Utopia Reconsidered, 100 years after Weimar
30th Annual Graduate Student Conference in German Studies at Yale University
February 15-16, 2019

Sessions will take place in WLH 309.

Conference schedule

Friday, February 15

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch for conference participants in WLH 309.

13:00 – 15:00 Opening remarks: Maximilian Chaoulideer (Yale)
        Keynote seminar with Matthias Rothe, University of Minnesota

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 Panel I
        Fourier, and Proletarian Pedagogy”
        Sebastian Mühl, University of Klagenfurt: “Postutopian Forms: The Reworking of Utopia
        between Aesthetics and Politics in Critical Theory”
        Respondent: Cecilia Sebastian (Yale)

16:45 – 17:45 Panel II
        Adam Merki, Vanderbilt University: “László Moholy-Nagy’s Utopian Vision: Bauhaus, Weimar,
        and the Artist of the Future”
        Kyle Canter, North Carolina State University: “‘Wish You Were Here’: Wilhelm von Gloeden
        and the Utopian Myth of Taormina”
        Respondent: Sophie Duvernoy (Yale)

17:45 – 18:45 Reception

19:00 Dinner for conference participants

Saturday, February 16

9:00 – 10:00 Breakfast for conference participants

10:00 – 11:00 Panel III
        Mario Bosincu, University of Sassari: “Ernst Jünger’s mythopoeic Authorship in Der Arbeiter”
        Arnab Dutta, University of Groningen: “The Utopia of Deflating Teleology: ‘Raumzeitlichkeit’,
        Weimar Republic, and British India, 1919 – 33”
        Respondent: Irina Kogan (Yale)

11:15 – 12:15 Panel IV
        John Slattery, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: “The Light/Fading Light of Hope for
        Utopia: Sunsets in Christa Wolf’s Der geteilte Himmel (1963) and Eugen Ruge’s “In Zeiten des
        abnehmenden Lichts (2011)”
Ursula Beata Baur, University of Tübingen: “Utopia in Development -- Ernst Bloch’s ‘Cold- and Warm Stream in Marxism’ and Contemporary Politics”
Respondent: Anna Alber (Yale)

12:15 – 2:00 Lunch, round table and concluding remarks by Samuel Steinmetz (Yale)