

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.

The organizers wish to thank the following institutions for their support:



Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations



U.S. Consulate General, Munich

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



26-28 June 2014

Academy Conference 2014

Cultures of Privacy

America has for long been hailed as the land of individualism and liberty, where personal freedom, the pursuit of happiness and the rights of the single citizen reign over the demands and expectations of the masses.

Yet freedom of choice and the premium placed on private property also necessitated a counter force, a large dose of submission, as Christopher Newfield put it, to preestablished patterns of behavior and often unequal conditions. And it led to a highly ambivalent notion of privacy, as an individual right situated between apparent opposites – private freedom and public order, liberty and union.

The conference will address the nation's struggle to harmonize these opposites, to reconcile the private and the public, both in a historical and comparatist, transnational perspective.

Speakers and contributors take issue with the staggering transformation of public into private spaces (shopping malls, business districts, the occupy movements etc.), with the erosion of privacy in the political arena (from Watergate and the Clinton indictment to the NSA scandal), the ambiguous hyperemphasis on the private in the media and in popular culture (as in confessional blogs, social networks, and the public display of intimacy), and, finally, on the relationship between the private and the public in the realm of literature and the arts (regarding borderline genres such as autobiography and memoir, or the public disclosure of the 'private' act of creation in weblogs etc.).

**no conference fee
registration requested**

**Bavarian American Academy
Amerikahaus, Karolinenplatz 3
80333 München**

Fon +49-89-54 50 40 30

Fax +49-89-54 50 40 35

**info@amerika-akademie.de
www.amerika-akademie.de**

14th Academy Conference



Cultures of Privacy

26-28 June 2014

A conference organized by the
Bavarian American Academy

26 THURSDAY, 26 JUNE**CONFERENCE OPENING****15.00 WELCOME**

Barbara Hahn
Director Bavarian American Academy

AWARD CEREMONY**BAA Dissertation Award****KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

David Vincent (Open University, UK)
Privacy and Surveillance in the Nineteenth Century

18.00 Social Event: Soccer World Championship Germany - USA**27** FRIDAY, 27 JUNE**9.30 Panel I****Privacy and Democracy**

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

Chair: **Jürgen Gebhardt** (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Sunshine Hillygus (Duke University):
Privacy and Electoral Politics in Today's Information Environment

Sebastian Haunss (University of Bremen):
Contestation about Privacy in the Digital Realm

27 FRIDAY, 27 JUNE**11.00** Coffee Break**11.30 Panel II****Privacy and Public Feeling**

Chair: **Katharina Gerund** (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Erika Doss (University of Notre Dame):
Public Feeling, Public Healing: Contemporary Memorials and the Mediation of Grief

Katja Kanzler (Dresden University of Technology):
Privacy, Professionalism, and the Female Lawyer in Contemporary TV Legal Drama

13.00 Lunch Break**15.00 Panel III****Aesthetics of Privacy**

Chair: **Klaus Benesch** (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich)

Julia Watson (Ohio State University):
Getting or Losing a Life? Privacy and Online Self-Presentation

Karsten Fitz (University of Passau):
Public Photography and Private Lives: American Presidents and the Staging of Privacy

16.30 Coffee Break**17.00 BAA MEMBERS' MEETING** (Members only!)

Annual Meeting of the Bavarian American Academy

28 SATURDAY, 28 JUNE**10.00 Panel IV****Privatization of Public Space**

Chair: **Barbara Hahn** (Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg)

Steven Hoelscher (University of Texas at Austin):
Making Place Public in an American City

Christian Stein (Goethe University Frankfurt am Main):
Mutating Public Private Governance: The Transatlantic Journey of Business Improvement Districts

12.00 End of Conference