

The Baden-Württemberg Seminar of The Heidelberg Center for American Studies

Each spring and fall, the Heidelberg Center for American Studies invites distinguished scholars, public policy experts, journalists, writers, and artists to its Baden-Württemberg Seminar. Launched in the spring of 2007, the lecture series offers a platform for participants to present their current work, discuss issues of transatlantic interest, or read from their writings at institutions across the state.

Baden-Württemberg's deep-rooted interest in the United States is reflected in its many cultural, political, and economic institutions – including corporations, museums, and libraries. The HCA is pleased to present the thirty-third semester of the Baden-Württemberg Seminar and appreciates the continued support of its dedicated network of partners.

Emil Eugen Holzhauer (1887-1986)

Born in Schwäbisch-Gmünd, Emil Holzhauer moved to New York City in 1906 – without a job, money, or any knowledge of the English language. He initially worked in factories before enrolling in the New York School of Art in 1909, where he studied with Robert Henri, a Social Realist. In 1913, Holzhauer attended the Armory Show and was inspired by American and European modernists. He held his first solo exhibition in 1915 and exhibited regularly in New York over the following decade. In 1932 Holzhauer began teaching art at a summer camp in upstate New York. He moved to Asheville, North Carolina, in 1938 and in 1942 became an art professor at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Throughout the 1930s, Holzhauer became identified with the American Scene movement. During the late 1940s and into the 1950s, his style evolved toward a more expressive and less realistic approach. Holzhauer retired from Wesleyan in 1953 but continued to travel and paint until 1972 when his eyesight began to fail.

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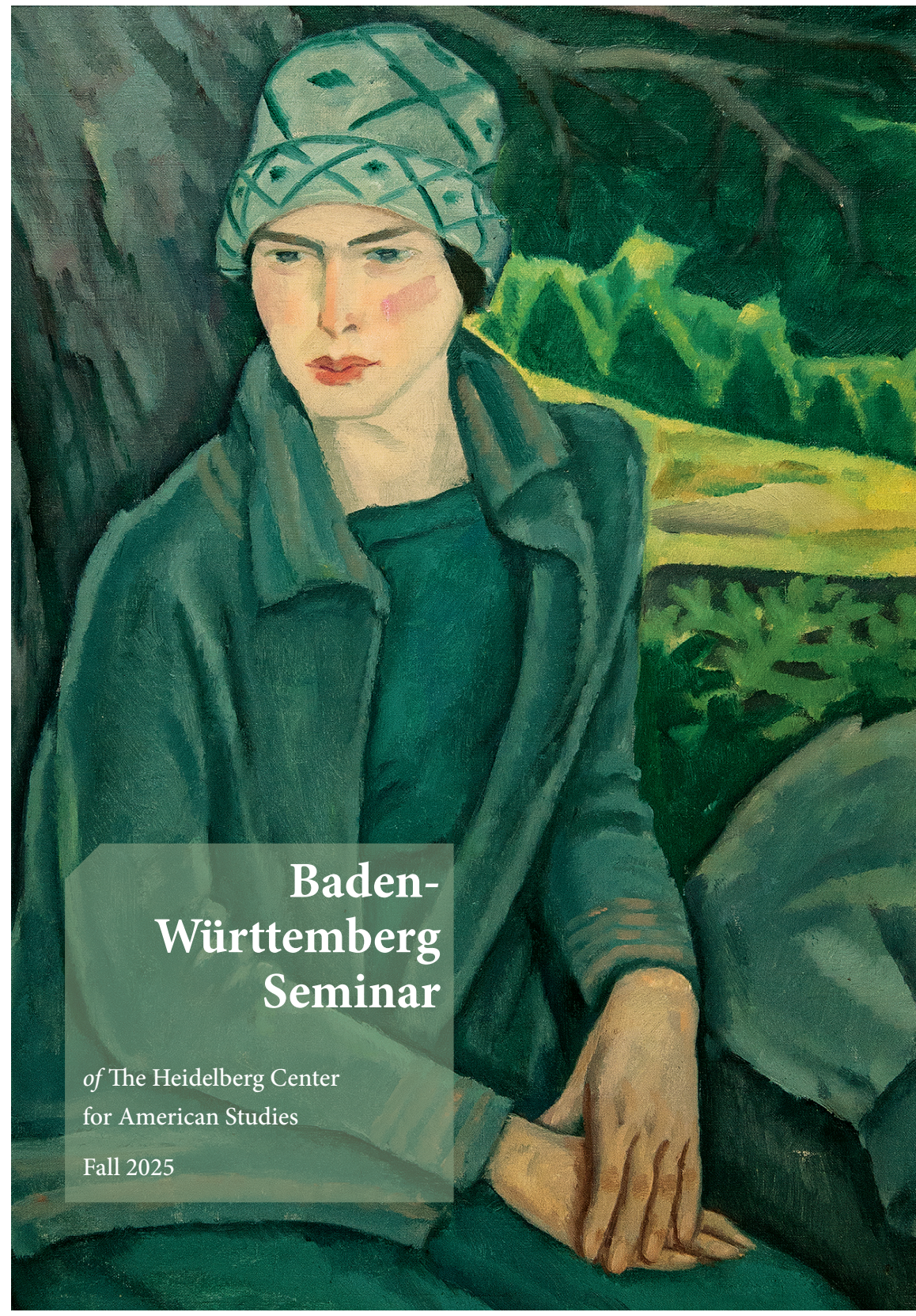


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October

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:15 P.M.

The Fate of Contested States in Transactional International Relations

Gëzim Visoka, Associate Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Dublin City University
In cooperation with GKAT

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November

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 6:15 P.M.

Indebted Citizens and the Political Development of Private Debt Relief in America

Chloe Thurston, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, and American Political Economy Fellow, The American Academy in Berlin
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:15 P.M.

Miami in the Anthropocene – Urban Resilience, Environmental Change, and Transforming Spaces of Inhabitation

Stephanie Wakefield, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Design, Florida Atlantic University
In cooperation with the SFB "Heimaten," Heidelberg University

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December

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:15 P.M.

Facism in the United States – Reflections on the 1930s

William Hitchcock, James Madison Professor of History, University of Virginia, and Mercedes-Benz Fellow, The American Academy in Berlin

This event is part of the series "The US and the Holocaust"

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January

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 6:15 P.M.

Around the World with Arthur Brown – Missionary Diplomacy at the Turn of the 20th Century

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Professor of History, Michigan State University
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 6:15 P.M.

Friend or Foe? The US Supreme Court and American Democracy

Emma Long, Associate Professor in American History and Politics, The University of East Anglia

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February

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:15 P.M.

The American Revolution in a Series of Paintings

Patrick Griffin, Madden-Hennebry Family Professor of History, University of Notre Dame
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