

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.

Further information:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/globhiscntr/Events.shtml>

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The New America

2nd Conference of “The Global Futures
of World Regions Conference Series”

September 22nd - 23rd, 2005

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Erlangen-Nürnberg



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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”