Re-Imagining the Nation?

Transformations of German Cultural Identity since 1989

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DAY 1: Thursday 22nd October 2009, UCD Humanities Institute

8.45.- 9.15: Registration

9.15: Opening of the Conference by His Excellency, Busso von Alvensleben, German Ambassador

9.30-11.30: Historical Perspectives

9.30-10.00: Peter Fritzsche, (Department of History, University of Illinois, Champaign): 1989 and the Chronological Imagination

10.00-10.30: Bill Niven, (School of History, Nottingham Trent University): The Role of Prussia in Shaping Contemporary German Identity

10.30-11.00: Pertti Ahonen, (School of History, Classics, and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh): Unity on Trial: The Mauerschützenprozesse and the East-West Rifts of Unified Germany

Discussion

11.30-11.45: Coffee

11.45-13.00: Mediations: Film - Photography - Architecture

11.45-12.15: Jonathan Long (German Department, University of Durham): Topography, Photography: Viewing Berlin 1880/2000

12.15-12.45: Andrew Webber (German Department, University of Cambridge, Churchill College): Topographical Turns: Casting Berlin in Contemporary Film

Discussion

13.00-14.15: Lunch

14.15-16.15: Post-Unification Heimat Discourses

14.15-14.45: Elizabeth Boa (German Department, University of Nottingham): Labyrinths and Mazes: Fictions by Christa Wolf, Ingo Schulze, and Jens Sparschuh

14.45-15.15: Linda Shortt (University of Konstanz): “Heimat is something lost”: Re-Imagining West Germany after 1989

15.15-15.45: Jennifer Jordan (Department of Sociology and Urban Studies, University of Wisconsin): Pigs, Potatoes and Collective Memory in Post-1989 Germany

Discussion

16.15-16.45: Coffee


19.30 Dinner for Conference Participants by Invitation of His Excellency, the German Ambassador, Herr Busso von Alvensleben
DAY 2: Friday 23 October: Newman House, St Stephen’s Green

9.30-10.45 Writing after the Fall of the Wall: Poetological Perspectives I

9.30-10.00: Aleida Assmann (English/ Comparative Literature, University of Konstanz): Marcel Beyer’s Kaltenburg: an Exercise in Attention

10.00-10.30: Mary Cosgrove (Department of German, University of Edinburgh): The “Melancholy Gene”? Literary Responses to Historical Rupture in Contemporary German Fiction

Discussion
10.45-11.00: Coffee

11.00-13.00 Writing after the Fall of the Wall: Poetological Perspectives II

11.00-11.30: Karen Leeder (University of Oxford, New College): ‘Wenn die Ideen begraben sind kommen die Knochen heraus’. The Death and Afterlife of the GDR

11.30-12.00: Anja K. Johannsen (Komparatistik, University of Paderborn/Literaturhaus Zürich): »Der Schein bestimmt das Bewusstsein«: Poetic Reflections on German Re-unification in Angela Krauss and Monika Maron

12.00-12.30: Gillian Pye, (German, School of Languages and Literatures, UCD) Contamination and Territories of Disappearance in Prose Works by Wolfgang Hilbig

Discussion
13.00-14.30: Lunch

14.30-15.00: The Fall of the Wall in Turkish-German Perspective

14.30-15.00: Margaret Littler (School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, University of Manchester): The Fall of the Wall as Non-Event in Turkish-German Literature

15.00-15.30: Deniz Göktürk (UC Berkeley, German and Film Studies): Interrupting Unity: Traces of the Berlin Wall in Turkish Cinema

Discussion
16.00: Coffee

17.00-18.30: Panel reading with Jenny Erpenbeck, Julia Schoch and Ulrich Peltzer chaired by Karen Leeder

Location: Goethe Institut, 37 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

18.30: Reception
Saturday 24th: Goethe Institute, Merrion Square

9.30-11.00: Architectural Legacies I

9.30-10.00: Kathleen James-Chakraborty (School of Art History and Cultural Policy, UCD): Beyond Cold War Interpretations: Shaping a New Bauhaus Heritage

10.00-10.30: Simone Hain (Institut für Stadt- und Planungsgeschichte, TU Graz): Taking Stock of Twenty Years of Reshaping East German City Centres: An Analysis at Half-Time

Discussion

11.00-11.15 Coffee

11.15-13.00: Architectural Legacies II

11.15-11.45: Jürgen Paul (Art History, TU Dresden): The Rebirth of Historic Dresden

11.45-12.15: Anne Fuchs (School of Languages and Literatures, UCD): Psychotopography and the Transformation of Space in Uwe Tellkamp’s Der Turm

Discussion

13.00-14.30: Lunch


Architecture Today: Challenges and Opportunities