Transnational America:
The Fading of Borders in the Western Hemisphere

Munich, 22 - 24 June 2000

A Conference Organized by the Bavarian American Academy

Hinweis: Die Konferenz wurde nur in englischer Sprache abgehalten.

Thursday, June 22

5 p.m. Welcome: Helmbrecht Breinig, Director, Bavarian American Academy

Welcome Address: George A. Glass, Consul General, The United States of America

Welcome Address by a Representative of the Bavarian State Ministry for Science, Research and the Arts

6 p.m. Keynote Address:
"The New American Transnationalism"
Catherine McArdle Kelleher, Director, Aspen Institute Berlin

8 p.m. Reception at the Amerika Haus

Friday, June 23

9 a.m. Workshop I: "Migration and Multiple Loyalties"
Chair: Helmbrecht Breinig, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Stefan Palmié, University of Maryland: "Immigrant Deities and the Semantics of Race"
Patricia Fernández Kelly, Princeton University: "Voices Lost, Voices Found: The Changing Identities of Nicaraguans and Cubans in Miami"
Respondent: Heike Paul, Universität Leipzig

10.30 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. Workshop II: "Hemispheric Nationalism"
Chair: Hans-Joachim König, Universität Eichstätt
Respondent: Stefan Rinke, Universität Eichstätt

1 p.m. Lunch

3 p.m. Workshop III: "The Meanings of Boundaries in Culture and Politics"
Chair: Udo Hebel, Universität Regensburg
Werner Sollors, Harvard University: "The Multilingual Anthology of American Literature: Crossing Linguistic Boundaries in American Culture"
John Carlos Rowe, University of California (Irvine): "Imaginary Borders (With Real People Crossing Them)"
Respondent: Rüdiger Kunow, Universität Potsdam

4.30 p.m. Coffee Break

5 p.m. Workshop IV: "The Emergence of a New Economic Order"
Chair: Rainer-Olaf Schulze, Universität Augsburg
Thomas J. Courchene, Queens University: "A State of Minds: A Human Capital Future in the Information Era"
Jonathan Eaton, Boston University: "Technology in the World Economy"
Respondent: Jürgen Kähler, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

8 p.m. Keynote Speech:
Arjun Appadurai, University of Chicago: "Is Globalization really Americanization?"

Saturday, June 24

9 a.m. Workshop V: "Global Culture"
Chair: Berndt Ostendorf, Universität München
Todd Gitlin, New York University: "The Supply Side and the Demand Side of American Popular Culture"
Respondent: Sieglinde Lemke, Kennedy-Institut, FU Berlin

10.30 a.m. Coffee Break

11 a.m. Workshop VI: "Beyond the Nation States? Integration and Regionalization of the North American Continent"
Chair: Jürgen Gebhardt
George Ross: "The Changing Boundaries of Membership in North America"
Reg Whitaker, York University: "Fortress North America: Social Fragmentation and State Integration"
Respondent: Ursula Lehmkuhl, Universität Erfurt

noon  Lunch

2 p.m.  Workshop VII: "Media in a New World System"
Chair: Hans Kleinsteuber, Universität Hamburg
Paul Ashdown, University of Tennessee: "From Wild West to Wild Web: Public Intellectuals on the Cyberspace Frontier"
John Urry, Lancaster University: "The Mass Media and Global Citizenship"
Respondent: Stephan Fuchs, Amerika-Institut, Munich University

5 p.m.  "The Outsider as Insider"
Bharati Mukherjee reads from Jasmine, The Holder of the World and Leave it to Me
Introduction: Brigitte Scheer-Schätzler, Universität Innsbruck