

Essayistik weit hinter der Komplexität ihrer fiktionalen Texte zurück. *Kassandra* macht vieles über die Ambivalenz der Liebe sichtbar.

Die in vorliegendem Band zusammengestellten Texte werden von Wolf als Denkanregungen, nicht als Denkvorschriften präsentiert. Sie spricht selbst von tastenden, keineswegs gesicherten Überlegungen. Einiges wird absichtlich nicht zu Ende gedacht. Wie sieht die Neudefinition der "Alternative Sozialismus" nach der Wende aus? Wie läßt sich die Geschichte aus einer anderen Perspektive als der der Sieger der Geschichte denken? Was macht aus einem Vaterland ein Mutterland? Besonders bei solchen Fragen fühlt man als Leser die Notwendigkeit, den Dialog mit dieser Autorin fortzusetzen.

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VISITING LECTURERS

Dr. Klaus Hammer, *Dozent für deutsche Literatur an der Technischen Universität Dresden* and longtime director of the *Internationaler Hochschulferienkurs für Germanistik* in Weimar, will be visiting various U.S. institutions during the course of an October/November 1990 lecture tour. Dates, institutions, and lecture topics are as follows:

Mon., 29 October - Tues., 30 October: SUNY, Stony Brook; "Die DDR Prosa der 80er Jahre--Rückblick und Ausblick"
Tues., 30 October - Thur., 1 November: Bard College; "Frauen schreiben über Frauen in der DDR-Literatur"
Thur., 1 November - Sat., 3 November: University of Massachusetts; Topic to be announced
Sat., 3 November - Wed., 7 November: Slippery Rock University; Topic to be announced
Wed., 7 November - Sat., 10 November: University of Mississippi; Topic to be announced
Sat., 10 November - Tues., 13 November: Michigan State University; "Der Dramatiker und Erzähler Christoph Hein"
Tues., 13 November - Fri., 16 November: The University of the South; "Tendenzen der DDR Literatur"

Eva Kaufmann, Helga Königsdorf, Angela Krauß, and Waldtraut Lewin, guests at the 18-21 October 1990 Women in German Conference in Minnesota, will be traveling for the purpose of various speaking engagements throughout the latter part of October and early November.

The four guests have been analysts of the status of women in the GDR as well as actors in the movement for social change.

The following dates are set (for more information, see **CONFERENCES**):

22-23 October: University of Minnesota; Carleton College
24-25 October: University of Wisconsin-Madison
27-28 October: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
2-4 November: Königsdorf and Kaufmann at the AATG meeting at Dartmouth

Daniela Dahn will spend the Spring Semester 1991 at Lafayette College in Easton, PA as an artist in residence. She will be available for lecture readings. If interested, please write to Rado Pribic at Lafayette College (18042).

Joochen Laabs will be the writer in residence at the University of Northern Iowa during the spring semester 1991. For more information about Laabs, see the interview in this issue.

CONFERENCES

Women in German Conference. Fifteenth Annual WIG Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 18-21 October 1990.

The conference will focus on the GDR; special guests include Eva Kaufmann, Helga Königsdorf, Angela Krauß and Waldtraut Lewin. Special Event: "A Jewish-German Dialogue." This session will provide an opportunity for discussion among WIG members of various backgrounds concerning their experiences dealing with Jewish-German relations today on a personal and/or professional level in the FRG, GDR, Austria, Israel, and the USA. For more program information, contact Tineke Ritmeester, Institute for Women's Studies, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN 55812. Tel. (218) 726-6224.

Women Writing in East Germany. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 24-25 October 1990.

Speakers: Eva Kaufmann, Helga Königsdorf, Angela Krauß, and Waldtraut Lewin from the GDR, and U.S. scholars Thomas Fox, Sara Lennox, and Patricia Herminghouse. For further information, write to GDR WOMEN WRITERS, Department of German, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 8181 Van Hise Hall, WI 53706.

"Gegenwartsbewältigung: Coming To Terms With The Present." A Symposium on Germany. University of Michigan, 25-27 October 1990.

A symposium to investigate how current events in Germany affect scholars, writers, and the intellectual community.

Speakers: Holger Teschke, Joyce Mushaben, Ute Brandes, Helen Fehervary, Thomas Fox, Angela Krauß, Waldtraut Lewin, Jonathan Kalb, Henry Schmidt, Marc Silberman, Barton Byg, Philip McKnight, Birgit Teschke, Deborah Janson, Marilyn Rueschemeyer, Peter Rossman, Ulrike Poppe, Siggi Schefke, Christoph Tannert, Peter Schneider, Helga Königsdorf, Eva Kaufmann, Andrei Markovits, David Bathrick, Patricia Herminghouse, Tim Ryback, Christiane Zehl Romero. For further information, contact Marilyn Fries, German Department, University of Michigan, 3110 Modern Language Building, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1275. Tel. (313) 747-0406.

Seventeenth New Hampshire Symposium on the German Democratic Republic. World Fellowship Center, Conway, NH, 20-27 June 1991.

The theme of the 1991 conference will be "The GDR in the Process of Integration." As in the past, all seminars are intended to be multi-disciplinary in nature. Papers are being solicited for the following topics:

Seminar I - The Political and Economic Integration of the GDR into the Federal Republic and the European Community - Gert-Joachim Glaeßner (FU Berlin); William Berentsen (Department of Geography, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06247)

Seminar II - Political Life and Civil Society in the Period of Transition: Description and Evaluation of their Development - Volker Gransow (Institut für Soziologie, FU Berlin, Babelsberger Str. 14-16, 1000 Berlin 31); Uwe-Jens Heuer (Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin)

Seminar III - Social Issues in Transition: Situation of Women, Employment, Youth and Education, Psychological Adjustment, Identity, etc. - Barbara Kienbaum (Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN 46323); Hildegard Nickel (Humboldt Universität, Berlin)

Seminar IV - The GDR's Coming to Terms with its Past: New