



FALL PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2024



AMERICAN ACADEMY IN BERLIN

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We are pleased to present the fall 2024 program of events at the American Academy in Berlin. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at the Academy (Am Sandwerder 17–19, 14109 Berlin) and will also be available via livestream.

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SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 9 **INVITATION ONLY**

Presentation of the Fall 2024 Class of Fellows

Keynote by **Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger**,
Rector and Permanent Fellow,
Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

Monday, September 16 **6 p.m.**

LOCATION: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin,
Unter den Linden 8, 10117 Berlin, Wilhelm
von Humboldt-Saal

Europe and the United States in the Shadow of War

Michael Kimmage, Professor of History,
The Catholic University of America;
Senior Non-Resident Associate, Center
for Strategic and International Studies,
in discussion with **Oleksii Makeiev**,
Ambassador of Ukraine to Germany, and
Barbara Lippert, Director of Research,
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

Moderated by **Ann-Dorit Boy**, *Der Spiegel*

This event opens Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin's
series *Current Affairs in the United States:
Coalitions and Conflict* and is a cooperation
with Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer
Kulturbesitz and the US Embassy Berlin.

Thursday, September 19 **7:30 p.m.**

RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE LECTURE

Origins of the War in Ukraine

Michael Kimmage, Professor of History,
The Catholic University of America; Senior
Non-Resident Associate, Center for
Strategic and International Studies

Monday, September 23 **7 p.m.**

LOCATION: Forschungskolleg Human-
wissenschaften at Johann Wolfgang
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main,
Am Wingertsberg 4, 61348 Bad Homburg

It Was the Best of Times: The Bright Future of the Transatlantic Alliance

Michael Kimmage, Professor of History,
The Catholic University of America;
Senior Non-Resident Associate, Center
for Strategic and International Studies

An event of John McCloy Transatlantic
Forum at Forschungskolleg Human-
wissenschaften

Please register by September 19 via
email to: [anmeldung@forschungskolleg-
humanwissenschaften.de](mailto:anmeldung@forschungskolleg-humanwissenschaften.de)

Wednesday, September 25 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoo Palast,
Hardenbergstraße 29A, 10623 Berlin, Kino 4
Reception starts at 6:30 p.m.

JOHN W. KLUGE SCREENING

Life is a Comedy, Not a Drama

Screening of *Weeds* and *Orange Is the New Black* pilots, and Q&A with **Jenji Kohan**, B**** Goddess of Television, Showrunner, Creator, Writer, and Producer

Thursday, September 26 7:30 p.m.

INAUGURAL BERTHOLD BEITZ LECTURE

A Wiser World: The Global Quest for Good Judgement

Zachary Shore, Professor of History, Naval Postgraduate School; National Security Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

This fellowship is made possible through philanthropic support from the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 8 7:30 p.m.

GERHARD CASPER LECTURE

Traditional Jewish Literature and Trans Politics

Max K. Strassfeld, Associate Professor of Religion, University of Southern California

This lecture is made possible through philanthropic support from Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Thursday, October 17 7:30 p.m.

MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN LECTURE

Germany, My Elsewhere

Nell Irvin Painter, Edwards Professor Emerita of History, Princeton University

Monday, October 21 7:30 p.m.

MARY ELLEN VON DER HEYDEN LECTURE

Inflections of Belief

Ayana Mathis, Novelist; Essayist; Distinguished Lecturer in English, MFA Program, Hunter College, City University of New York

Tuesday, October 22 7:30 p.m.

NINA MARIA GORRISSEN LECTURE
IN HISTORY

Youth, Politics, and the Downfall of the Brazilian Military Dictatorship

James N. Green, Professor of Brazilian History and Culture, Brown University

Thursday, October 24

7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN ACADEMY WORKSHOP &
JAMES N. MATTIS LECTURE AND
PANEL DISCUSSION

Getting the *Zeitenwende* Right: Military and Society in Modern Germany

Mara Karlin, Director, Foreign Policy
Institute, School of Advanced
International Studies, Johns Hopkins
University

The workshop is by invitation only.
The lecture and panel discussion are open
to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28

7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Berlin-Mitte

AMERICAN ACADEMY FILM SCREENING

Join or Die

Screening of the documentary film
based on the book *Bowling Alone*
by Robert D. Putnam, Malkin Research
Professor of Public Policy, Harvard
University, followed by a discussion
with directors Rebecca Davis and
Pete Davis.

Tuesday, October 29

7:30 p.m.

ANNA-MARIA KELLEN LECTURE

The Art of Fiction

Mona Simpson, Writer;
Publisher, *The Paris Review*

Thursday, October 31

6:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Heidelberg Center for
American Studies (HCA), Hauptstraße 120,
69117 Heidelberg

The US Presidential Elections – What's at Stake?

Panel discussion with Michael Kimmage,
Professor of History, The Catholic Uni-
versity of America; Senior Non-Resident
Associate, Center for Strategic and
International Studies, and Robert Saldin,
Director, Mansfield Ethics and Public
Affairs Program, University of Montana;
Senior Fellow, Niskanen Center

In cooperation with the Heidelberg
Center for American Studies, Ruprecht-
Karls-Universität Heidelberg

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 5 **INVITATION ONLY**

LOCATION: Landesvertretung Baden-Württemberg, Tiergartenstraße 15, 10785 Berlin

US Presidential Election Night 2024

The final event of the “Road to Election 2024” series

In cooperation with
Aspen Institute Germany

Thursday, November 7 **7:30 p.m.**

ELLEN MARIA GORRISSEN LECTURE

Climate Change and the Global South

Iza Ding, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

This event is part of Berlin Science Week.

Monday, November 11 **6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: Villa Hügel, Hügel 15, 45133 Essen

Learning from Folly: Can History Help?

Zachary Shore, Professor of History, Naval Postgraduate School; National Security Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

An event of Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation

Please register via: gsto0.de/Shore

Tuesday, November 12 **7:30 p.m.**

BERTHOLD LEIBINGER LECTURE

Dignity Is a Matter of Design

Peter H. Christensen, Arthur Satz Professor of Humanities, University of Rochester

Wednesday, November 13 **6:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Humboldt Graduate School, Luisenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin, Festsaal

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE AT HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

The US Presidential Election and Its Foreign Policy Implications for Germany & Europe

Michael Kimmage, Professor of History, The Catholic University of America; Senior Non-Resident Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Thursday, November 14 **7:30 p.m.**

HOLTZBRINCK LECTURE

Schneepalast: An Emotional History of Snow

Amy Waldman, Writer and Journalist

Monday, November 18 **7:30 p.m.**

ELLEN MARIA GORRISSEN LECTURE

Sound in Multidisciplinary Collaboration

David Grubbs, Distinguished Professor of Music, Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Wednesday, November 20 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN ACADEMY LECTURE

Artificial: A Love Story

Amy Kurzweil, Writer and Cartoonist;
Fall 2021 Dirk Ippen Fellow Alumna

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 3 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin, Hörsaal 2091

DISTINGUISHED W.E.B. DU BOIS LECTURE

Sojourner Truth, Self-Published Author of an As-Told-To Autobiography

Nell Irvin Painter, Edwards Professor
Emerita of History, Princeton University

In cooperation with
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Friday, December 6 INVITATION ONLY

LOCATION: Berlin-Mitte

2024 Henry A. Kissinger Prize Award Ceremony

Tuesday, December 10 INVITATION ONLY

RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE WORKSHOP

The Transatlantic Relationship between War and Peace

Chaired by Michael Kimmage, Professor
of History, The Catholic University of
America; Senior Non-Resident Associate,
Center for Strategic and International
Studies

Tuesday, December 10 7:30 p.m.

RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE
PANEL DISCUSSION

Germany and the United States Contend with War in Europe

Panel discussion with workshop
participants, moderated by
Anna Sauerbrey, Foreign Editor, *Die Zeit*



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