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'Harlem in Germany': Race, Migration, and the American Analogy in the Federal Republic

As West Germans discussed "difference" after 1945, they sought out a self-consciously "Western" and liberal way to discuss the topic. This talk, available on Zoom and organized by the GHI Washington and UC Berkeley, examines different examples of how US social science on race shaped policies on migration in West Germany, including how invoking "Harlem" as a racialized space shaped urban housing policy for migrants in Germany, and how theories of child development borrowed from US social science were used to justify new restrictions on child migration.

The presentation will be given by **Lauren Stokes**, Assistant Professor of History at Northwestern University and author of *Fear of the Family: Guest Workers and Family Migration in the Federal Republic of Germany* (Oxford, 2022).

Tuesday, September 12, 8:00pm EST
[Click here to register.](#)

Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein 151st Annual Labor Day Volksfest

This month the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein hosts its annual three-day folk fest of German music, dance, food, and more! Includes performances by Don Bitterlich, MountainXpress, Die Heimatklaenge, Altweibermuehle "The True Fountain of Youth," and GTV Almrausch. And don't miss the iconic three-story tall 'fruit column'!

\$10 for one day, \$20 for a three-day pass. September 2nd-4th. Opens at noon every day. Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road. [Click here for more information.](#)

September 2023 Events

9 Buchclub: *Berlin Alexanderplatz* by Alfred Döblin, 1:30pm

10 "Wister and More!" presents Trio Montage, 3:00pm

13 Konversationsabend: "Mit Hanns Eisler unter dem Arm am Grabe von Elvis Presley – Eine musikalische Pilgerfahrt durch die USA", 6:00pm

15 Friday Film Fest: *Im Westen nichts Neues*, 6:30pm

19 Zoom Lecture by Julia Lange: "Identity Trouble: German American Politics of Memory and the Holocaust", 6:00pm

Oktoberfest Celebrations in the Delaware Valley Region

Looking for an Oktoberfest celebration to attend this season? Check out the links below for a few local fests!

- Sept. 9 - [Vereinigung Erzgebirge Oktoberfest](#) (Warminster)
- Sept. 15-17 - [Lancaster Liederkrantz Oktoberfest](#) (Manheim)
- Sept. 16 - [15th Annual South Street Oktoberfest](#) (Philadelphia)
- Sept. 23 - [6th Annual Oktoberfest on the Square](#) (Haddon Township, NJ)
- Sept. 27-Oct. 1 - [Reading Liederkrantz Oktoberfest](#) (Reading)
- Oct. 7 - [Oktoberfest Main Line](#) (Paoli)
- Oct. 7 - [Roxtoberfest](#) (Roxborough)
- Oct. 13-14 - [5th Annual Armory Oktoberfest](#) (Philadelphia)