



Conference (September 20 - 26, 2012)

**Structures and Processes of Commemorating
Cruelties in Academe and History Teaching:
The commemoration of the Transatlantic
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History as an academic discipline as well as a subject in schools does not only deal with the past, but also with its presentation and commemoration in nowadays culture. "History Culture" and "Memorial Culture" have become a field of research and of didactical discussion and of teaching within the last decades.

In Ghana and Germany memorial places have been institutionalised at "authentic" places which can be identified as "victims'" and "perpetrators'" places. They are at the same time "central" for the past events as well as distant from today's everyday life in both societies. In Germany this holds true for most of the concentration camp memorials, in Ghana the slave fort memorials mark this type of central but distant memorials. In both countries we can also find decentralized places of commemorating and remembering, like the memorials along the slave routes as well as *Stolpersteine* (the stumbling stones). Commemorating and teaching/learning at these places require some traveling. This means dissociating from the normal schedule of school teaching and opening possibilities for specific motivation and visual insights.

Against this background, the Department for History Didactics at Hamburg University takes - together with University of Education Winneba, Academy of Mission at Hamburg University and Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial - the initiative for organising a conference for historians and history teachers, architects, artists, educationalists, social scientists, theologians as well as professionals engaged in teaching and learning at memorial sites. The conference is a first joint effort to compare Ghanaian and German memorial cultures and their didactics. Within this conference, specialists both on the history of the commemorated history and on commemorations as well as on their integration and shaping in teaching processes in schools and outside are invited to a) present the structures, developments, open questions and perspectives of their own country's resp. their culture's memorial culture, and b) to discuss questions/topics and new insights which may be derived from comparison.

Day 1

Thursday, 20 of September 2012

Place: **Hamburg University, Von-Melle-Park 6, Lecture Hall G, 20146 Hamburg**

10.00-10.15 Welcome by the Dean of the Faculty for Education, Psychology and Human Movement, by Prof. Dr. Eva Arnold

10.15-10.30 Welcome by the Head of Department for History Didactics, by Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber

Section I: Memory Cultures

10.30-10.40 Introduction, by Jan Breitenstein (Hamburg University)

10.40-11.00 *Historical Remembering and Learning at Memorials in Ghana*, by Prof. Dr. (em.) Kofi Darkwah (University of Education, Winneba)

11.00-11.20 *Historical Remembering and Learning at Memorials in Germany*, by Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber (Hamburg University)

11.20-11.40 Discussion

Coffee

Section II: Believing and Remembering

12.15-12.25 Introduction, by Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber

12.25-12.45 *Religion and Slavery in Ghana*, by Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Amoah (University of Ghana, Legon)

12.45-13.05 *Theology after Auschwitz: Where is god? - Experiences and reflections of African migrant pastors in Neuengamme*, by Prof. Dr. Werner Kahl (Academy of Mission at Hamburg University)

13.05-13.25 Discussion

Lunch

14.40-15.55 Campus-Tour: *Decentralized Remembering of the Crimes of National Socialism*, by Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber

Coffee

Section III: Remembering the Crimes of the Slave Trade in Ghana

16.30-16.40 Introduction, by Prof. Dr. (em.) Kofi Darkwah

16.40-17.25 *Slavery in Ghana: The Unforgotten Past*, by Dr. Akosua Perbi (University of Ghana, Legon)

17.25-17.55 Discussion

Dinner

Day 2

Friday, 21 of September 2012

Place: **Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial**
Jean-Dolidier-Weg 75, 21039 Hamburg

10.00-10.15 Welcome by the Head of Study Centre, by Dr. Oliver von Wrochem
(Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

10.15-12.15 Guided Tour, by Ulrike Jensen and Marco Kühnert
(Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

Lunch

Section IV: Historical Learning at Memorials

13.45-13.55 Introduction, by Ulrike Jensen
(Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

13.55-14.15 *Neuengamme as a Memorial and Place for Historical Learning*,
by Dr. Oliver von Wrochem (Neuengamme Concentration
Camp Memorial)

Short break/ Refreshment

14.25-15.10 *Cape Coast Castle as a Memorial and Place for Historical Learning*,
by Nicholas Ivor (Cape Coast Castle Memorial)

15.10-15.50 Discussion

Coffee

16.25-17.25 Discussion: *Memorial Sites as Tools and Subjects of Historical Learning*,
moderated by Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber

17.30-17.45 Introduction to Section V: *Hamburg and the Transatlantic Slave Trade:
A Forgotten Topic?* by Jens Huckeriede (film maker, Hamburg)

Dinner

Day 3

Saturday, 22 of September 2012

Place I: **Wandsbek Markt, at the corner of Schlossstrasse/
Wandsbeker Markstrasse, 22041 Hamburg**

Place II: **Hamburg University, Von-Melle-Park 8,
Anna-Siemsen Lecture Hall, 20146 Hamburg**

Section V: Hamburg and the Transatlantic Slave Trade: A Forgotten Topic?

- 10.00-12.00** *Wandsbek World White Revisited*, performative guided tour with HMJokinen (visual artist, Hamburg)
- Travelling to Hamburg University
- Lunch
- 14.00-14.20** *There were many Schimmelmans: Hamburg's and Central Europe's Links with the Atlantic Slave Trade and Plantation Economies, 16th to the 19th Centuries*, by Prof. Dr. Klaus Weber (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder)
- 14.20-14.40** *Performative Commemorating and Fluid Remembering of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Impulse or Framework for (process-oriented) Historical Learning?*, by Jan Breitenstein (Hamburg University)
- 14.40-15.20** Discussion
- Coffee

Section VI: Human Rights Education and Historical Learning

- 15.50-16.00** Introduction, by Prof. Dr. Werner Kahl
- 16.00-16.30** *Violations of Childhood through Enslavement of Children in West Africa: Past, Present and the Future*, by Dr. Yaw Ofusu-Kusi (University of Education, Winneba)
- Short break/ Refreshment
- 16.40-17.10** *„Transatlantic Slave Trade" and „German/ European Holocaust" as Master Narratives – Education in between Commemoration of Genocides and Necessity of Human Rights*, by Prof. Dr. (em.) Bodo von Borries (Hamburg University)
- 17.10-17.50** Discussion
- Dinner

Day 4

Sunday, 23 of September 2012

„One day off“

(Optional)

- 13.30-15.30** Sunday Service at African Christian Church,
with Pastor Peter Sorie Mansaray (Pastor for pastoral Care
for Africans in Hamburg). Erlöserkirche in Hamburg-Borgfelde,
Jungestrasse 7, 20535 Hamburg
- 15.30-17.00** Coffee with the African Christian Church Community at Cafe Mandela

Dinner

Day 5

Monday, 24 of September 2012

Place I: **Academy of Mission, Rupertistrasse 67, 22609 Hamburg**

Place II: **Hamburg University, Von-Melle-Park 8
Anna-Siemsen Lecture Hall, 20146 Hamburg**

- 10.00-10.15** Welcome by the Head of Study: Prof. Dr. Werner Kahl

Section VII: Historical Learning in Diverse Societies

- 10.15-10.25** Introduction by Prof. Dr. (em.) Bodo von Borries
- 10.25-10.45** *The relevance of societal diversity for Inter ethnic
(history) Teaching in Ghana*, by Dr. Felix Duodu
(University of Education, Winneba)
- 10.45-11.05** *Competence oriented historical learning as intercultural
learning – experiences from the TeacMem project*,
by Dr. Claudia Lenz (European Wergeland Centre, Oslo)
- 11.05-11.35** Discussion

Coffee

Section VIII a: Teaching Historical Learning

- 12.00-12.10** Introduction, by Jan Breitenstein
- 12.10-12.40** *Changing Historical Learning in Schools and its
implications for Teaching about Slavery and National
Socialism*, by Joke van der Leeuw-Roord (Euroclio, The-Hague)
- 12.40-13.00** Discussion

Lunch

Section VIII b: Teaching Historical Learning

- 14.00-14.20** *Slave Trade and its Commemoration as a Topic for Historical Learning in Ghana*, by Emmanuel Koomson (Africa Christian Mission A.C.M. Junior High School, Winneba)
- 14.20-14.40** *National Socialism and its Commemoration as a Topic for Historical Learning in Germany*, by Hildegard Wacker (Hamburg University)
- 14.40-15.00** Discussion
- Coffee

Section IX: Review, Discussion and Outlook

15.30-16.30 Workshops

- 1) *History and its Didactics* (Prof. Dr. (em.) Kofi Darkwah and Prof. Dr. (em.) Bodo von Borries)
- 2) *Memory Cultures* (Nicholas Ivor and Ulrike Jensen)
- 3) *Religious (and Historical) Learning* (Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Amoah and Prof. Dr. Werner Kahl)
- 4) *Historical Learning in Schools* (Emmanuel Koomson, Joke van der Leeuw-Roord and Hildegard Wacker)

Dinner and refreshments

18.00 Traveling to Hamburg University

Podium

19.00-21.00 *Remembering Crimes against Humanity – Challenges and Chances for Historical Learning in a Globalized Society*

Guests:

Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Amoah

Prof. Dr. (em.) Kofi Darkwah

Ulrike Jensen

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber

(End of the Conference)

(Optional) Additional Program

Tuesday, 25 of September 2012

Place I: **Hamburger Kunsthalle (Gallery of Art),
Glockengießerwall, 20095 Hamburg**
Place II: **Underground Station „Baumwall“, Hamburg**
Place III: **Tropical Point, Paul-Neumann-Platz 1, 22765 Hamburg**

- 10.30-12.30** Kunsthalle Hamburg (Gallery of Art) – *Eurocentrism, Provincialism and/or Cosmopolitanism of a Museum's Exhibition?*, by Prof. Dr. (em.) Bodo von Borries
Lunch
- 14.00-18.00** Postcolonial Sightseeing Tour I: *From the Harbour to the Bismarck Statue*, by Jan Breitenstein
(including a Boat Trip on the river Elbe and a Tea Time)
- 18.30** Dinner at Tropical Point (Ghanaian restaurant)

Wednesday, 26 of September 2012

Place I: **Hamburg University, Von-Melle-Park 8, R 416, 20146 Hamburg**
Place II: **Hamburg Town Hall, Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg**
Place III: **Erlöserkirche in Hamburg-Borgfelde, Jungestrasse 7, 20535 Hamburg**

- 10.30-13.00** Individual Research Exchange at Hamburg University
Lunch
- 14.30-17.00** Postcolonial Sightseeing Tour II:
From the Town Hall to the Harbour, by Hildegard Wacker
Dinner
- 19.00** Public Concert *All one People* at Erlöserkirche:
Favelado and Band
ToGaDe (Werner Kahl and Nick Elorm)

**If you are interested in participating in the conference as a guest auditor, please contact Mrs. Lilian Merle Naumann
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until 30 of August 2012**

If you like to, you can participate in specific sections without joining the whole conference.

Traveling, food, drinks and accomodation for guest auditors can be arranged against payment.

**For further questions, please contact the coordinator of the conference
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Sankofa bird, Ghanaian Adinkra symbol of remembrance
(graphic after a calabash stamp: HMJokinen)

first row left: hand dug bowls for food at the Pikworo Slave Market in Paga, Ghana (photo: Jan Breitenstein)

first row right: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial near Hamburg (photo: Neuengamme Concentration Camp)

second row left: lorries at reconstructed clay pits at Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial (photo: Prof. Dr. Andreas Körber)

second row right: silhouette of the missing Schimmelmann bust 2008 in Hamburg-Wandsbek (graphic: HMJokinen)

third row left: entrance to a dungeon in the slave fort Cape Coast Castle, Ghana (photo: HMJokinen)

third row right: *Stumbling Stone* Memorial for Dr. Joseph Carlebach (1883-1942). Joseph Carlebach was deported by the National Socialists and murdered near the concentration camp Jungfernhof in Riga. (photo: Jan Breitenstein)