Call for Papers

The 2010 Postgraduate Forum organizers at American Studies Leipzig call for submissions to this year's annual conference.

The Postgraduate Forum (PGF) of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien (DGfA) is a venue for all young scholars working in American Studies who have completed their MA (or equivalent) to discuss their work and meet their peers. The 2010 PGF will be hosted by American Studies Leipzig from 5-7 November, 2010. During this three-day conference, young scholars in the field can present their current research – such as doctoral work, essay projects, or Habilitationsschriften – as work in progress and debate it with the group. There is no topical restriction. Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes in order to enable a discussion afterwards.

We invite you to submit an abstract of 200-300 words by 29 August, 2010. Additionally, please include in your proposal a brief biographical statement speaking to your academic background, your university affiliation, and the current status of your project. The DGfA has generously provided funds to assist speakers with their travel costs.

A preliminary program including information on the conference locales and possible accommodation options (hostels, hotels, couches, etc) will be available by the end of September on our website at http://americanstudies.uni-leipzig.de/pgf2010. We will also ask the speakers to send 2-page summaries of their papers by 15 October, 2010. Even if we should be unable to offer you a slot in the conference schedule, you will have the opportunity to send a short abstract of your work to be included in the reader and discussed in a condensed format during an evening session. We will send the reader with all abstracts and an e-mail list to all participants to prepare for our discussions.

Please send your proposals to pgf2010@uni-leipzig.de.

We kindly ask that all participants (presenting and non-presenting) register using our online form at americanstudies.uni-leipzig.de/pgf2010 by October 1st.