

**The Biopolitics of America.
Bodies, Environments, and the Liberal Imagination**

Program



Sandow Birk. "Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP) - Soledad, CA." Image courtesy of the artist and Catharine Clark Gallery.

Thursday, July 28, 2016

14:00-14:30 **Hannes Bergthaller (Taichung) & Catrin Gersdorf (Würzburg):** Welcome and Introduction

14:30-15:30 **Catriona Sandilands (Toronto):** "A Vegetative State? Plant Biopolitics"

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **Leerom Medovoi (Tucson):** "Biopolitics Beyond the Body"

17:00-18:00 **Gabriele M. Schwab (Irvine):** "Radioactive Ghosts: Precarious Lives in Nuclear Ecologies"

19:00 Conference Dinner

Friday, July 29, 2016

9:00-10:00 **Andrew S. Gross (Göttingen):** "The Biopolitics of Anticommunism: Pastoralism, Selfhood, and the Conservative Imagination"

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 **Nigel Hatton (Merced):** "Parks for Some, Prisons for Others: The Spatial and Racial Politics of Incarceration and Recreation in the United States"

11:30-12:30 **Mark Rifkin (Greensboro):** "Carceral Space, Fugitive Motion, and Indigenous Ecologies"

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 **René Dietrich (Mainz):** “Humanness, Forms of Life, and the Land: The Biopolitical Logics of Settler Colonialism and Literary Sites of Disruptive Relationality”

15:00-16:00 **Sladja Blažan (Würzburg):** “‘Nature will arise, and will be heard’: Death and the Regularization of Native American Lives in Early American Literature”

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 **Student Projects** on Biopolitics, Human Rights, and Environmental Justice (supervised by Heike Raphael-Hernandez & Catrin Gersdorf, Würzburg)

19:00 Wine Tasting & Dinner at Bioweingut Wallrapp (Theilheim)

Saturday, July 30, 2016

9:00-10:00 **Christopher Breu (Normal):** “Materializing Time and Occupying Space: The Reconfiguration of Biopolitical America in Karen Yamashita’s *I Hotel*”

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break/Brunch

10:30-11:30 **Sabine Sielke (Bonn):** “Self-Optimization, Adaptation, and the Newly Conventional US-American Novel: On Franzen, Eggers, and the Like”

11:30-12:30 **Karin Hoepker (Erlangen-Nürnberg):** “Ethopolitics: Narrating the Biomedical Self”

12:30-13:00 Closing Discussion