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16th International Academy Conference 2016 **Cultural Mobility and Knowledge Formation in the Americas**

The conference will examine and discuss aspects, dimensions and major problems of cultural mobility and knowledge formation in the Americas from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective. As such, the conference positions itself in the field of hemispheric American Studies, which since roughly the 1990s have developed as one among several possibilities to transnationalize the study of U.S. history, politics, sociology, geography, economy, literature and culture. As different as they are in their disciplinary and interdisciplinary manifestations, hemispheric approaches share a set of premises that have repercussions for the way we conceptualize American Studies as such.

The conference is organized by the Bavarian American Academy and the German Historical Institute Washington DC.

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14.30 Registration

15.00 Panel I: The Intellectual Construction of the Americas

Chair: **Volker Depkat** (University of Regensburg)

Susanne Lachenicht (University of Bayreuth)
How the Americas Became "the Americas"

Markus Heide (University of Uppsala)
The "Hemispheric Frame" and Travel Writing of the Early United States

18.00 Welcome and Opening

Barbara Hahn
Director Bavarian American Academy

AWARD CEREMONY
BAA Dissertation Award

Keynote Address
Caroline Levander (Rice University)
Revisiting Hemispheric and Transnational American Studies

19.30 Reception

Friday, 1 July 2016

9.00 Panel II: Slavery and Emancipation in the Americas

Chair: **Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson** (German Historical Institute Washington DC)

Christian Pinnen (Mississippi College)
Cultural Transfer of Racial and Legal Traditions: Natchez Mississippi During the Age of Revolution

Ursula Prutsch (University of Munich)
Slave Emancipation in Brazil and the Role of the USA in the Abolition Process

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Panel III: The Political Conundrum of the Americas: Multiple Political Cultures and the Diversity of Political Regimes

Chair: **Jürgen Gebhardt** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Alan Russell Siaroff (University of Lethbridge)
The Political Systems of the Americas, 2000 to 2016

Rainer Schmidt (University of Dresden)
Latin American Constitutions: Poisoned Presents or Façades for Dictators?

12.30 Lunch Break

14.30 Panel IV: Settlement Studies and Border Thinking in the Americas

Chair: **Heike Paul** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Anna Brickhouse (University of Virginia)
Mistranslation and Beyond

Barbara Buchenau (University of Duisburg-Essen)
Colonies of the Mind or the Arts of Typological Thinking

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 Panel V: "The Pan-American Literary Imagination is Up for Debate": Contest and Convergence in Hemispheric Literary Relations

Chair: **Kerstin Schmidt** (University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt)

Stephen M. Park (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)
NAFTA and the Literary Imagination

Jobst Welge (University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt)
The Boundaries of Reason: The Legacy of E. A. Poe in Latin America

18.30 BAA Members Meeting (members only)

10.00 Panel VI: African Heritage in Latin America: Contemporary Rural and Urban Live-Worlds of Afro-Colombian and Afro-Brazilian Identities

Chair: **Barbara Hahn** (University of Wuerzburg)

Eberhard Rothfuß (University of Bayreuth)
Collectivism in the Afro-Brazilian Favela: Locality, Self-Organisation and the Fight for Recognition

Ángela María Franco Calderón (University of Valle)
Collectivism on the Colombian Pacific Coast: Property Rights, Urban Patterns and Traditional Housing

12.00 End of Conference

