

Newsletter of the DAAD Center for German Studies, July 2017

The DAAD Center for German Studies and the European Forum Have New Offices



From left to right: Sasanka Kanuparthi, Rami Tzafon, H.E Dr. Clemens von Goetze, Billy Shapira, Prof. Noam Shoval, Prof. Tamir Shaefer

The new offices of the DAAD Center for German Studies and the European Forum were inaugurated on January 6 by the German ambassador, **Dr. Clemens von Goetze**, and **Ms. Billy Shapira**, director-general of the Hebrew University. The 19 new offices, unlike the 10 old ones, are all at the same location within the Faculty of Humanities at the university, enabling the different centers to work together effectively. Furthermore, the seminar rooms all have advanced technological equipment, which is necessary for colloquia and workshops. Because the numbers of PhD candidates and young researchers have been growing each year, a special office was established in which the European Forum students may work. The office also contains a large library, allowing wide access to books from various fields of German Studies.

International Symposium: "From Entebbe to Mogadishu: Terrorism in the 1970s and Its History, Memory and Legacy"

The international symposium on "From Entebbe to Mogadishu: Terrorism in the 1970s and Its History, Memory and Legacy" was held on January 6-7 and was organized by **Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann**, a lecturer at the Hebrew University's DAAD Center for German Studies. It aimed to commemorate the hostage crises in Entebbe in 1976 and a year later in Mogadishu, and to present and discuss new research on the historical background as well as the multiple interrelations between the two incidents.





Prof. Tamir Shaefer, Prof. Asher Cohen, H.E. Dr. Clemens von Goetze



Matan Vilnai and Dieter Fox



Prof. Jeffrey Herf

The symposium featured three distinct clusters of themes and panels: the historical perspective on terrorism and its connection with political policies in and outside of Germany, the role of various media (news, visual culture, documentary and fictional cinema), and forms of commemorating the terrorist attacks including different outlooks within German collective memory as compared to Israeli commemoration.

In his keynote lecture, which opened the symposium, **Prof. Martin Jander** (Hamburger Stiftung zur Förderung von Wissenschaft und Kunst) reviewed the political atmosphere in East and West Germany that led to the involvement of German terrorists from the right and the

left in the events of Munich (1972), Entebbe (1976) and Mogadishu (1977).

An additional keynote lecture was given by **Prof. Jeffrey Herf** (University of Maryland) on the social developments and ideas that led German terrorists, who had been activists of the West German left, to hijack the airplane to Entebbe.





The conference's main event was a roundtable discussion with those who were personally involved in the episodes of Entebbe and Mogadishu. **Dr. Gisela Dachs**, a *Die Zeit* journalist and a senior lecturer at the Center for German Studies, interviewed the "Angel of Mogadishu," **Gabriele von Lutzau** – a flight attendant from the hijacked Lufthansa flight in Mogadishu who survived the hijacking; **Matan Vilnai**, deputy commander of Operation Thunderbolt (the Entebbe raid); **Benny Davidson**, a survivor of Entebbe who was 13 years old at the time; and **Avner Avraham**, curator and expert on Operation Thunderbolt. In addition, she spoke with Dieter Fox, the special mission team leader and deputy commander of the GSG-9 unit that stormed the hijacked plane in Mogadishu, about his experiences before and during the operation.



Dieter Fox and Dr. Gisela Dachs



Gabriele von Lutzau and Dr. Gisela Dachs



Dr. Christian Thauer Has Received Competitive Research Grants

Dr. Thauer is currently involved in four different research projects. With a grant from the German-Israeli Foundation, he is collaborating with Prof. Christian Wendt from the Freie Universität Berlin in a project on reading Thucydides in the 21st century. He is also leading a project sponsored by the German-Israeli Chamber of Commerce on the topic of why German firms invest in Israel, and Israeli firms in Germany. The research assistants for this project are Noa Swisa, PhD candidate, and Griffin Elbron, MA student, both at the DAAD Center for German Studies. Together with Dr. Rami Kaplan from the Freie Universität Berlin, Dr. Thauer is conducting a third project on corporate social responsibility as business strategy. Finally, he is continuing to work on a long-term project on public lands and private interests in the American Intermountain West.



Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann Has Received Funding from the Joint Seed Money Scheme of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Freie Universität Berlin

Prof. Arnd Bauerkämper from the Department of History and Cultural Sciences at the Freie Universität Berlin and Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann from the DAAD Center for German Studies have established a collaborative research project, funded by the Joint Seed Money Scheme of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the FU Berlin. The project focuses on public perceptions and commemoration of terrorist attacks in postwar Europe, and explores how past experiences of terrorism echo in current threats of politically motivated terrorist violence.

In March, Prof. Bauerkämper addressed this topic in his public lecture on "Terrorism as a Global Challenge: The Relationship between Security and Human Rights since the 1960s," which focused on the relationship between security and human rights since the 1960s at the Hebrew University. Currently Dr. Ebbrecht-Hartmann and a team of PhD and MA students from the Contemporary German Studies and European Studies programs are preparing a comprehensive database and an interactive map that include different forms of terrorist violence and commemorative sites in Germany. The results will be presented in a joint workshop at the Freie Universität Berlin.



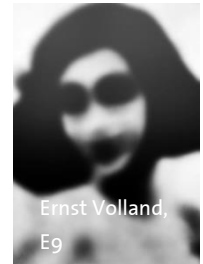


Congratulations to Dr. Katya Assaf

Dr. Katya Assaf received tenure and was promoted to the rank for Senior Lecturer. She studied Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received her PhD from the Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich. She is teaching since 2008 at the DAAD Center for German Studies and the Faculty of Law. fields of Interest are law and culture, law and society, intellectual property, trademarks, advertising, freedom of expression, German civil law.

Group Research Project: "German Visual History in a European Framework"

This academic year, the DAAD Center for German Studies' research group "German Visual History in a European Framework" explored intersections between visual culture, history, memory and current political events. In the context of the exhibition "Embedded in Memory" at the Museum on the Seam in Jerusalem, visual artist **Ernst Volland** presented his series "Eingebrannte Bilder" (Blurred Pictures) at the Hebrew University in October 2016. By consciously isolating well-known iconic photographs from historical events, Volland reflects on the ambivalences of our cultural visual memory.



Ernst Volland,
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In December, **Marc Silberman**, professor of German at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, gave a lecture on "Allegorical Representations of Renewal in Postwar German Fairy Tale Films" to students of the Contemporary German Studies program. He applied methods from film-, visual- and cultural studies in order to compare East and West German self-perceptions in the postwar era.

In June 2017, the symposium "Migrating Images – Images of Migration" explored the intersections between visual culture and migration in light of the current "refugee crisis" in Europe. **Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann** (DAAD Center for German Studies), **Prof. Habbo Knoch** (University of Cologne), **Dr. Rebekka Grossmann** (Richard Koebner Minerva Center), **Prof. Annette Vowinkel** (Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam) and **Dr. Evelyn Runge** (The Martin Buber Society of Fellows) discussed new ways of looking at images of migration and thereby enabling an encounter with the experiences and memories of refugees.



Ernst Volland – Flucht.Punkte (Online-Exhibition - Heinrich Böll Stiftung, 2016)



The academic year concluded with the graduate workshop "Dynamic Archives: Film, History, Heritage." PhD and advanced MA students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Film University Babelsberg Konrad Wolf presented and discussed intersections between film, history and memory by focusing on the archive as a place and a concept for visual research. The workshop also included a visit to the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Subsequently, **Chris Wahl**, professor of audiovisual heritage at the Babelsberg Film University and a collaborator in the research group, reflected on the state and future of German film heritage in his lecture "The Tragic Fate of German Film Heritage, or if only Goethe had been a film director."





Book Presentation: "The Challenge of Complexity: How to Convey Israel to the German Public"

On June 18, 2017, a new book by **Dr. Gisela Dachs** (ed.) – *Länderbericht Israel* (Country Report Israel) – was presented to the Israeli public at Mishkenot Sha'ananim in Jerusalem. The event had been organized by the DAAD Centers for German Studies in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Israel and the BpB (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung – Federal Agency for Civic Education). **Dr. Christian Thauer** welcomed the audience on behalf of the Center for German Studies. The program included an address by the deputy chairwoman of the CDU, **Julia Klöckner**, who was visiting Israel and conveyed the personal regards of Chancellor Angela Merkel, as well as a keynote speech by Dr. Gisela Dachs followed by a panel discussion with **Prof. Moshe Zimmermann**, **Dr. Raef Zreik**, **Anita Haviv-Horiner** and **Dr. Gisela Dachs**. The latter was moderated by **Dr. Michael Borchard**, director of the KAS Israel, and addressed the topic: "The Challenge of Complexity: How to Convey Israel to the German Public." During the event, the activities of the BpB, publisher of the compendium on Israel, were described by **Hildegard Bremer** and **Jutta Klaeren**, who had traveled to Israel for this occasion.



The International Program on "Contemporary Germany" Keeps Growing



This year 14 students are taking part in the DAAD Center for German Studies' international program on "Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture." The number of students has grown significantly compared to previous years as the program has changed its focus to an international one, and the language of instruction from Hebrew to English. The Center for German Studies welcomed **Sasanka Kanuparthi** of India as a regular student in the program. Additionally, **Lina Kipriushina** from the Saint Petersburg State University, Russia, and **Yibo Xing** from



the University of Peking, China, are studying at the Center for German Studies as part of the new DAAD Network Mobility program that the center has initiated.



A new collaboration between the DAAD Center for German Studies at the European Forum and the **Free University of Berlin** will allow five students of the MA program in Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture to spend a fully financed international semester at the FU Berlin.



As part of this collaboration, each year a senior or junior researcher from the FU Berlin will spend one semester at the Center to enrich the instruction offered by the program. Faculty members of the DAAD Center for German Studies and the FU Berlin are working on joint research projects to further deepen the partnership between the institutions.

International Visitors at the DAAD Center: Academic Year 2016/2017

The DAAD Center for German Studies is seeking to tighten and expand its network of international connections. Therefore, each semester we welcome visiting scholars and guest lecturers. This semester the Center for German Studies is happy to host:

Dr. Francisco de Palma (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany): Dr. Palma is a visiting scholar at the Center for German Studies from the DAAD Center at the Freie Universität Berlin. He came here for six months and is teaching two courses that are part of the spring semester's program: "The GDR 1949-1990: Politics, Culture and Society" and "Intellectual History in the 19th and 20th Century in Europe."



In cooperation with the Faculty of Law, **Prof. Jan Wouters** (Institute for International Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium) gave an intensive course on "International Law, Global Governance and the European Union".

Prof. Jens Woelk (University of Trento, Italy): On October 18, Prof. Woelk, from the Faculty of Law and the School of International Studies at the University of Trento, gave a lecture as part of the European Forum Fellows program. He shared some fascinating findings and insights on the topic of "Cross-Border Cooperation: Legal Instruments for Building Bridges between States." Additionally, Prof. Woelk taught the course "Introduction to German Constitutional Law" as part of the fall semester's program.

Prof. Arnd Bauerkämper (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany): Prof. Bauerkämper from the Faculty of History at the Freie Universität Berlin visited the European Forum on March 15 as part of the forum's colloquium. He lectured on the topic of "Terrorism as a Global Challenge: The Relationship between Security and Human Rights since the 1960s." This lecture was connected with his broader research on fascism in Europe and the social history of the FRG and the GDR.

As part of a cooperation between the Department of Geography, the Technical University of Darmstadt and the DAAD Center for German Studies, **Prof. Hubert Heinelt** (Institute of Political Science, TU Darmstadt, Germany) and **Prof. Eran Razin** (Department of Geography, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) conducted a joint research workshop for advanced students from the TU Darmstadt and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on "Local Government and Challenges of Housing Crisis and Immigrant/Refugee Absorption: Lessons from Germany and Israel".



Amb. Annette Shavan, the ambassador of Germany to the Vatican and the former German federal minister of education and research, visited the Center for German Studies. The visit was part of the center's inauguration. In her speech on the inauguration, Ambassador Shavan emphasized the importance of collaboration between Germany and Israel in the field of research and education:

"The collaboration between universities, research facilities and researchers from our countries is one of the roots of the cooperation now in existence for 50 years. Therefore, we will focus during

this year – the year of German-Israeli science cooperation, in which the State of Israel celebrates its 69th Independence Day – on the future."

DAAD Centers Conference 2016: „Coalescence or Collapse?"

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the DAAD Centers for German and European Studies, the academic networking conference "Coalescence or Collapse? Challenges for German and European Studies in the 21st Century" took place from 8th to 10th December 2016 at the BMW Center at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C, one of the original three Centers.

From the DAAD Center for German Studies at the Hebrew University, Prof. Noam Shoval, Head of the Center, Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, Dr. Christian Thauer, and Noa Swisa, PhD student, participated and presented the center's work.

Farewell Visit of Monika Iwersen, Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv at the Center

Ms. Monika Iwersen came to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the DAAD Center for German Studies in July for a final visit and was received by the Rector and elected President, Prof. Asher Cohen. She will leave Israel and to take up a new post. Prof. Noam Shoval conveyed in the name of the center his gratitude for the fruitful cooperation during the last years.

