the U.S. Presidency. Through lectures and intensive workshops, participants will discuss candidates, platforms, media coverage and voter behavior in the 2008 race for the White House. But the Summer School will go beyond contemporary politics. We will explore the constitutional role of the Presidency in U.S. history, discuss the beginnings of mass democracy, the changing influence of women voters, the way public memory reflects history and politics in literature and popular culture and take a closer look at some case studies such as John F. Kennedy's impact on U.S. politics and election campaigns.

Participants

The organizers encourage students from all disciplines, especially American Studies, Cultural Studies and the Social Sciences, from all German Universities to apply to the Summer School. Students from neighboring European countries will be selected through a special application process in coordination with local U.S. Embassies and other partners. 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. Hans-Jürgen Grabbe, Zentrum für USA-Studien (ZUSAS) der Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Professor Dr. Holger Kersten, Otto von Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, and Dr. Martina Kohl, U.S. Embassy Berlin.

Costs

The cultural office of the U.S. Embassy Berlin funds the program, room and board for participants and faculty. Participants will have to cover a registration fee of € 30 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. Andreas Etges, Professor of American History at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies of the Free University of Berlin

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

Dr. Martina Kohl, Cultural Affairs Specialist at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin and frequent guest professor at Humboldt University Berlin

Dr. Janet Martin, Professor of Government at Bowdoin College

Dr. Mark Rozell, Professor of Public Policy at the School of Public Policy, George Mason 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 **June 15, 2008** to ZUSAS.

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