

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Panel 4:

Crossing Boundaries of Space, Body, and Genre

Chair: Nathalie Rennhack (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

Affective Boundaries: Death, Trauma, and Digital Space in the fiction of Ben Lerner and Jennifer Egan

Wesley E. Moore (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)

“Mattered Being“

Franziska Wolf (Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf)

**“Motor Forces of Revolt.” John Berryman Reading
Affect in Keats’s Letters**

Franz Liebster (Universität Tübingen)

**A Soul’s release: Elizabeth Bishop and Loren
Maclver –friendship, anxiety, and emotional
correspondence**

Susen Halank (University of Bamberg)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Panel 5:

**Queering Affect: Exploring Emotional Landscapes in
Queer Studies**

Chair: Shiwon Xu (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

**Desire and Intimacy During Doomsday: Indiqueer
& 2Spirit Apocalypses in *Love After the End* (2020)**

Corina Wieser-Cox (Universität Bremen)

**Beyond Hero and Heroine: Queering the Popular
Romance Novel Protagonist**

Johanna Kluger (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-
Universität Bonn) (online)

**Affecting from the Margins: Politics of Trauma
Disclosure in Queer Manifesto Memoirs**

Laura Handl (TU Dresden)

18:00

Conference Wrap-Up

From 20:00

Final Get-Together in Hannover

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09.-11. /November / 2023
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Conti Campus,
Königsworther Platz 1, Niedersachsensaal
(Gebäude 1501)

Wednesday, Nov. 08, 2023

📍 Cafe T (building 1502)

17:00 – 19:00

Roundtable discussion

with Anne Potjans, Ilka Brasch, and Felix Brinker

from 19:40

dinner and drinks

📍 Spandau, Engelbosteler Damm 30 (self pay)

Thursday, Nov. 09, 2023

📍 Niedersachsensaal (building 1501)

13:30 – 14:30

Registration

14:30 – 15:00

Conference Opening

Welcome Address:

Prof. Dr. Ruth Mayer

(Chair of American Studies, President of the DGfA),

Prof. Dr. Kathleen Loock

(Chair of American Studies),

Dr. Abigail Fagan Introduction:

Stefan Dierkes, Katerina Steffan, Loujain Youssef

15:00 – 16:30

Panel 1:

Centering Marginalized Voices in Affect Studies

Chair: Philipp Kemeter (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

“Memory is a river and now it is unbound:” Trauma, Kinship, and Spaces of Belonging in Solomon’s Afrofuturist Underwater Utopia *The Deep*” (2019)

Natalie Erkel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Affective Worldmaking and Counterpublic(s): Afrofuturism and Planetary Posthuman Critique in NK Jemisin’s *The City We Became*

Arunima Kundu (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Abandoned Shame in *A History of My Brief Body*

Can Aydin (TU Dresden)

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 19:00

Conference Keynote and Q&A: Anne Potjans, *The Sound of Anger: Black Feminist Frequencies*

(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

19:00 – 20:30

Reception with Dinner & Drinks

Friday, Nov. 10, 2023

📍 Niedersachsensaal (building 1501)

08:00 – 08:45

Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 13:00

Excursion to Kestnergesellschaft

(Samson Young “Situated Listening” and Rebecca Ackroyd “Period Drama”)

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch at Mensa Conti Campus (self pay)

15:00 – 17:00

Workshop: Affective Spaces: the Museum

17:00 – 17:30

Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:00

Panel 2:

(Em)bodied Affects

Chair: Yining Zhang (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

Animated Bodies: The Worker’s Body as a Space of Affect in *Sorry to Bother You*

Maria Menzel (University of Amsterdam)

“Except for this Hysteria, She’s the Perfect Wife.”

Women and Medicalization in *An Inconvenient Wife*

Nina Marie Voigt (Universität Heidelberg)

Fat Life Writing as an Affective Call for Action

Judith Schreier (Humboldt Universität Berlin)

Claiming the Abortion Narrative: Trajectories of Feminism in Glennon Doyle’s Writing

Nadine Walter (Universität Rostock)

from 19:30

Reception with Dinner & Drinks

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023

📍 Niedersachsensaal (building 1501)

08:30 – 09:00

Coffee

09:00 – 10:30

Panel 3:

Exploring the Emotional Landscape

Chair: Sahar Al Kharsa (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

“This dream of water – what does it harbor?” Agha Shahid Ali’s Affective Re-Mapping of the Americas

Julia Machtenberg (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Perceptions of Space: The Effect of Socio-Political Geography on Foreign Policy in the Pacific

Sandra Meerwein (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität)

“A Vast and Howling Wilderness”: Otherness in the Early American Landscape

Phillip Grider (Universität Göttingen)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

PGF Meeting

(u.a. Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, COPAS)