

## 9|11 – Ten Years After, Looking Ahead

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001, our symposium ponders the degree to which 9|11, the widely accepted code for a supposed historical turning point, has effected political and social transformations. Our discussions interrogate whether the event and its aftermath have made us think differently about a whole array of socioeconomic and cultural processes and practices. Taking 9|11 as our point of departure, we nonetheless resist relegating the continuities between pre- and post-9|11 cultures to the periphery of our attention. Instead of commemorating the terrorist attacks, we ask how the insistent public focus on 9|11 and the “war on terror” has tended to marginalize other economic, ecological, and political effects of globalization. Our debates thus aim to “look ahead” and reappraise the global role of the United States in the second decade of the twenty-first century.

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A Transdisciplinary Symposium  
8 to 11 September 2011



## Program

### Thursday, 8 September 2011

5:30 pm **Opening and Welcome**  
Janice Weiner, Consul General of the United States  
Düsseldorf, Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke and Priv.-Doz. Dr.  
Anne-Marie Scholz (University of Bonn)

6:00 pm **Keynote Lecture**  
Prof. Dr. Bernd Greiner (Hamburg Institute for Social  
Research): "9|11 - Der Tag, die Angst, die Folgen"

8:00 pm Reception

### Friday, 9 September 2011

9:00 am **Workshop 1: "9|11 as 'Climate Change'?"**  
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke  
  
Prof. Dr. Sylvia Mayer (University of Bayreuth):  
"Dwelling in Crisis: Terrorist and Environmental  
Risk Scenarios in American Post-9|11 Narratives"  
  
Dr. Georgiana Banita (University of Bamberg|  
University of Sydney): "Writing Energy Security after  
9|11: Oil, Narrative, and Retro-Globalization"

10:45 –  
11:00 am Coffee break

Dr. Mandana Biegi (Aachen University):  
"The times are a-changin'": Diplomacy and  
International Criminal Law after 9|11"  
  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Falke (University of Erlangen-  
Nürnberg): "The Long-Term Consequences of 9|11:  
An American Neo-Isolationism?"

12:45 pm Lunch

2:00 pm **Workshop 2: "Commemorations,  
Commodifications, and Codifications of 9|11"**

Moderator: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Birgit Däwes  
(University of Mainz)

3:45 –  
4:00 pm

Coffee break  
  
Emira Habiby Browne, M.A. (Center for the Integration  
and Advancement of New Americans, New York):  
"Immigrant Integration Post 9|11: Managing Ethnic  
Diversity and Multiculturalism Ten Years Later"  
  
Jun.-Prof. Dr. Tim Krieger (University of Paderborn):  
"9|11's Aftermath: How Abstract Fear and Collective  
Memory Lead to Real Economic Costs"

5:45 pm Refreshments

6:15 –  
7:30 pm **Transdisciplinary Roundtable**  
  
Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt (Political Science, Bonn) ,  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Gerhard Sauter (Protestant  
Theology, Bonn), Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche  
(North American Studies, Bonn), and others  
  
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke

8:00 pm Dinner

### Saturday, 10 September 2011

9:30 am **Workshop 3: "On 'Sacred Ground'  
9|11 and New Exceptionalisms"**  
  
Moderator: Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche  
  
Andrew Gross, Ph.D. (FU Berlin):  
"What Chabon Remembers: Terrorism, *The Yiddish  
Policemen's Union*, and Jews without Ethnicity"

Christian Klöckner, M.A. (University of Bonn):  
"On 'Hallowed Ground': Intolerable Mistakes and  
the Consecration of Global Business"

Prof. Yvonne Haddad, Ph.D. (Georgetown  
University): "Transcending the Trauma of  
Ground Zero: The Making of an American Islam"

12:15 pm Lunch

1:30 pm **Workshop 4: "'Collateral Benefits'?  
Looking Beyond Ground Zero"**

Moderator: Priv.-Doz. Dr. Anne-Marie Scholz

Dr. Patrick Keller (Konrad Adenauer Foundation,  
Berlin): "The Surprising Staying Power of  
US Primacy"

Prof. Dr. Greta Olson (University of Giessen):  
"Recovering from the Men We Loved to Hate:  
Post-9|11 Images of Public Masculinity"

Dr. Sascha Pöhlmann (LMU Munich):  
"Future-Founding Poetry after 9|11"

4:15 pm Coffee break

4:30 –  
6:00 pm **Artist's Talk**  
with Christoph Faulhaber (Hamburg)  
Moderator: Dr. Georg Imdahl (Köln)

7:00 pm Dinner

### Sunday, 11 September 2011

11:00 am **Panel Discussion:**  
"Ten Years After 9|11 – Looking Ahead"

Prof. Dr. Andreas Falke, Andrew Gross, Ph. D.,  
Prof. Dr. Greta Olson, Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke,  
Dr. Klaas Staal (University of Bonn)  
  
Moderators: Christian Klöckner, M.A.  
and Jared Sonnicksen, M.A. (University of Bonn)

12:45 pm **Final Remarks**  
Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke and  
Priv.-Doz. Dr. Anne-Marie Scholz

13:00 pm End of Conference