



**German Historical Institute**  
**1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC**

**Conference**  
**History by Generations: Generational Dynamics in Modern History**

December 9 – 11, 2010

In collaboration with the graduate school “Generations in Modern History”,  
University of Göttingen

Conveners: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI), Bernd Weisbrod (Göttingen),  
Uffa Jensen (Göttingen), Christin Lubinski (GHI)

**Program**

**Thursday, December 9**

**Key Note Lecture**

6:00 pm Reception

**6:30 – 8:00 pm** **Elwood D. Carlson (Florida State)**  
Generations as Demographic Category: 20th Century US Generations

**Friday, December 10**

**Session 1: Generation and Intellectuals**

9:00 – 10:30 am **Daniel Morat (Berlin)**  
Intellectual claims for a “new” generation: Germany and France, 1900-1930

**Georg Kamphausen (Bayreuth)**  
America in the cultural imagination of the generation of 1890.

**Commentator: Miriam Rürup (GHI)**

10:30 - 11:00 am **Coffee break**

**Session 2:                    Generation and Migration**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm    Karl H. Füssl (Berlin)**  
Fine-Tuning Utopia. American Social Sciences, European Emigres  
and U.S. Policy Toward Germany, 1942-1945

**Sarah E. Chinn (New York)**  
Irreverence and the American Spirit. Immigrant Parents, American  
Adolescents, and the Invention of the Generation Gap

**Commentator: Jan Logemann (GHI)**

12:30 – 2:30 pm        **Lunch**

**Session 3:                    Generation and the Family Firm**

**2:30 – 4:00 pm        Maria Fernandez Moya (Madrid)**  
Books and Family Matters: A Long-term Analysis of Intergenerational  
Transmission Practices in Spanish Publishing Family Firms (1900-2008)

**Olof Brunninge (Jönköping)**  
Constructing Family Business Identity Over Generations. The Case of the  
Swedish Pulp and Paper Firm MoDo 1872-1990

**Commentator: Christina Lubinski (GHI/Harvard)**

4:00 – 4:30 pm        **Coffee break**

**Session 4:                    Generations and Consumption**

**4:30 – 6:00 pm        Gary Cross (Penn State)**  
Patterns of consumption as generational markers.

**Dirk Schumann (Göttingen)**  
Youth culture and generational formation

**Commentator: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)**

7:00 pm                **Dinner**

## **Saturday, December 11**

### **Session 5: Generation and Interwar Youth Movement**

9:00 - 10:30

**Uffa Jensen (Berlin)**

Emotional ties and generational belonging: Youth movement in inter-war Germany

**Jochen Hung (London)**

Tempo and the generational public sphere of the Weimar Republic

**Commentator: Bernd Weisbrod (Göttingen)**

10:30 – 10:45 am

**Coffee break**

### **Session 6: The 68ers as a Generational Construct**

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

**Johanna Brumberg (Göttingen)**

The Invention of the Baby Boomers: American 68ers in generational discourse.

**Ondrej Matejka (Praha)**

Czech Sixty-Eighters – a case study on self-generationalisation with a long-lasting political impact

**Commentator: Anna von der Goltz (Oxford)**

12.15 – 2:00 pm

**Lunch break**

### **Session 7: Generation and the Transformation Process**

2:00 – 3:30 pm

**Volker Benkert (Tempe, Az)**

The GDR and the Process of Transformation after 1990 seen through the Eyes of the last GDR Generation

**Astrid Baerwolf (Göttingen)**

Three generations of motherhood. An ethnographic investigation into the transition from work-centered to child-centered family models in and after the GDR

**Commentator: Hope Harrison (Washington)**

3:30 – 4:00 pm      **Coffee break**

**Session 8:      Post-Communist Generations in Comparative Perspective**

4.00 – 5:30 pm **Kirsten Gerland (Göttingen)**

Generational dynamics in the ‚silent revolution‘ of 89: GDR and Poland.

**Judith Szapor (Montreal)**

The “Generation of Bright Winds” of Hungary: Myth or Reality?

**Commentator: Lutz Niethammer (Jena)**

5.30 – 6:30 pm **Final Discussion**

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