The Global Futures of World Regions
Conference Series

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The conference series on The Global Futures of World Regions focuses on the New Europe, the New America, the New Asias, and the meta-region of the New Third Worlds. The New America Conference is the second in this series. Like the other conferences, it seeks to assess the globality of a major world region for comparative purposes and to develop an understanding of the regional grounding of contemporary globalizations.

The end of the Cold War has made the United States the foremost global power and the ongoing war in Iraq has put the "new" America on the agenda of much general and professional reasoning. The future development of the US has become an issue of global concern. Is the US going to position herself in the global community as an imperial power or a first among equals? How does the New America appear in political, historical, economic and cultural perspective?

Bringing leading scholars and diplomats with various disciplinary, national, and international backgrounds together in Berlin, The New America Conference will shed light on the dynamics, contradictions and possibilities of the United States as a critical global power.

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The New America
2nd Conference of “The Global Futures of World Regions Conference Series”
September 22nd - 23rd, 2005
WZB-Room A 300
Program

Thursday, September 22nd, 2005

10:30 a.m. Registration and Late Morning Coffee
11:15 a.m. Welcome from the organisers of “The Global Futures of World Regions Conference Series”
Gert Schmidt, Institute of Sociology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The New America – A Historical Perspective
Jürgen Kocka, Social Science Research Center Berlin
12:45 - 13:30 p.m. Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 p.m. How Global is America?
Wolf Schäfer, The Center for Global History, Stony Brook University, New York
14:30 - 15:30 p.m. The Imagined Republic: The Legacy of the Past and the Burden of the Present
Jürgen Gebhardt, Bavarian American Academy, Munich
15:30 - 16:00 p.m. Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00 p.m. Special Fortification and Gated Communities: The American Experience in Global Perspective
Themis Chronopoulos, Department of History, Stony Brook University, New York
17:00 - 19:00 p.m. Time for Informal Talks
19:00 p.m. Dinner and Conference Evening Party at the WZB

Friday, September 23rd, 2005

09:00 - 09:30 a.m. Morning Coffee
09:30 - 10:30 a.m. The Options of a Global Nation
Gert Schmidt, Institute of Sociology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00 a.m. When the Rainbow is not Enough: The Challenge to Move from Celebration to Realization of Multiculturalism
Sunita S. Mukhi, Charles B. Wang Center, Stony Brook University, New York
12:00 noon - 13:00 p.m. Lunch
13:00 - 14:00 p.m. US-trade Policy and Global Governance
Andreas Falke, Foreign Studies, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

14:00 - 15:00 p.m. Beyond the Facade of Global Power: A Dysfunctional America
Wally Katz, Oakdale, Dowling College, New York
15:00 - 15:30 p.m. Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30 p.m. The USA and a Globally Challenged America
Martin Albrow, Center for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics
16:30 - 17:30 p.m. How Wide is the Atlantic? German Foreign Policy after the Cold War and Beyond Iraq
Harald Braun, German Federal Chancellery, Berlin
19:30 p.m. Dinner

Invited Discussants:
Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich, University of Bamberg
PD Dr. Mathias Hildebrandt, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
Prof. Dr. Markus Pohlmann, University of Heidelberg
Prof. Dr. Angelo Picchierri, Università di Torino
Prof. Dr. Mark Thompson, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Saturday, September 24th, 2005

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Professional City Tour “Berlin”