

Thursday, June 27, 2013:

14.30-15.00: Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Isabel Heinemann (University of Münster): Refocusing the Modern American Family

15.00-17.00: Section 1: Childhood and Generational Conflict

Chair: Simon Wendt (University Frankfurt a. M.)

Claudia Roesch (University of Münster): Familia, Machismo, Compadrazgo? - Mexican American Families and Changing Social Norms in the 20th Century USA

Laura Lovett (Amherst University): From Free Children to Family Values: Children in the American Women's Movement

Grace Hale (University of Virginia/Erfurt): Child's Play: Making an Alternative Culture in Athens, Georgia in the Reagan Era

Comment: Astrid Baerwolf (University of Münster)

17.00-17.30: Coffee break

18.00-20.00: Keynote:

Joanne Meyerowitz (Yale University): Exporting the Modern American Family: U.S. Foreign Assistance and the Politics of Gender, 1960s-1980s

20.00: Conference Dinner

Restaurant "Klemens im Stadthaus 1"
Klemensstr. 10, 48143 Münster

Friday, June 28, 2013:

9.00-10.30: Section 2: The Family as an Object of Social Therapy, Part I

Chair: Andre Dechert (University of Münster)

Anne Overbeck (Berlin): "The Mass of Ignorant Negroes Still Breeds Disastrously." The Debate on Birth Control for African Americans in the 1920s and 1930s

Isabel Heinemann (University of Münster): Preserving the Bedrock of Society: Public Debates and Expert Discourses on Divorce, Women's Work and Reproduction in the 20th Century United States

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-12.30: Section 2: The Family as an Object of Social Therapy, Part II

Chair: Claudia Roesch (University of Münster)

Jennifer Nelson (University of Redlands): Coven to Client: The Reproductive (Maternal) Body in Feminist Women's Health Activism

Johanna Schoen (Rutgers University): The Construction of Anti-Abortion Narratives: Abortion Providers, Women, and Fetuses as Objects in Anti-Abortion Rhetoric

Comment: Corinna Unger (Jacobs University Bremen)

12.30-14.00: Lunch break

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14.00-15.30: Section 3: The Family as a Subject of Popular Culture

Chair: Sandra Kraft (University of Münster)

Christina von Hodenberg (Queen Mary, University of London): Archie, Edith and their Viewers: Post-patriarchal Marriage on 1970s Television

Andre Dechert (University of Münster): Dad on TV. Public Debates on Fatherhood and Family Representations in US-American Sitcoms, 1981-92

Comment: Simon Wendt (University Frankfurt a. M.)

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.30: Section 4: Religious Beliefs and Family Values

Chair: Heike Bungert (University of Münster)

Jana Hoffmann (University of Münster): Family Values in the 1950s American Mainline-Protestantism

Anja-Maria Bassimir (Mainz University): Envisioning the 'American Family': An Analysis of Family Ideals in Evangelical Magazines

Comment: Uta Balbier (King's College London)

Saturday, June 29, 2013:

9.00-12.00: Roundtable: Family Values and Social Change in Modern Western Societies

Chair: Isabel Heinemann (University of Münster)

Joanne Meyerowitz (Yale University)

Till van Rahden (Université de Montréal)

Christopher Neumaier (ZZF Potsdam)

Elisabeth Timm (University of Münster)

12.00-13.00: Lunch break

“The Family is the cornerstone of American society.” Throughout the 20th century, politicians, social experts, journalists, and ‘regular people’, all agreed that the importance of the family must not be underestimated. They believed that the well-being of American society was deeply rooted in the institution of family. However, as American society changed throughout the 20th century, so did concepts of family. Countless debates illustrate that the ideal of the white heterosexual middle-class nuclear family has been contested on numerous terrains.

The Emmy Noether Research Group **“Family Values and Social Change: The US-American Family in the 20th Century”** analyzes how family values, norms and ideals evolved in the United States in a period of massive social change. Our research projects offer major conclusions about processes of social change and their impact on individual lives. Also, we take into consideration the intersection of the categories race, class, gender, sexuality, and religion in negotiating norms and values.

The international conference **“Refocusing the Modern American Family”** assembles renowned scholars from both sides of the Atlantic who currently research American family concepts. It will ask how and when family values and gender norms changed throughout the 20th century. The conference is organized in five sections: (1) Childhood and Generational Conflict; (2) Religious Beliefs and Family Values; (3) The Family as an Object of Social Therapy; (4) The Family as a Subject of Popular Culture, and (5) Family Values and Social Change in Modern Western Societies.

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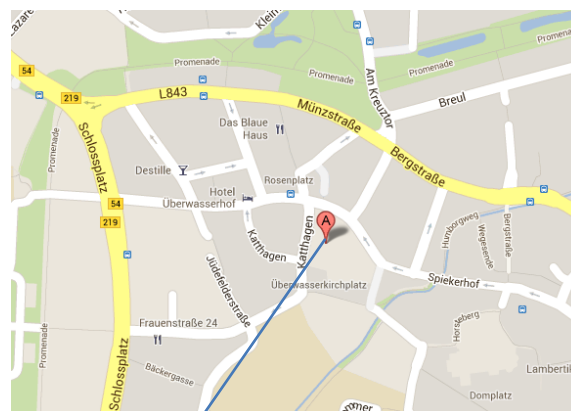
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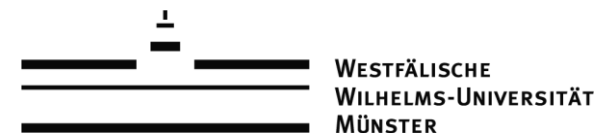
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