

**Germany and the East**  
**Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in German Studies (TASI)**  
**20. Juli bis 4. August 2006**

Center for Metropolitan Studies an der Technischen Universität Berlin

Wie in den vergangenen drei Jahren findet auch im Sommer 2006 ein "Transatlantic Summer in German Studies" (TASI) in Zusammenarbeit des Center for German and European Studies (Minnesota) und dem Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam, gefördert durch den Deutschen Akademischen Austauschdienst (DAAD) statt. Diese zweiwöchige auf deutsch und englisch durchgeführte Sommerschule wird dieses Jahr in Berlin unter dem Oberthema "Germany and the East" durchgeführt. Doktoranden aus Deutschland bzw. Europa, die sich für die Teilnahme bewerben wollen, wenden sich bitte an Priv.-Doz. Dr. Thomas Lindenberger, Potsdam (Anschrift s. u.)

**Overview**

The Trans-Atlantic Summer Institutes provide a unique forum for graduate-level students in Germany and North America to collaborate in the exploration of advanced topics relating to Germany and its role in Europe. Each summer, twelve German and twelve North American graduate-level students work intensively for three weeks and explore in depth questions that will enrich their dissertations in German Studies. The Summer Institutes also aim to make a major contribution to the training of the next generation of experts on Germany and Europe. They introduce German students to the American university and the larger academic culture of the United States; North American students will acquire a similar familiarity with the German setting. They therefore foster the international discussions and collaborations that are fundamental to the scholarly enterprise. As a student in the Summer Institute, you will learn how to combine the best aspects of training in both countries—the close attention to archival sources and their interpretation in Germany with the broad trans-disciplinary readings that characterize North American scholarship.

**Topic**

"Germany and the East" is the topic of the Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute 2006. Germany has had a long, close, and complex relationship with its neighbors to the East—those close by like Poland and Russia as well as those further afield in the Balkans and Turkey. Eastern Europe was a prime site of German imperial ventures, which reached their nadir with Nazi domination and the Holocaust. German culture once reigned supreme in Tallin, L'viv, Budapest, and many other centers, while Eastern Europe has also been a source of large-scale immigration into Germany. The Soviet Union and Russia inspired many Germans, but Germany was also the focal point of East-West conflict during the Cold War. Since 1990 unified Germany has supported the expansion to the East of the European Union. Further to the southeast, diplomats, businessmen, and archaeologists saw great opportunities for Germany in the Ottoman Empire but feared Ottoman expansion and worried about the stability of the Balkans. Today, Berlin is Turkey's second largest city—even though citizenship rights of Turkish residents and the possibility of Turkey's admission into the EU are flashpoints of political conflict.

In TASI 2006, we will explore Germany's relations with the East in all their forms, including diplomacy, war, genocide, economics, migration, and culture. We will assess the explanatory power of these themes for understanding the great breaks and continuities of German history in the 20th century.

## Faculty

Thomas Lindenberger is Project Director at the Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam. He is the author of *Volkspolizei: Herrschaftspraxis und öffentliche Ordnung im SED-Staat, 1952-1968* (Böhlau, 2003), and *Straßenpolitik: Zur Sozialgeschichte der öffentlichen Ordnung in Berlin* (J.H.W. Dietz, 1995). He teaches at the Universität Potsdam.

Gregor Thum is DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author of the prize-winning *Die fremde Stadt: Breslau 1945* (Siedler, 2003). His current research focuses on the "German East" from the nineteenth century to the present.

Eric D. Weitz is Professor of History and Arsham and Charlotte Ohanessian Chair in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota. He is the author of *A Century of Genocide: Utopias of Race and Nation* (Princeton, 2003), and *Creating German Communism, 1890-1990: From Popular Protests to Socialist State* (Princeton, 1997).

## Fellowship Information & Application Materials

The Institute is intended for graduate-level students working toward a Ph.D. or other terminal degree. The languages of instruction are German and English, so competency in both is required. Preference will be given to students who have already defined a dissertation topic.

All fellows will receive a fellowship to cover most expenses. Fellowships will provide:

- travelling expenses
- Housing and meal allowance for the duration of the Institute
- Access to library and Internet resources

## Application

A complete application consists of 1) a letter of interest, 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) and one letter of recommendation. The letter of interest should include information on the applicant's scholarly background, interests, and career goals. The statement should address how the Institute topic fits into the applicant's program of study, and what the applicant hopes to gain through participation in the Institute. Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006

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