

Announcements

Twentieth New Hampshire Symposium
June 22-29, 1994
World Fellowship Center, Conway, NH

Issues of Integration -- Issues of Segregation: Progress and Obstacles on the Way to Real Unity in the New German States

The 1994 New Hampshire Symposium will be devoted to a temperature-taking in the new *Bundesländer*, an analysis of the political, economic, social, and cultural situation of the East Germans during this important election year. In addition, one day of the conference will be set aside for a critical review of past GDR research and discussion of present and future directions. Economists, political scientists, sociologists, historians, and other social scientists, as well as Germanists and specialists in the arts and media are invited to participate. As in the past, the seminars are intended to be multi-disciplinary. Ideally, all topics will be treated from a variety of points of view, including their representation in literature and other art forms.

Papers are being solicited for the following topics:

Seminar I: Issues of Identity - Roger Woods (Department of Modern Languages, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, GB B47ET), Lothar Probst (Institut für Kulturwissenschaftliche Deutschland-studien, Universität Bremen, Postfach 330440, 28334 Bremen).

Issues of individual, regional, and national identity before and after unification. Empirical research on socio-cultural profiles of the East German population. Perceptions of East German identity abroad. Reflections of identity issues in literature and other art forms.

Seminar II: Quality of Life in the New German States - Michael Hofmann (Sonderforschungsbereich 333, Universität Leipzig, Ritterstr. 16B, O-7010 Leipzig), Margy Gerber (Department of German, Russian, E. Asian Languages, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403).

Social consequences of reprivatization and the change to a market economy; tensions between old customs and rhythms and new social experience; issues such as employment, family, gender relations, youth, minorities, housing. The treatment of these concerns in literature and the arts.

Seminar III: Political Culture and Political Behavior - Mike Dennis (School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Wolverhampton, Castle View, Dudley GB DY1 3HR), Gero Neugebauer (Zentralinstitut für sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung der FU Berlin, Malteserstr. 74-100, 12249 Berlin).

Political parties and movements, election platforms, voting behavior of East German population, right wing extremism and other radical movements, perceptions and continuing influences of the GDR past.

Seminar IV: Cultural Institutions, Media, Communication - Klaus Michael (Lychener Strasse 6, 10437 Berlin), Margy Gerber (Seminar II).

Publishing, theater, radio/TV, press, cultural policy and practice, financing of cultural institutions, cultural interests of the East German population.

Seminar V: Literature and the Arts - Christiane Zehl Romero (Department of German, Russian, E. Asian Languages, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155), Nancy A. Lauckner (Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996).

Integration in literature and the arts? Themes, trends, developments among writers and artists from the former GDR; new readings/approaches to GDR literature and the arts.

Seminar VI: Review of GDR Research and Methodology - Patricia Herminghouse (Department of Foreign Languages, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627), Volker Gransow (Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, 18 Madison Ave., Toronto, Ontario, CN M5R 2S1).

Analysis and evaluation of methodologies, topics, tendencies of past GDR research in the social sciences and literary studies; changes since the *Wende*. USA, Germany, other European countries. New research possibilities.

Concluding Panel: A concluding panel discussion with plenum participation will sum up the findings of the seminars and look for common threads in the research presented at the conference.

Papers may be given in either English or German. All participants are asked to provide a summary of their paper in the second language. Papers should not exceed 30 minutes.

Detailed proposals (title plus 1-2 pages) must be submitted to the appropriate seminar organizers - one copy to each - by December 10, 1993. Completed papers are due on April 15, 1994.

For more information on the program, contact Margy Gerber (Seminar II), tel. (419) 372-2260, fax (419) 372-2571. For information on the Symposium location, travel arrangements, and registration, contact W. Christoph Schmauch, World Fellowship Center, Conway, NH 03818, tel. (603) 356-5208, fax (603) 356-5252.