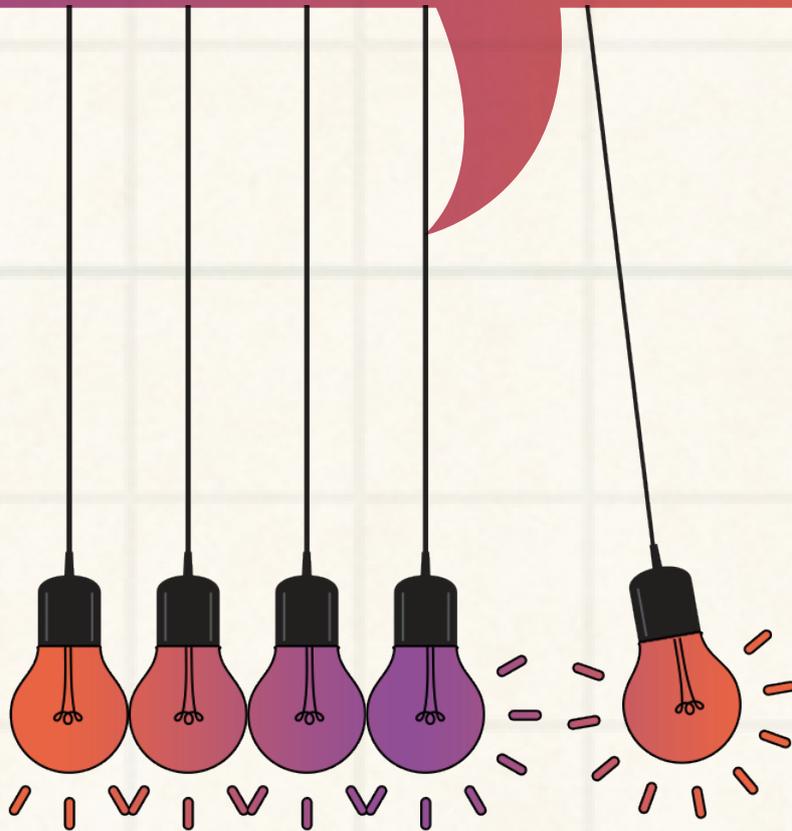


RUHRCENTER of American Studies presents  
**2017 Ruhr PhD Forum  
in American Studies**

University Duisburg-Essen  
TU Dortmund University  
27 - 28 January 2017



**Schedule**

**Friday, 27 January 2017**  
**University Duisburg-Essen**  
**Casino // Campus Essen**  
**Reckhammerweg 3 // 45141 Essen**

13:00 - 13:10 WELCOME

**13:10 - 15:10 (panel one) THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF AMERICANNES**

13:10 - 13:50 timo WEIDNER | Spreading a National Identity - Connecting the United States through Colonial/ Early Republic Newspapers and Online News

13:50 - 14:30 barbara BERENDT-METZNER | American Architecture in the Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson

14:30 - 15:10 elena SIDOROVA | American Pop Art through the Prism of US Public Diplomacy

15:10 - 15:40 snacks // COFFEE

**15:40 - 17:40 (panel two) TEXT IN THE CITY**

15:40 - 16:20 katharina V. ELBWART | "It's so Miami!" - Language Awareness and Culture in South Florida

16:20 - 17:00 eve AVDOULOS | A Complicated Urban Reality and an Uncertain Future - Navigating Processes of Urban Decline and Regeneration in Detroit, Michigan

17:00 - 17:40 laura KORDZUMDIEKE | "What's the meaning of Apocalypse?" - The Zombie and the (Im) Possibility of Urban Revolution in Colson Whitehead's *Zone One*

17:40 - 18:10 snacks // DRINKS

**18:10 - 19:30 (panel three) TRANS\*GENDER TECHNOLOGIES**

18:10 - 18:50 dilara SERHAT | Gender in Carl Djerassi's "Science-in-Theatre"

18:50 - 19:30 simon WHYBREW | "In five years, the penis will be obsolete?" - Technology and the Trans-Body in John Varley's *Steel Beach*

20:00 dinner // RESTAURANT CAMELLA // reckhammerweg 2

## **How To Get There**

### **Essen by local public transport (recommended):**

Once you arrive to the Essen train station, walk down to the lower floor, where you'll find the subway and tramline tracks. Take the tramline 101 or 105 from track 1, direction Borbeck or Frintrop. Get off at Rheinische Platz, which is the second stop.

When you get off the tram, you'll see an escalator on your left side. At the end of the escalator turn left again into Rheinische Platz and walk a couple of minutes along Gladbecker Str. (the large road with possibly a lot of traffic). You will cross Universitätsstraße and pass the main University building to your left. Continue for one minute until you find Reckhammerweg - the next street on your left-hand side. Turn left into Reckhammerweg and then left again into the university area. You'll find yourself in a little internal "square." The Casino is right there.

**Saturday, 28 January 2017**

**TU Dortmund University // IBZ**

**Emil-Figge-Str. 59 // 44227 Dortmund**

**9:30 – 11:30 (panel one) CULTURAL F(R)ICTION | BLACK RESISTANCE**

9:30 – 10:10 martin STÖCKMANN | Resistance is Futile – Racialization and Negotiation in Percival Everett's Fiction

10:10 – 10:50 courtney MOFFETT-BATEAU | Colorblind Individualism & Higher Education: Race and Institutional Positioning in Mat Johnson's *Pym*

10:50 – 11:30 ewa ADAMKIEWICZ | Traditions of Black Dissent and Kendrick Lamar

11:30 – 12:00 coffee // WINE

**12:00 – 14:00 (panel two) POETIC VERNACULARS**

12:00 – 12:40 bilal SOUDA | Introducing Free Verse to the Arabic Literature *Hymns of the Valleys*

12:40 – 13:20 hanna c. RÜCKL | The Translator in Fiction

13:20 – 14:00 juliet KASZAS-HOCH | Shorelines – The Changing Climate, the Sea, and the Poet-Scientist

14:00 – 14:30 coffee // MORE WINE

**14:30 – 16:00 (panel three) DIASPORIC BONDS**

14:30 – 15:10 burcu BASARAN | Missing Mothers – Motherhood in the Novels of Contemporary Asian American Women Writers

15:10 – 15:50 anna KRÜGER | Border-Crossed Lovers – Refracting the Nation in Contemporary Television Series

## **How To Get There**

### **Dortmund by local public transport (recommended):**

Take the S1 (every twenty minutes, either from Düsseldorf or Dortmund main station) and get off at the stop "Dortmund Universität". Get out of the station, walk up the stairs and keep left. Walk to the bridge, go down the stairs, turn right and continue towards the traffic light on Emil-Figge-Str./ Vogelpothsweg. Take the left in the junction and walk about 200m along Emil-Figge-Str. until you see a big red building on the right-hand side of the street. This is the Internationales Begegnungszentrum (IBZ).

### **Dortmund by car:**

The campus of the TU Dortmund is situated between to the motorway exits "Dorstfeld" and "Barop/ Universität," close to intersection where the Sauerlandlinie A 45 (Frankfurt-Dortmund) crosses the Ruhrschnellweg B 1 / A 40. The best motorway exit you find on the B 1 / A 40 is "Dortmund-Barop." There are signs at both exits leading you to the university. There are several parking options either at Vogelpothsweg underneath the Mensa, on the opposite side of Emil-Figge-Str. 50, or directly in front of the IBZ at the roadside (limited).