

Twenty-first New Hampshire Symposium

June 21-28, 1995

World Fellowship Center

Conway, NH

Who's "We"?

The Identity Dispute in the New German States

Five Years after Unification

The 1995 New Hampshire Symposium will concern itself with East German identity, the various forms it has taken since unification, factors that influence and shape it, and the political, social, and cultural implications for the integration of the East German population into the Federal Republic and the European Union. In addition, one day of the conference will be devoted to an informational workshop on archives, research institutes, and other research resources, and to an exchange of information about present and future research projects.

Political scientists, sociologists, historians, and other social scientists, as well as Germanists and specialists in the arts and media are invited to participate. As in the past, the seminars are intended to be multi-disciplinary. Ideally, all topics will be treated from a variety of points of view, including their representation in literature and other art forms.

Papers are being solicited on the following topics:

- **Seminar I: Regional, Nation and European Identity** — Roger Woods (Dept. of German, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, GB NG7 2RD); Lothar Probst (Institut für kulturwissenschaftliche Deutschlandstudien, Universität Bremen, FB 10, Postfach 330440, D 28334 Bremen)

Historical and current issues of the East German search for identity: conflicting identities and allegiances in the *Spannungsfeld* between European Union, national unity and regional ties; molders and representatives of the various identities; consequences of identity issues for political and social behavior; the scholarly and journalistic identity debate in Germany.

- **Seminar II: Relationship to the State** — Volker Gransow (Institut für Soziologie, FU Berlin, Babelsbergerstr. 14-16, D 10715 Berlin; Thomas Koch (Berliner Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Erich-Weinert-Str. 19, D 10439 Berlin)

Varying concepts of the state and its role: citizens' expectations; allegiance to/alienation from the state (*Staatsnähe/Staatsferne*); symbols of allegiance and alienation; effects of external domination in political and economic affairs; political participation; old and new elites.

- **Seminar III: Economic Identity** — Mike Dennis (School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Wolverhampton, Castle View, Dudley GB DY1 3HR); Jörg Roesler (Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, 18 Madison Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2S1)

Economic issues affecting identity: *Aufschwung Ost*; ecological *Alllasten*; regional deindustrialization; branchplant economy; (un)employment; imported entrepreneurial culture; economic situation of East German "Mittelstand"; East German goods versus West German goods; relationship to DM; commuting from East to West.

- **Seminar IV: Social Identity** — Michael Hofmann (Sonderforschungsbereich 333, Universität Leipzig, Otto-Schill-Str. 1, D 04109 Leipzig); Rainer Geißler (FB 1, Soziologie, Univ.-GHS Siegen, D 57068 Siegen)

Identity in a multi-cultural society—the jump from the socialist “Menschengemeinschaft” to a multi-cultural society; collective identity construction; milieus; women; family; the unemployed; older generations; youth; generational and gender differences.

- **Seminar V: Identity-building Institutions** — Margy Gerber (Institut für Anglistik, Universität Salzburg, Akademiestr. 24, A 5020 Salzburg); Klaus Michael (Lychener Straße 6, D 10437 Berlin)

The impact on identity of social and cultural institutions and phenomena such as the media, language, education, religion, sports, public debate, advertising, *Alltagskultur*.

- **Seminar VI: Literary and Cultural Identity** — Christine Zehl Romero (Department of German, Russian and Asian Languages, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155); Nancy A. Lauckner (Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996)

Literature and the arts as expression and source of identity; new literary and artistic definitions of East German identity; generational differences in cultural identity; current state of literary/artistic debate in the East.

- **Workshop: Archives, Research Institutes, and Other Research Resources** — Margy Gerber (Seminar V); Ulrich Meyszies (Germanistisches Institut, Universität Halle-Wittenberg, D 06099 Halle)

Informational session on archives and other research resources on the GDR and the new German states such as new professional journals and data bases: research institutes; exchange of information on present and planned research projects.

Papers may be given in either German or English. All participants are required to provide a summary of their paper in the second language. Papers should not exceed 30 minutes. Detailed proposals (title plus 1-2 pages) must be submitted to the appropriate seminar organizers—one copy to each—by **December 12, 1994**. Completed papers are due **April 15, 1995**.

For more information on the program, contact Margy Gerber (Seminar V, fax 43 662 8044 613). For information about the Symposium location, travel arrangements, and conference registration, contact W. Christoph Schmauch, World Fellowship Center, Conway, NH 03818 (tel 603-356-5208, fax 603-356-5252).

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee, Room & Board for the whole week, all inclusive:

\$340.00 double occupancy/\$50 surcharge for single.*

Children under 12--\$100 for the week.

Students to age 21--\$160 for the week.

(In order to encourage participants to stay for the whole symposium, part-time participants will be charged a \$50 registration fee and a \$50 daily rate, which includes 3 meals and on over-night.)

*Full-time and part-time participants will be entitled to a copy of Volume 14/15 of *Studies in GDR Culture and Society*.