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European Studies Faculty Lunch

GERMANY AFTER THE ELECTION:  
A NEW GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY?

Jörg Himmelreich  
Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund  
Washington, D.C.

Monday, October 3  
12:00-1:30 PM  
ERC Admin Bldg, IICAS Seminar Room 115

Jörg Himmelreich is a transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund. He is examining U.S., EU, and Russian policy toward the Caucasus and opportunities for U.S.-European cooperation in the region. He comes to GMF from the German Foreign Office where he served as a policy planner in 2004. In that capacity, he analyzed political developments in Russia, the Black Sea Region, the Caucasus, and Ukraine and developed proposals for German and EU policies toward these regions. In the year prior, Himmelreich worked with the DaimlerChrysler Board of Management, where he focused on political and economic relations in Russia, Central Asia and Eastern Europe and convened meetings of heads of state from these areas. He previously served as director of investment banking for media and communications for the London office of European commercial bank WestLB, having established and directed the bank's Moscow subsidiary from 1996 to 2000. Himmelreich has also held appointments as head of privatization of the construction industry at the Federal German Trust Agency, as a junior professor at the Institute for Public Law at the Free University of Berlin, and as an assistant to the Berlin Court of Appeals.

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Fall 2005 UCSD Language Conversation Tables Kickoff Week

All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to the UCSD Language Conversation Tables. This quarter 24 different languages are available. The Conversation Tables bring together native speakers and language learners in an informal setting to provide an opportunity to converse in a foreign language. They are a great way for language learners to bring alive a foreign language and to meet native speakers. Individuals who would just like to learn a few words in the foreign language are welcome too. For native speakers this is a fabulous opportunity to encourage understanding of your culture and language and to get to know new people. Better yet, there is no pressure since the get togethers are completely casual. All are welcome (including all levels of language experience).

Meetings take place in Café Ventanas (the ERC Dining Hall next to RIMAC).

WEEKLY TABLES (Weeks 2-10. No tables on university holidays)

ARABIC -- Fridays, 5 pm  
CANTONESE -- Tuesdays, 6 pm  
FRENCH -- Wednesdays, 3:30 pm  
GERMAN -- Fridays, 4 pm  
HEBREW -- Thursdays, 12:30 pm  
HINDI -- Mondays, 5:30pm  
ITALIAN -- Fridays, 1 pm  
JAPANESE -- Fridays, 5 pm  
KOREAN -- Wednesdays, 5 pm  
MANDARIN -- Thursdays, 4:30 pm

PORTUGUESE -- Thursdays, 2:30 pm  
ROMANIAN - Fridays, 2 pm  
RUSSIAN -- Fridays, 4 pm  
SPANISH -- Tuesdays, 4pm

SPECIAL TABLES

The following languages will meet only on Fri. Oct. 14 and Fri. Nov. 18

ASL (American Sign Language) -- 6 pm  
CATALAN -- 12pm  
DUTCH -- 12 pm  
FARSI (Persian) -- 4 pm  
PUNJABI -- 2 pm  
SERBIAN/CROATIAN/BOSNIAN -- 2pm  
SWEDISH -- 3 pm  
THAI - 6 pm  
URDU -- 6 pm  
VIETNAMESE -- 2pm

For more information, please contact International House [ihouse@ucsd.edu](mailto:ihouse@ucsd.edu). If you would like to download a flyer, go to <http://ihouse.ucsd.edu/F05LCTflyer.pdf>.

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IICAS Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 5  
12:00-1:30 PM  
ERC Admin Bldg, IICAS Seminar Room 115

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UCSD Department of Judaic Studies Lecture Series

"LOCATING NAZI EVIL: THE CONTRASTING VISIONS OF GERSHORN SCHOLEM, HANNAH ARENDT AND VICTOR KLEMPERER "

Steven Aschheim  
Visiting Scholar  
Hebrew University

Thursday, October 6  
3:30 PM  
Galbraith Conference Room, Humanities and Social Sciences Building, 4th Floor

Free and open to the public, students are welcome to attend

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"Workshop on Language Ideology and Change in Multilingual Communities"

LANGUAGE, AUTHENTICITY AND COMMODIFICATION IN THE GLOBALIZED NEW ECONOMY

Monica Heller  
Professor  
University of Toronto (Canada)

Friday, October 21  
2:30 PM  
Social Science Building 107

Many linguistic minorities have shifted in the last few years from producing political discourses appealing to rights within State structures, to economic discourses focused on the "added value" of minority languages (although universalizing discourses of human rights are also of increasing importance). This Talk will focus on one example of such a shift, based on fieldwork in francophone Canada, showing how changing political economic conditions (in particular, a shift to the globalized tertiary-sector new economy) are linked to new practices, new legitimizing discourses, and struggles over how to define who counts as a francophone, what counts as bilingualism, and what counts as French, as well as over who gets to decide. These struggles involve the commodification of language and of authenticity, and debates over the role of both in the legitimizing of different positions in the emergent discursive struggle.

Monica Heller is Professor in the Department of Sociology and Equity Studies and the Centre de recherches en éducation franco-ontarienne of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto (Canada). Her research analyzes the construction of social difference and social inequality, with a focus on francophone Canada and its transformations under current conditions of social change.

There will be a reception to follow at 4:00 in SSB 269 (Spiro Library)  
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