The Allied occupation of western Germany after the Second World War has recently seen a revival of interest among historians. This two-day international conference will showcase new research from scholars based across the globe and provide a forum for the presentation of innovative approaches to the history of the three western zones of occupation. It aims to stimulate dialogue between historians of the different zones of occupation and so bring together hitherto almost entirely segregated historiographies.

The conference will cover a broad range of themes, including panels on ruling strategies and occupation plans, the management of cooperation and conflict under occupation, and the handling of crime, punishment, and restitution. Other panels will examine the experience of occupation in daily life, the role of intermediaries, and the legacies of occupation. All three western zones will be represented by several papers and a final roundtable will discuss the development of a future research agenda.

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Conference
The Allied Occupation of Germany Revisited
New Research on the Western Zones of Occupation, 1945-1949

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Thursday, 29 September 2016

9.15 Registration
9.40 Welcome
   Andreas Gestrich (Director GHIL)
9.45 Introduction: Revisiting the Occupation Period
   Camilo Erlichman (Amsterdam) and Christopher Knowles
   (King’s College, University of London)
10.15 Contextualising Occupation
   Chair: Felix Römer (GHIL)
   Susan Carruthers (Rutgers): Preoccupied: Wartime Training
   for Postwar Occupation in the United States, 1940-45
   Peter Stirk (Durham): Benign Occupations? A Comparative
   Evaluation
   Karen Adler (Nottingham): Gender as a Lens for Studying
   the French Occupation of Germany
11.45 Coffee break
12.00 Managing Cooperation and Conflict
   Chair: Christopher Knowles (London)
   Andrew Beattie (Sydney): The Allied Internment of
   German Civilians in Occupied Germany: Cooperation and
   Conflict in the Western Zones, 1945-1949
   Douglas Bell (Texas): “Demokratie ist ein Fremdwort”:
   German Hunters and the American Occupation, 1945-1952
   Trond Ove Tøllefsen (Florence): Building Up and Tearing
   Down: The Conflict Between Industrial Dismantling and
   Overall Goals in the British Occupation of Germany
13.30 Lunch
14.30 Handling Crime, Punishment, and Restitution
   Chair: Bernd Weisbrod (Göttingen)
   Caroline Sharples (Central Lancashire): What do you do
   with a dead Nazi? Allied Policy on the Execution and
   Disposal of War Criminals, 1945-51
   Beth Healey (Northwestern): The Business of Murder: Tesch & Stabenow and the British Zyklon B Trial
   Kristen Dolan (Duke): Reconsidering Arrest and Detention
   in the Western Zones of Occupation: The Case of Hessen,
   1946-1949
   Jeff Porter (Birkbeck): Restitution as a Prism for a
   Comparative Examination of some Aspects of the Western
   Occupation Zones in Germany
16.15 Coffee break
16.45 Keynote Presentation & Discussion
   Chair: Camilo Erlichman (Amsterdam)
   Rebecca Boehling (Maryland): Transitional Justice? A
   Comparative Approach to Denazification in the Western
   Zones of Occupied Germany
18.30 Conference Reception
19.30 End of Day 1

Friday, 30 September 2016

9.30 Doing Occupation: Contested Plans and Strategies
   Chair: Susan Carruthers (Rutgers)
   Heather Dichter (Western Michigan): Game Plan for
   Democracy: Public Diplomacy Programs for Sport and Youth
   in Occupied Germany
   Charlie Hall (Kent): Dissolution, Exploitation, or
   Reconstruction? British Approaches to German Science
   during the Occupation Period
   Laure Humbert (Manchester): UNRRA in French Occupied
   Germany: A Comparative Perspective, 1945-1947
11.00 Coffee break
11.15 Experiencing Occupation in Daily Life
   Chair: Karen Adler (Nottingham)
   Bettina Blum (Paderborn): „My home, your castle“: The
   Requisitioning of Houses and Urban Quarters by the British
   Military Government in Westphalia 1945-1955 - Interactions
   between the Occupiers and the Occupied
   Nadja Klopprogge (Berlin): Sex, Love, and Race: The Intimate
   Landscape of Postwar Germany
17.30 Discussion: Towards a Future Research Agenda
   Chair: Christopher Knowles (London)
   Panellists: Rebecca Boehling (Maryland), Camilo
   Erlichman (Amsterdam), Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck),
   and Bernd Weisbrod (Göttingen)
18.00 Conference ends

Ann-Kristin Glöckner (Magdeburg): German-French
Encounters in the City of Freiburg under French
Occupation 1945-1949
Daniel Cowling (Cambridge): Egodocuments and the
History of the British Occupation of Germany
Lunch
Mediating Occupation: Complex Interactions and the
Role of Intermediaries
   Chair: Camilo Erlichman (Amsterdam)
   Dominik Rigoll (Potsdam): The Original 45ers: Recruiting
   Trustworthy Staff in West Germany, 1945-1950
   Julia Wambach (Berkeley): Vichy in Baden-Baden: The
   Personnel of the French Occupation in Germany after
   1945
   Johannes Kuber (Aachen): The Priests and the
   Occupation: The Catholic Clergy of Baden in its Early
   Post-War Interaction with the French and American
   Allies
15.30 Coffee break
16.00 The Legacy of Occupation
   Chair: Peter Stirk (Durham)
   Jessica Reinisch (Birkbeck): Battleground Germany: The
   Occupiers and the Early Cold War
   Drew Flanagan (Brandeis): The Bridge Builders: The
   French Occupation in Germany from Conquest to
   Cooperation, 1945-55
   Michael Wala (Bochum): The Value of Knowledge.
   Western Intelligence Agencies and Former Members of
   SS, SD, and Gestapo During the Early Cold War
17.30 Discussion: Towards a Future Research Agenda
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