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Including room and board 110 Euro
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Human Dignity and Human Rights
The Legacy of the Black Civil Rights Movement in the Transatlantic World
March 25 – 27, 2020
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This conference aims at bringing together scholars from the United States and different European countries to discuss the legacy of the Black Civil Rights Movement from a transnational and interdisciplinary perspective. We will take a closer look at the origins and uses of the concepts of human dignity and human rights within the movement and then explore how its legacy has inspired activism and organizations for racial and social justice on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Concept of Human Dignity and Human Rights and its Relevance for Struggles for Racial Equality and Social Justice
Michael Haspel

18.30 h Dinner

19.30 h Keynote
Introduction: Anja Schüler
Heidelberg Center for American Studies

“We Gon Be Alright”: Containment, Creativity, and the Birth of Hip-Hop
Rashad Shabazz
Arizona State University, USA

12.30 h Lunch

14.30 h Panel 4: Racial Minorities in Europe
Chair: Mirjam Zadoff
NS-Dokumentationszentrum, Munich

Visions of Plurality? Reflections on the History of Minority Rights in Europe
Birgit Hofmann
University of Heidelberg

How Can You Be Black in a Country Where Race Does Not Exist?
Rokhaya Diallo
Author, Journalist, Filmmaker, Paris

16.00 h Coffee Break

16.30 h Young Scholars Forum
Chair: Hartmut Keil
University of Leipzig

Black (?) Homophobia and Gay Rights during the Civil Rights Movement and beyond: The Case of Bayard Rustin
Nicole Hirschfelder
University of Tubingen

Criminal Justice Reform as the Greatest Contemporary Challenge in the Struggle for African American Civil Rights
Katharina Motyl
University of Mannheim

18.30 h Dinner

20.00 h Exchange of Ideas and Live Music
Ernest Butler’s Jazz Duo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020

14.30 h Arrival, Check-in

15.30 h Coffee

16.00 h Greetings & Introduction
Michael Mayer
Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson

16.30 h Panel 1: Human Dignity and Human Justice in the Struggle for Black Equality
Chair: Michael Mayer
The Concepts of Dignity and Justice in the Black Abolitionist Movement and their Impact on the Black Freedom Struggle
Beverly E. Mitchell
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., USA

10.30 h Break

11.00 h Panel 3: White Backlash, Black Lives Matter and Human Rights
Chair: Berndt Ostendorf
University of Munich

Black Lives Matter and the Contours of Black Freedom
Marcia Chatelain
Georgetown University, USA

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

8.15 h Breakfast

9.00 h Panel 2: Children and Black Religious Minorities
Chair: Bärbel Harju
University of Munich

A Voice for the Voiceless: Marian Wright Edelman and the Children’s Defense Fund
Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson

From Silent Minority to Problem Minority: Middle Eastern Muslims in the US in the 21st century
Andrea Carosso
University of Torino, Italy

10.30 h Break

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

8.15 h Breakfast

9.00 h Panel 5: The Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement in Germany
Chair: Modupe Laja
ADEFRA, Munich

Let us Join Hearts and Hands Across the Atlantic Ocean: The Civil Rights Movement and the GDR
Maria Schubert
University of Tubingen

Black German Transnational Perspectives from 1945 to the Present
Marion Kraft
ADEFRA, Berlin

10.30 h Break

10.45 h Roundtable/Final Discussion
Chair: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson
Participants: T.B.A.

12.00 h Lunch & End of Conference

Remember We’re Just Human like You: The Struggle for Civil and Human Rights in Autobiographical Prison Texts
Katharina Matuschek
University of Regensburg