

# Conference Group for Central European History

## Newsletter

Fall 1999

Dear Colleagues,

The business meeting of the Conference Group will take place during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago, Thursday, 6 January to Sunday, 9 January 2000. The business meeting will convene Saturday, January 8, 2000, at **5:00 P.M. in the *Lincolnshire Room of the Marriott Chicago***. Business to be conducted includes the election of new officers of the Conference Group and the announcement of the winner of this year's article prize. In 2001, the Conference Group will once again award its book prize.

Immediately following the business meeting, the Conference Group will hold its annual ***Bierabend***, which will begin at **6:00 P.M. in the adjacent *Great America Room***. I hope many of you will attend and look forward to seeing you in Washington.

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## Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association

### Two Joint Sessions of the CGCEH and the AHA

This year, thanks in large measure to the efforts of our President Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, the Conference Group and the American Historical Association are sponsoring two joint sessions with a common theme, "What is Central Europe?" Session 43 takes place Friday, 7 January 2:30–4:30 P.M. Session 68 convenes Saturday, 8 January 9:30–11:30 A.M.

#### **Session 43: What Is Central Europe? Constructions of a Cultural-Geopolitical Concept I: The Nineteenth Century**

*Sheraton, Chicago Ballroom VIII*

**Chair:** Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, New York University

*Of Boundaries, Centers, and Margins: Identities of Central Europe in the Nineteenth Century*

Hillel J. Kieval, Washington University in St. Louis

*Dynastic, Internationalist, and Nationalist Concepts of Central Europe in the Habsburg Monarchy*

Istvan Deak, Columbia University

*Imagining Germany*

Konrad Jarausch, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Comment:** Maria Todorova, University of Florida

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#### **Session 68: What Is Central Europe? Constructions of a Cultural-Geopolitical Concept II: The Twentieth Century**

*Sheraton, Chicago Ballroom VIII*

**Chair:** Kees Gispén, University of Mississippi

*Central Europe and Mitteleuropa: The Economic Experience*

Volker Berghahn, Columbia University

*"Asien fängt mit der Landstrasse an": Czech-German Discourses on Central Europe*

Nancy Wingfield, Northern Illinois University

*Eastern Violence or Violence in the East? The Polish Pogroms of 1918–19 in Contemporary German-Jewish Opinion*

William W. Hagen, University of California, Davis

**Comment:** Kenneth D. Barkin, University of California, Riverside

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### **Joint Session of the CGCEH and the ACHA**

In addition to the two sponsored sessions above, the Conference Group and the American Catholic Historical Association are jointly sponsoring a session, “The Counter-Reformation in Central Europe.” This is session 12 of the ACHA, which will take place Sunday, 9 January 11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M., in the Executive Center, Parlor G, of the Chicago Sheraton Hotel.

### **Session 7: The Counter-Reformation in Central Europe**

**Chair:** R. Po-chia Hsia, New York University

*Catholic Missions and Catholic Reform in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Hungary*

Istvan Toth, Central European University and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

*Mechanisms of the Counter-Reformation in Austria: the Activities of Queen Ysabell of Habsburg*

Joseph Patrouch, Florida International University

*Catholics, Culture and Memory in Seventeenth Century Bohemia: Reevaluating the Czech Dark Ages*

Howard Louythan, University of Notre Dame

Comment: James Palmitessa, Western Michigan University

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### **Other AHA Sessions with Central European Themes**

Other AHA sessions with Central European themes can be found in the program of the AHA, also published online at the following internet address: <http://www.theaha.org/annual/program/index.cfm>, and specifically <http://www.theaha.org/annual/program/SESSIONS.htm>. Looking over the program,

members of the Conference Group can rejoice in the large number of sessions with Central European themes in this year's AHA program. Session numbers of particular interest for our association include the following:

Plenary Session, January 6, 7:30–9:30, and

Sessions 5, 6, 7, 20, 48, 56, 66, 95, 96, 101, 110, 116, 117, 118, 131.

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## **Conference Group for Central European History**

### **Miscellaneous Announcements**

#### **Archives Committee**

Alan Steinweis, currently the chairman of the Archives Committee, has announced his intention to resign his post as chair following the January 2000 business meeting. Alan has agreed to stay on the committee, but the Conference Group is now looking for a new chair. Anyone who is interested should contact the executive secretary. (The other members of the committee are David Barclay, John Connelly, Carole Fink, Geoffrey Giles, and Gerhard Weinberg. Their addresses, including email, can be found in the Fall 1998 Newsletter).

#### **1999 Nominations Committee**

The Nominations Committee (Geoff Eley, Anthony LaVopa, and Istvan Deak) nominate the following individuals for positions on the Executive Board.

Vice-President elect: **David Crew**, University of Texas at Austin

Three-year term on the executive board: **Doris Bergen**, University of Notre Dame

The Executive Secretary recommends that Gerald Feldman and Konrad Jarausch again be renominated to continue serving as the Conference Group's delegates to Friends of the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C.

These or other nominations will be discussed at the January business meeting, which will elect next year's officers.

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**Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History 2000**  
**Germany in the Imperial Age, 1850–1914**  
**Berlin, April 26–29, 2000**

The German Historical Institute in Washington, the Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University, and the Conference Group for Central European History are pleased to announce the sixth Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History. The conference is once again supported by the German-American Academic Council and will convene in Berlin from 26 to 29 April 2000.

The seminar is designed to bring together young scholars from Germany and North America who are nearing completion of their doctoral degrees. We plan to invite eight scholars from each side of the Atlantic to discuss their research projects. The discussions will be based on papers submitted in advance of the conference. The languages of this seminar will be German and English. We shall cover travel costs and lodging expenses.

The theme of this conference will be “Germany in the Imperial Age 1850–1914.” We are now accepting applications from doctoral students whose work falls principally in this era and who will not have finished their degrees before June 2000. Applications should include a short (2–3pp) project description, a curriculum vitae, and a letter of reference from the major advisor.

Please send applications by December 1, 1999 to:

German Historical Institute  
Transatlantic Doctoral Seminars  
Attn: Baerbel Thomas  
1607 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20009–2562  
ph. 202–387–3355  
fax: 202–483–3430

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## **Announcements**

### **Holocaust Research and Holocaust Studies in the Twenty-First Century**

#### **Inaugural Conference Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies**

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will host its inaugural international conference at the Museum in Washington, DC, on 13–15 December 1999. For further information, please visit the following website: <http://www.ushmm.org/research/conference/>

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**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**German Studies Association**

**Call for Papers**

The GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION will hold its twenty-fourth annual conference in Houston, Texas, 5 October–8 October 2000. The program committee invites proposals on any aspect of German studies, including history, Germanistik, political science, sociology, philosophy, pedagogy, and the arts. Proposals for entire sessions and for interdisciplinary presentations are encouraged. The deadline for proposals is 14 February 2000; early submissions are welcome. For application materials and information contact: Prof. Keith Bullivant, Dept. of Germanic & Slavic Studies, University of Florida (fax 352-392-1067; internet: [kbulli@germslav.ufl.edu](mailto:kbulli@germslav.ufl.edu)).