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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

CALL FOR PAPERS

WOMEN IN GERMAN PROGRAM

Modern Language Association Annual Meeting
December 27-30, 1983
New York, New York

WOMEN MAKING LITERARY HISTORY:

THE NEW GENERATION OF WOMEN WRITERS
IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The theme for the regularly-scheduled sessions to be sponsored by Women in German at the 1983 centennial meeting of the MLA is "Women and Literary History." At this session, we are interested in examining a generation of writers who are still generally too young to be included in the retrospective of literary history. What kind of literary history is now being made by the first generation of women who - unlike the more well-known Christa Wolf, Irmtraud Morgner, Sarah Kirsch - have grown up in the socialist GDR? This group would include, but is not limited to, writers such as Daniela Dahn, Helga Königsdorf, Monika Maron, Doris Paschiller, Helga Schubert, Christine Wolter, and Rosemarie Zepplin. How are their experiences and expectations translated into literary expression, both in content and form? To what political and social phenomenon do they respond? Have they succeeded in finding a "female voice"? How do their works fit into the larger context of GDR literary history? What sort of resonance do they have within and beyond their own society? What has been the critical response to their works?

We welcome papers 10-12 pages in length dealing with any aspect of literature by GDR women writers born since about 1940, including theoretical approaches.

Please submit one copy of your paper or abstract to each of the following:

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Deadline for 1-2page proposals: March 1, 1983

EIGHTH ANNUAL EUROPEAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual European Studies Conference will be held October 6 - 8, 1983, at Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Julia Curtis, Dept. of Dramatic Arts, or Karen Soukup, Dept. of Foreign Languages, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLOQUIUM ON MODERN LITERATURE

The topic of West Virginia University's Eighth Annual Colloquium on Modern Literature, September 22 - 24, 1983, will be "Agony, Empathy and Pathos in Modern Literature and Film." Anyone wishing to organize a session on GDR literature for this colloquium should immediately contact either Axel Claesges, Colloquium Director, or Robert Elkins, Department Chairman, Department of Foreign Languages, Chitwood Hall, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

NOTES IN BRIEF

LUTHER COMMEMORATION 1983

In commemoration of the five-hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther's birth, the "Zentralinstitut für Sprachwissenschaft der Akademie der Wissenschaften", in conjunction with the Universities of the GDR will hold an international conference on "Luthers Sprachschaffen: Gesellschaftliche Grundlagen, geschichtliche Wirkungen" from March 21-26, 1983 in Eisenach/Thüringen. Further information can be obtained from: Zentralinstitut für Sprachwissenschaft der Akademie der Wissenschaften der DDR, Otto-Nuschke-Straße 22/23, 1086 Berlin, GDR.

STAATSKAPELLE DRESDEN

The Staatskapelle Dresden will tour the U.S. between February 20 and March 21, 1983. Concert locales include Chicago, Ann Arbor, Madison, Champaign/Urbana, Ames, Lawrence, Kansas City, Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.

VISITING LECTURERS

HELMUT BRANDT

Prof. Helmut Brandt (Universität Jena) will participate in a conference on the "Ästhetik der Exilliteratur" at UCLA April 21 - 23, 1983. He will arrive in California in mid-March.

HEIDRUN SCHORCHT

Heidrun Schorcht (Universität Jena) is teaching GDR literature during the current semester at Colby College. Those interested in inviting her to give a talk or participate in discussions on the GDR should contact the Dept. of Modern Foreign Languages, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.