

INSTITUT FÜR AMERIKASTUDIEN

50 YEARS OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN INNSBRUCK: PAST AND FUTURE

Innsbruck June 22–23, 2007



Friday, June 22, 2007: Aula

9:00 a.m. **Opening**

Gudrun M. Grabher (Chair, Dept. of American Studies, University of Innsbruck)

Representative for the Rector of the University of Innsbruck

Hans Moser (Dean, Faculty of Humanities 2 (Language and Literature), University of Innsbruck)

9:30 a.m. Arno Heller (Dept. of American Studies, University of Innsbruck):

"Difficult Beginnings: Birth and Growth of American Studies at the University of Innsbruck"

10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:00 a.m. Werner Sollors (Dept. of African and African American Studies, Harvard University):

"Dedicated to a Proposition: 'All Men Are Created Equal' in American Culture"

12:00 noon *Lunch (on your own)*

Multidisciplinary American Cultural Studies

2:00 p.m. **History**

Franz Mathis (Dept. of History and Ethnology, University of Innsbruck):

"Towards a Theory of Economic Development: The US Experience"

3:00 p.m. **Political Science**

Anton Pelinka (Nationalism Studies Program and Dept. of Political Science, Central European University, Budapest):

"The Impact of American Political Science and American Politics on Austrian Political Science"

4:00 p.m. *Coffee Break*

4:30 p.m. **Geography**

Klaus Frantz (Dept. of Geography, University of Innsbruck):

"Gated Communities in the USA – The Case of Metro-Phoenix"

5:30 p.m. *Special Program:*

– 6:30 p.m. Performance of Edgar Lee Masters: *Spoon River Anthology*
by the Theater Workshop of the American Studies Department

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Saturday, June 23, 2007: HS 7

Special Program in the vestibule of HS 7:

"The best of 25 years of Film Studies"

A non-stop screening of selected films by students of the American Studies Department

Transdisciplinary American Studies

9:00 a.m. PowerPoint Presentation:
"Transdisciplinary American Studies"

10:00 a.m. *Coffee Break*

10:30 a.m. **Medical Humanities**
Claude Desjardins (College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago):
"History of Medicine in North America"
Paul König (Nephrology, Medical University Innsbruck):
"Basics of Healing"

12:00 noon *Lunch Break (on your own)*

2:00 p.m. **Law and the Humanities**
Walter J. Pratt (Law School, University of South Carolina):
"American Constitutional History: A Dialogue between Oral and Written Cultures"
Bernhard Koch (Dept. of Private Law, University of Innsbruck):
"Hot Coffee and Dogs in Microwave Ovens: What Austrians Should REALLY Know about American Tort Law"

2:30 p.m. *Coffee Break*

4:00 p.m. **Business/Management and the Humanities**
Kurt Matzler (Dept. of International Management, Johannes Kepler University Linz) &
Todd Mooradian (Mason School of Business, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia):
"Outgoing versus Open: Personality, Consumers, and Consumption in the United States and Austria"

5:30 p.m. **Closing of the Conference**

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