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VISITING LECTURERS

Professor Joseph Pischel from Wilhelm Pieck University in Rostock will be at Brown University Fall Semester 1981 as a visiting professor in the German Department. He will teach courses on contemporary GDR Literature and on the GDR reception of Brecht to the present day. He would be pleased to speak at other campuses during his stay in the United States (mid September - end of December). He proposes the following topics for lectures:

1. Aktuelle Entwicklungstendenzen der Prosa-Literatur in der DDR
 2. Zum Funktionsverständnis der DDR-Schriftsteller in den siebziger Jahren
 3. "Schwierigkeiten beim Lesen der DDR-Literatur" - Zum Problem der Rezeption der DDR Literatur unter nicht-sozialistischen Gesellschafts- und Literaturverhältnissen
 4. Franz Fühmanns Umgang mit dem Mythos - Ein Beispiel für Wandlungen des Literaturverständnisses in der DDR
 5. Aktuelle Probleme und Streitfragen der Erforschung der deutschen Exilliteratur 1933-1945
 6. Er hat Vorschläge gemacht - Haben wir sie angenommen? Brechts Konzeption einer realistischen Literatur
- Those interested in contacting Professor Pischel can do so care of the German Department at Brown or directly care of Sektion für Sprache- und Literaturwissenschaft der Wilhelm Pieck Universität Rostock 2500 ROSTOCK DDR.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

The program of faculty and student exchange between Brown University and the University of Rostock has recently been enlarged to encompass all fields (except agriculture) where scholarly exchange can be of mutual use to the two universities. Primary exchange involves medicine, and physics, chemistry and engineering are areas soon to receive more emphasis.

Rostock's Fachpraktikum for advanced students in English, established by Duncan Smith of Brown, will again meet for three weeks in July. It will include 45 students and young faculty members.

Brown faculty members Dagnar Barnouw (German) and David Hirsch (English), among numerous others, are scheduled to make visits to Rostock soon. GDR visitors to Brown include Horst Hoene, professor of English and American literature, and Joseph Pischel, chairman of the section of languages and literatures at Rostock (see Visiting Lecturers).

The Rostock-Brown student exchange now includes participation in the regular term of study. Ten students from Brown will travel to Rostock this summer, and as many as eight may enroll in the regular term there next fall. It is hoped that several Rostock students will take courses and pursue their research at Brown next year.

Duncan Smith, director of the Brown-Rostock exchange program, plans to organize a meeting soon of individuals already directing or intending to direct programs of cooperative academic exchange with the GDR.

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CONFERENCES

MOUNTAIN INTERSTATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE

The Foreign Language Conference to be held from October 8-10, 1981 at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky will offer a section on the GDR. Papers on GDR literature, Kulturpolitik, or socialist literary theory in the GDR should be submitted to John F. Reynolds, Colby College, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Waterville, ME 04901 by June 1, 1981. Presentations may be in English or German and should not exceed twenty minutes in length.

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FORSCHERTAGUNG DER EUROPÄISCHEN AKADEMIE LERBACH

Das Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e. V. für übernationale Bildung und Europäische Zusammenarbeit hält vom 9. bis 12. Juni 1981 an der Europäischen Akademie Lerbach eine Forschertagung zu den Themen: "Der X. Parteitag der SED" (H. Zimmerman, K. Erdmann) und "35 Jahre SED-Politik--Versuch einer Bilanz. Industriepolitik der DDR" (D. Staritz, F. Klinger). Ausserdem werden folgende Referate gehalten: "Das DDR-Bild in der westlichen DDR-Forschung (G. J. Glaesner); "Die SED Kirchenpolitik und die Rolle der Kirche in der DDR" (P. Wansierski); "Das Verhältnis von Staat und Kirche in der SBZ/DDR" (H. Döhn).

Die Arbeitsgruppen gehen auf folgende Themen ein:

1. Einheitspartei und nationale Frage 1945-1955. (W. Bleek)
2. Die SED und Sozialdemokratismus. (A. Spanger)
3. Veränderungen in der Organisationspolitik der SED seit 1963. (G. Neurebauer)
4. Die Rolle der bewaffneten Macht bei der Entstehung und Entwicklung der DDR und in anderen sozialistischen Ländern. (S. Lammich)
5. Das Strafsystem und die Strafpolitik in der DDR und in anderen sozialistischen Ländern. (S. Lammich)
6. Sozialpolitische Programme in der DDR und in anderen RGW-Staaten. Sozialistische Sozialpolitik in den 80er Jahren. (H. Haase)

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