



Invitation

Book-Presentation and Lecture

Kathryn Mills: C. Wright Mills Through his Letters – His time in Innsbruck and the making of *The Sociological Imagination*

Date, Monday 19th of March 2018

5-6.30 pm

Faculty Meeting Room, SoWi-Building, 3rd floor east



C. Wright Mills spent six months in Innsbruck in 1957 after teaching at the University of Copenhagen as a Fulbright lecturer. Through the personal lens of his letters and other sources, Kathryn Mills will share some of her father's experiences and writings while he was in Innsbruck and discuss the origins of his book, *The Sociological Imagination*. He began working on that book in Copenhagen, continued in Innsbruck, and finished the manuscript in New York in the spring of 1958. Kate will read

excerpts from her father's letters to friends and his autobiographical writings, including an essay written in the form of a letter about personal troubles and political reflections, which he wrote in Innsbruck.



Kathryn (Kate) Mills is C. Wright Mills' daughter with Ruth Mills, the statistician who worked with him on *White Collar* and *The Power Elite*. Kate collected, selected, annotated, and co-edited a collection of her father's writings entitled *C. Wright Mills: Letters and Autobiographical Writings* (edited by Kathryn Mills with Pamela Mills, University of California Press, 2000). Kate also wrote the Foreword and an essay published in *C. Wright Mills and the Sociological Imagination* (edited by John Scott and Ann

Nilsen, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2013), a volume of essays based on talks at a symposium at the University of Bergen, Norway, entitled "C. Wright Mills: the Legacy of His Writings 50 Years On." Kate graduated from Hampshire College (Amherst, Massachusetts) with a B.A. in political economics. For 35 years, she worked for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company in Boston, most recently as Vice President, Trade Contracts. She is now writing a memoir.

Program:

Welcome and Introduction:

Dean Prof. Dr. Helmut Staubmann

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Afterwards we invite to a small reception.