



# Cultures of Solitude

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**Thursday, July 30, 2015**

13.00-13.30 *Conference Office* (ÜR 8, Philosophiegebäude)

13.00-13.30 *Coffee Break/Conference Warming* (ÜR 8, Philosophiegebäude)

**13.30-14.00 Welcome and Introduction** (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)

**14.00-14.45 Panel 1** (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)

Chair: Jochen Achilles (Würzburg, Germany)

- 14.00-14.45 Coby Dowdell (London, ON, Canada): "Rethinking Ascetic Deferral in an Age of Deliberative Democracy"

14.45-15.15 *Coffee Break* (ÜR 8, Philosophiegebäude)

**15.15-16.45 Panel 2** (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)

Chair: Stefan Hippler (Würzburg, Germany)

- 15.15-16.00 Ina Bergmann (Würzburg, Germany): "[A]way to solitude, to freedom, to desolation!": Hermits and Recluses in Julia Ward Howe's *The Hermaphrodite*"
- 16.00-16.45 Margit Peterfy (Heidelberg, Germany): "Public and Poetic Use of 'Solitude' in the Works of J. G. Whittier"

**16.45-17.15 Shoptalk - Publication Prospects** (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)

19.00 *Dinner*

## **Friday, July 31, 2015**

### **9.00-10.30 Panel 3 (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)**

Chair: Sabrina Hüttner (Würzburg, Germany)

- 9.00-9.45 Hélène Quanquin (Paris, France): "A Marriage of Recluses: Wendell and Ann Greene Phillips and the Joint Politics of Isolation and Reform"
- 9.45-10.30 Jochen Achilles (Würzburg, Germany): "Changing Cultures of Solitude: Reclusiveness in the Short Fiction of Sandra Cisneros"

10.30-11.00 *Coffee Break* (ÜR 8, Philosophiegebäude)

### **11.00-12.30 Panel 4 (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)**

Chair: Jane Knappe (Würzburg, Germany)

- 11.00-11.45: Clare Hayes-Brady (Dublin, Ireland): "'It's what we have in common, this alone-ness': Solitude, Communitarity and the Self in the Writing of David Foster Wallace"
- 11.45-12.30 Rüdiger Heinze (Braunschweig, Germany): "Alone in the Crowd: Urban Hermits in American Film"

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

### **14.00-15.30 Panel 5 (ÜR 9, Philosophiegebäude)**

Chair: Ina Bergmann (Würzburg, Germany)

- 14.00-14.45 Angela Krewani (Marburg, Germany): "Drugs and Open Spaces: Traces of Solitude in *Breaking Bad*"
- 14.45-15.30 Scott Slovic (Moscow, ID, USA): "Going Away to the Wilderness for Solitude ... and Community: Ecoambiguity and the Semester in the Wild Experience"

15.30-16.00 *Coffee Break/Farewell Gathering* (ÜR 8, Philosophiegebäude)

## **Conference Team:**

Organizer:

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