

CONFERENCE DETAILS

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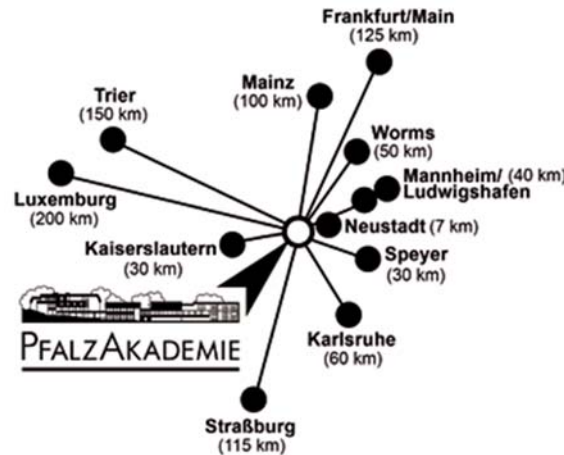
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PARTNERS

Political Science, Friedrich Schiller University
German Association for American Studies (GAAS)

TARGET GROUP

Students and researchers of American politics,
members of the GAAS and a larger interested audi-
ence

FEE

Professionals

85 Euro (single room) / 70 Euro (double room) /
50 Euro (without overnight accomodation)

Students

45 Euro (double room)

REGISTRATION (THROUGH NOVEMBER 3RD, 2017)

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www.atlantische-akademie.de/dgfa-2017

DIRECTIONS

BY CAR

Coming from the...
North, South, and East

Autobahn A 65, Exit Neustadt/Lambrecht,
B 39 Neustadt/Kaiserslautern.

West

Autobahn A 6, Exit Enkenbach/Neustadt,
B 48 to Hochspeyer,
B 39 Kaiserslautern/Neustadt

BY TRAIN

Take the train to Lambrecht (Pfalz). The PfalzAkademie is
in walking distance (~15 minutes) and directions are
signposted.

The PfalzAkademie can arrange for conference guests to
be picked up at the train station for a fee of 3,50 Euro.
Please contact the PfalzAkademie if you wish to be pi-
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One Nation Under God? Values and Faith in the Age of Polarization



Friday, November 10

through

Saturday, November 11, 2017

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Donald Trump's presidency seems to be based on the simple idea of politics as another "Art of the Deal". His erratic campaigning and turbulent first months in office do not offer much insight into his underlying political values. Still, his victory in the 2016 presidential election was, at least in part, made possible with the backing of the Christian coalition, whose policy preferences are a strong derivation of faith-based (Christian) values.

In the current age of intense polarization, both major parties rally support by aligning policy proposals with specific ideological backgrounds. However, ideological battles are not a new phenomenon in American politics. The United States was founded during a period of dividing values. Even in times of unrest and turmoil, republican values, the ideal of virtuous politics, and protestant faith vanquished most political differences. The "American Dream" seemed to roll it all into one catchy phrase. But today, it seems as if no all-encompassing normative idea exists anymore.

The promise of "one United States", as forcefully propagated by President Barack Obama at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, has been challenged by the fortification of numerous distinct "Americas" within the US. In large parts, they are shaped by questions of values and faith rather than class or income. Among other issues, the long and ongoing battles over social issues, America's role in the world and immigration are evidence of this division. Looking at election maps, the red and blue spaces offer proof of this breakup. The coasts and the heartland, urban and rural America, the North and the South, they all stand for specific value sets and even basic symbols of the American civil religion, like the constitution itself, are now part of ideological contests.

These and other concerns will be at the center of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies.

Dr. David Sirakov
Atlantische Akademie

Prof. Dr. Michael Dreyer
Universität Jena

Dr. Matthias Enders
Universität Jena

CONFERENCE PLAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

1.00pm–1.30pm:
INTRODUCTION

1.30pm–3.30pm Panel 1:
VALUES AND POLITICS – HISTORICAL ROOTS, IDEOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT AND LINKS TO TODAY'S POLITICS
Chair: David Sirakov (Kaiserslautern)

Katrin Friske (Jena)
Great Awakening, Morality, and Current American Politics

Jeff Montrose (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
The Jacksonian Tradition. Donald Trump and American
Populism

3.30pm – 4pm
Coffee Break

4pm – 5.30pm Panel 2:
VALUES AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
Chair: Jörg Hebenstreit (Jena)

Christian Lammert (Berlin)
The End of the American Dream? Inequality and Social Mobility
in the U.S.

Michael Oswald (Passau)
The Republican Vote: Social Values, Economic Gain – Both or
Neither?

6pm – 7.30pm
Dinner

7.30pm – 9pm:
AN EVENING WITH KURT SHELL
Introduction: Michael Dreyer (Jena)

CONFERENCE PLAN (CONT.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

9am – 11.30am Panel 3:

VALUES AND POLICIES I: FOREIGN POLICY AND CURRENT RESEARCH
IN AMERICAN STUDIES (POLITICAL SCIENCE)
Chair: Matthias Enders (Jena)

Thomas Stelzl (Passau)
Culture Clashes in 21st Century German-American Foreign
Policy – Bush, Obama and Beyond

Florian Böller (Heidelberg) / Marcus Müller (Kaiserslautern)
In Drones We Trust: Democratic Values and the War on Terror
from Obama to Trump

11.30pm – 12.00pm
Business Meeting

12pm – 1pm
Lunch Break

1pm–3pm Panel 4:
VALUES AND POLICIES II: DOMESTIC POLICIES
Chair: Michael Dreyer (Jena)

Jörg Hebenstreit (Jena)
Values, Money, and Campaigns

Matthias Enders (Jena)
Is Anti-Intellectualism on the Rise Again? American Attitudes
Towards Higher Education

3pm
End of Conference

The program is subject to change without notice.