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www.kanada-studien.uni-trier.de

English and American Studies, U of Greifswald
www.uni-greifswald.de/~anglam

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www.umanitoba.ca

other links of interest:
Virtual Canadian Studies (VCS)
www.kanada-studien.de/vcs.htm

Canada in the Classroom (for teachers)
www.education-canada.de/

Database of Online Canadiana (DOC)
www.ub.uni-marburg.de/digibib/canadiana.php



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Description of the Conference

Issues revolving around memory and geopolitics are at the core of our daily lives, politics, landscapes, and art production – yet too often, their influence is not recognized or investigated. Geopolitical projections shape the way we live, whether in regard to the limits and allocation of natural resources, to land claims and environmental concerns, or to our reaction towards progressively mobile and transnational populations. It is imperative that we recognize, understand, and discuss the foundations, processes and effects of these geopolitical projections. Only if we learn to analyze their structure may we be able to overcome the unsavoury impression that geopolitics in a globalized world is a phenomenon beyond our reach or control. The conference will deal with the construction of geopolitical projections and of memory in order to understand their existing interdependencies and point out where (more and / or different) interconnections are needed.

Sites of Geopolitical and Memory Projections: Canada and Germany, our international symposium, tackles these pressing, comprehensive issues from an interdisciplinary and comparative point of view. Scholars from relevant disciplines will contribute to the discussion of topics ranging from resource control, environmental law, competing strategic and security interests, to textual and filmic constructions of geopolitical environments, including historiographic metafiction or artistic depictions of mnemonic contexts and their respective reception.

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Sites of Geopolitical and Memory Projections: Canada and Germany

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Canadian Studies Centre at the
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Thursday, May 14, 2009**10.30: Conference Opening**

Prof. Dr. Michael Embach
(Director, Municipal Library Trier)

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klooss
(Director, Canadian Studies Centre, and
Vice President Academic, U of Trier)

Prof. Dr. Peter Schwenkmezger
(President, U of Trier)

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Lutz
(President, Association for Canadian
Studies in German-Speaking Countries)

11.00-12.30: Regional and Global Issues

Chair: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klooss

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Wilfried von Bredow (U of Marburg, Institute for Political Science):
"Flexible Permeabilities: The Re-designing of the Canada-United States Border since 2001"

Prof. James Fergusson, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Centre for Defence and Security Studies):
"Going, Going Gone: The Disappearance of Europe and Germany in Canadian Foreign Policy Memory and Geopolitical Space"

14.30-18.00: Grounds of Native Politics – European and Canadian Perspectives

Chair: Prof. Dr. Norbert Platz
(U of Trier, Canadian Studies)

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Lutz (U of Greifswald, North American Studies):
"'Mother Earth' and 'Topsoil': New Aboriginal

Writings in Canada and the *Wordflowers*-Project in Germany "

Dr. Kerstin Knopf (U of Greifswald, North American Studies):
"The Native Gothic in Canada: Land, Haunting Memories, Ghosts, Vampires, and other Evil Creatures"

Dr. Markus M. Müller (U of Trier, Canadian Studies):
"Between Bushes and Battlegrounds: Residential Schools, Native Snipers, and the Great War in Joseph Boyden's *Three Day Road*"

Prof. Marlene R. Atleo, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Faculty of Education):
"Passing on Indigenous Knowledge: Philosophy in the Flesh"

Friday, May 15, 2009**9.30-12.30: Resources, Space and the Environment**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hans Braun
(U of Trier, Canadian Studies)

Ref. jur. Silke Cassor-Pfeiffer, M.A. (U of Trier, Institute for German and European Water Management Law):
"Blue Gold for Whom? The German Water Management System and Cooperative Water Management on Transboundary Watercourses"

Prof. Derek Hum, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Department of Economics):
"Reading from Memory and Speaking with Empathy: A Personal Reading of the

Geopolitical Memory of the Chinese in Canada"

Dr. Lutz Schowalter (U of Trier, Canadian Studies):
"Urbanized Wilderness: Understanding Canadian Identity and the Northern Metropolis"

14.00-17.00: Memory Projections

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Lutz

Prof. Gene Walz, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Department of English, Film, Theatre):
"From the Sublime to the Ridiculous: Constructing Memories of The North in Canadian Films from Nanook to My Winnipeg"

Prof. Chris Trott, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Department of Native Studies):
"Memories of Sovereignities and Sovereignities of Memories: Inuit and the Northwest Passage"

Prof. Cheryl Dueck, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Department of German and Slavic Studies):
"Yella: Memory and Non-Place. Ghosts and Dislocation in Post-Unification Germany"

17.30 Round Table Discussion

Chair: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Klooss