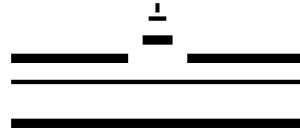




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## 2008 POSTGRADUATE FORUM OF THE GERMAN ASSOCIATION FOR AMERICAN STUDIES

Englisches Seminar, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

October 31 – November 2, 2008

### INVITATION & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Postgraduate Forum offers young scholars in American Studies a forum to present current research projects as work in progress. In 2008, the PGF will be hosted by the English Department at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster from **October 31 to November 2, 2008**. We welcome contributions from various disciplines focusing on the study of American history, culture, language, and literature.

Without altering its traditional general scope, the PGF 2008 includes a topical section on European perspectives in American Studies. We intend to hold a group discussion on a current methodological issue: the relationship between interdisciplinary and transnational exchange and rising calls for more self-conscious positionings in American Studies. While offering great potential for research initiatives in the humanities, interdisciplinary and transnational approaches demand great responsibility from the core disciplines involved. In order to avoid conflation of distinct subjects and methods, contemporary American Studies are required to reflect even more explicitly on their historically grown perspectives.

For individual presentations, please send a paper proposal including title, abstract (300 words), and a short biographical note by **August 1, 2008**. Presentations should not exceed 15-20 minutes. Presenters are encouraged to hand in short statements for the group discussion by the same date. The conference is open to a general graduate audience. We kindly ask all participants to register by **September 1, 2008**.

The final program (including abstracts, statements, and biographical notes) as well as further information on the conference will be posted on the website [www.dgfa.de/pgf](http://www.dgfa.de/pgf).

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We look forward to welcoming you in Münster!

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