Sites of Geopolitical and Memory Projections

Canada and Germany

May 13-16, 2009

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. 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 Casson-Pfieffer, 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 Trost, Ph.D. (U of Manitoba, Department of Native Studies):
"Memories of Sovereignties and Sovereignties 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
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