



ASSOCIATION for MODERN GERMAN STUDIES

In conjunction with the Goethe-Institut London and the Centre for East German Studies, University of Reading

**Conference: Transformationsprozesse in den Neuen Bundesländern  
24/25 April 2004**

**Venue: Goethe-Institut, 50 Prince's Gate, Exhibition Road, London (tel: 020 7596 4000)**

**Programme:**

**Saturday 24 April**

**10.00 – 10.30 Registration/Coffee**

**10.30 – 10.45 Welcome**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:**

**10.45 – 11.25** Barbara Gügold (Humboldt Berlin)  
*'Wende ohne Ende' – Never-ending Changes in the New States*

**11.25-12.05** Inka Jörs (Göttingen)  
*East Germany: Another Party Landscape*

**12.05-12.45** Ruth Reiher (Humboldt Berlin)  
*DDR-Deutsch – Wendedeutsch – Westdeutsch als Gesamtdeutsch –  
Der Wandel des Sprachgebrauchs in den neuen Bundesländern*

**12.45 – 2.00 Lunch at the Polish Hearth**

The conference will then divide into two sections:

**Section 1** will concentrate on developments in the political, social and linguistic fields, while **Section 2** will focus on literature, the arts and the media.

- Section 1**
- 2.00-2.40** Louise Davidson-Schmich  
(Miami)  
Die Entzauberung der PDS:  
The PDS as a Land-level  
Opposition, Toleration and  
Governing Party 1990-2002
- 2.40 – 3.20** Dan Hough and Jonathan  
Olsen (Sussex / USA)  
'PDS Politicians and  
Participation in Land  
Governments'
- 3.20 – 3.40** **Break**
- 3.40 – 4.20** Debbie Wagener (IGS B'ham)  
'Unemployment in East  
Germany'
- 4.20 – 5.00** Karin Weiss/Janette Brauer  
(Potsdam)  
Gender and the struggle for  
work and a professional  
career – the case of female  
adolescents in East Germany
- 5.30 – 7.00** **Film showing**

**Sunday 25 April**

**9.45-10.00** **Plenary introduction**

- 10 – 10.40** Anna Saunders (Bristol)  
'Schrecklich leere Gemüse-  
läden', 'nicht wirklich Sozia-  
lismus' und 'Gemeinschafts-  
gefühl': young east Germans'  
perceptions of the GDR

- Section 2**
- Beth Linklater (University of Wales Swansea)  
The *Literaturstreit* and beyond: Two  
German Literatures or a 'globale Literatur  
der Zukunft'?
- Paul Cooke (University of Leeds)  
'Ostalgie' is not what it used to be: on  
German television's GDR craze
- Owen Evans (Bangor)  
"'Denn wir sind anders': 'Zonenkinder' in the  
Federal Republic'
- Barend Schütte (Southampton HE Institute)  
'The portrayal of the GDR in post-1990  
German feature films

- Joel Morton (St. Lawrence University,  
USA)  
Postcommunist Gender Trouble: Street  
Ephemera from Eastern Germany, the Czech  
Republic, and Poland 2000-2003

**Section 1**  
**10.40 – 11.20** Chris Szejnmann (Leicester)  
German Unification and the  
Involuntary Marginalization  
of East Germans

**11.20-11.35** **Coffee**

**11.35-12.15** Eva Kolinsky  
(Wolverhampton)  
From Foreignness to Social  
Citizenship? Former GDR  
Contract Workers in eastern  
Germany

**12.15-12.55** Reinhold Schulze-Tammena  
(Goethe-Institut, London)  
"Stasi - The Secret Service,  
that came in from the cold  
or how to deal with the GDR  
legacy"

**12.55-1.45** **Lunch at the Polish Hearth**

**1.45-2.25** Ruth Wittlinger (Durham)  
'*Vergangenheitsbewältigung*  
since Unification: Germans  
as Victims?'

**2.25-3.05** Kersten Sven Roth  
(Greifswald)  
'Wie man über 'den Osten'  
spricht. Die neuen Länder im  
bundesdeutschen Diskurs'

**3.05-3.20** **Break**

**3.20-4.00** Nathalie Braber (Manchester)  
'Use of Language—A Sign  
and Cause of Alienation

**Section 2**  
Anna Dempsey (Columbia)  
'The New Identity of East Berlin: A Tale of  
Two Architectural Transformations

Axel Goodbody (Bath)  
Veränderte Landschaft: East German nature  
poetry since the Wende

David Clarke (Bath)  
Parteischule oder Dichterschmiede? The  
'Abwicklung' of the Institut für  
Literatur "Johannes R. Becher"

Birgit Haas (Bristol)  
'Dramatic changes: Post-1989 Germany in  
East German Drama'

Elizabeth Priester (Michigan State University)  
'Neue Literatur aus den neuen  
Bundesländern: New Voices, New Stories?'

Leigh Ann Smith-Gary (Princeton)  
'The Prenzlauer Berg Intellectuals and the  
Opening of the Stasi Archives

**4.00-4.45     Tribute to Prof. Gisela Shaw**  
**Plenary session**  
**Sections 1 and 2**

**4.45-5.30     Drinks reception hosted by the AMGS**

**Organisers:**

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		£30 Concessions

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