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The conference will take place at the Amerika Haus, Karolinenplatz 3, in the center of Munich.



The Bavarian American Academy promotes and coordinates the interdisciplinary cooperation of scholars in the social and cultural sciences in the widest sense, specializing in aspects of North American culture, society, politics and economics in their hemispheric and global contexts.

### Academy Conference 2009

#### Visual Cultures - Transatlantic Perspectives

The general significance of the "visual turn" indicates the innovative potential of visual culture studies as a field encouraging interdisciplinary and transnational approaches.

The 2009 conference addresses processes of visualizing legitimacy and authority, the analysis and interpretation of visual images and representations, and the significance of visual sites of memory in a comparatist, transatlantic perspective.

Contributors will focus on the creation of political iconographies, on the contested relationship between visibility and the discourse of racial and ethnic difference, on images of gender and sexuality in experimental cinema and comic subculture, on the role of visual representation in journalism, and discuss the importance of visual representations in the construction of an American historical memory.

These interdisciplinary perspectives serve to understand complex concepts. Visual literacy allows to decode not only films and photographs, but also memorials, landscapes and urban spaces.

**No Conference Fee  
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**02 THURSDAY, 2 JULY****CONFERENCE OPENING****18.15 WELCOME****Klaus Benesch**

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Ministry of Sciences, Research, and  
the Arts**Awards Ceremony****2009 BAA Dissertation Award****19.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS****Martin Jay** (University of California,  
Berkeley)*Scopic Regimes Revisited***19.50 RECEPTION****03 FRIDAY, 3 JULY****9.30 Panel I****Visualizing Democratic Legitimacy and Authority**Chair: **Volker Depkat** (University of  
Regensburg)**Mark Thistlethwaite** (Texas Christian  
University): *The Face of Nation: George  
Washington's Image and American Identity***Wolfram Pyta** (University of Stuttgart):  
*A Failure of Symbolizing Democracy: The  
Case of the German Weimarer Republik***11.00 Coffee Break****03 FRIDAY, 3 JULY****11.30 Panel II****Visual Culture and the Representation of Race and Ethnicity**Chair: **Christof Decker** (University of Munich)**Shawn Michelle Smith** (School of Art Institute of  
Chicago): *Imag(in)ing Race and Nation: Augustus  
Washington and John Brown***Astrid Böger** (University of Hamburg):  
*Performances of Racial and Ethnic Otherness at the  
early American World's Fairs***13.00 Lunch Break****15.00 Panel III****Gender and Sexuality in Post/Modern Image Culture**Chair: **Antje Kley** (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)**Robin Blaetz** (Mount Holyoke College):  
*Home Movies: Framing the Domestic Sphere in  
Experimental Cinema***Klaus Theweleit** (University of Freiburg):  
*San Francisco Underground Comix: 'America's only  
Real Revolution in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'***16.30 Coffee Break****17.00 Panel IV****Visuality and the News**Chair: **Petra Dorsch-Jungsberger** (University of  
Munich)**Michael S. Griffin** (Macalester College):  
*Images from Nowhere: Visuality and News in 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Media***Caja Thimm** (University of Bonn):  
*Visual Dynamics in Politics - The US Election 2008***18.45 BAA MEMBERS' MEETING (Members only!)**

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**04 SATURDAY, 4 JULY****9.30 Panel V****History and Visual Sites of Memory**Chair: **Karsten Fitz** (University of Passau)**Sarah J. Purcell** (Grinnell College):  
*Seeing Martyrdom: Revolutionary Memory at  
the Outset of the U.S. Civil War***Birgit Spengler** (University of Frankfurt):  
*Medical Gazes, Gender, and the Nation in  
Nineteenth-Century Women's Writing***11.00 Coffee Break****11.30 Panel VI****Visual Culture in Geography**Chair: **Barbara Hahn** (University of Wuerzburg)**Michael Conzen** (University of Chicago):  
*Cartography as Conquest: Visualizing the  
American West through Maps in the Era of  
National Expansion***Julia Lossau** (Humboldt University Berlin):  
*Geography, Art, and the Visual***13.00 End of Conference**