

embattled heavens

the militarization of space in science, fiction, and politics

10–12 April 2014 | Henry Ford Building | Berlin

program

wednesday, 9 April 2014

19:00 Pre-conference Dinner at Restaurant “Alter Krug”

thursday, 10 april 2014

9:00 Registration

10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

ALEXANDER C.T. GEPPERT, DANIEL BRANDAU, TILMANN SIEBENEICHNER (Berlin):
Heavenly Utopias and Ultimate Battlefields. The Dark Side of Global Astroculture

10:30 **Feature Presentation I:**

ALEX ROLAND (Durham):
The Cold War in Space

11:45 **Panel I: Angst**

Chair: Markus Pöhlmann (Potsdam)

CHRIS GAINOR (Sidney, CA):

The Nuclear Roots of ICBMs

GREG EGHIGIAN (Philadelphia):

Flying Saucers, America, and the Specter of War in Postwar Germany, 1946–1960

13:00 LUNCH

14:00 **Panel II: Territories**

Chair: Katie Boyce-Jacino (Baltimore)

DIERK SPREEN (Lüneburg):

Global Security and Spatial Revolution

DANILO FLORES (Berlin):

Envisioning Infiltration. Epistemic Border Disputes of Militarized Astroculture

15.15 COFFEE

15:30 **Panel III: Evolutions**

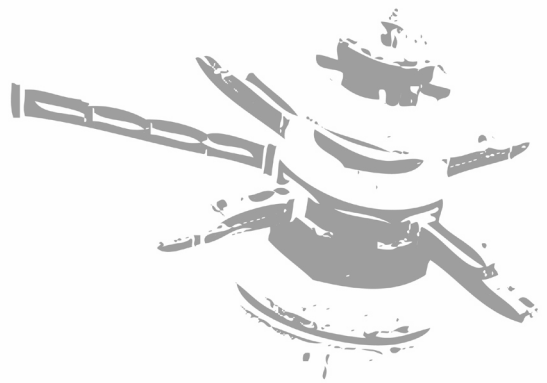
Chair: Jana Bruggmann (Berlin)

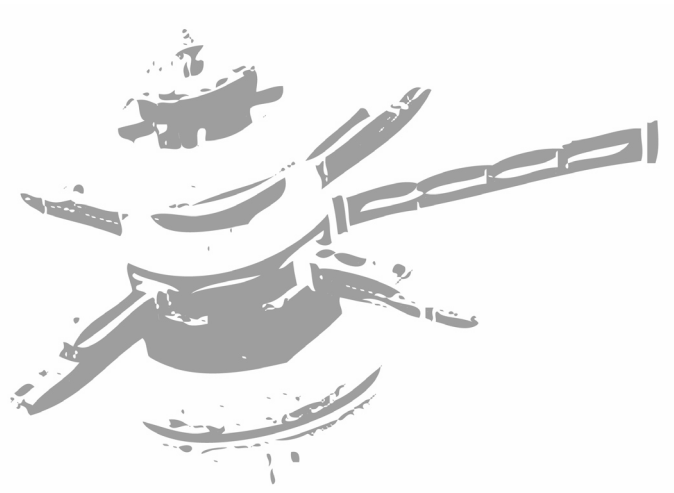
JORDAN BIMM (Toronto):

Simulating Mars in the 1950s and the Military Origins of Astrobiology

PATRICK KILIAN (Zurich):

Darwin vs. Cyborg. Cold War's Struggle for Evolutionary Fitness in Space





16.45 COFFEE

17:00 Panel IV: Plots

Chair: Natalija Majsova (Ljubljana)

JÖRG HARTMANN (Karlsruhe):

“Weltraumschiff I startet.” The Dual-Use of a Spaceflight-Science-Fiction-Film between Fact and Fiction, V-2 and Sputnik

MATTHIAS HURST (Berlin):

“Raumpatrouille – Die phantastischen Abenteuer des Raumschiffs Orion.” Defending Earth in a German Spaceship

20.00 DINNER AT RESTAURANT “LANDAUER”

friday, 11 april 2014

09.30 Feature Presentation II:

Chair: Daniel Brandau (Berlin/Mainz)

MICHAEL SHEEHAN (Swansea):

Star Wars – Mars against Venus. Strategy, Science Fiction, and Contrasting Visions of Space Security

10.30 Panel V: Infrastructures

Chair: Eva-Maria Silies (Berlin)

REGINA PELDSZUS (Darmstadt):

Architecture of Command. Dual-Use Legacy in Mission Control Centers of Civilian Space Operations

ISABELL SCHRICKEL (Lüneburg):

The Geopolitics of Space Mirrors

11.45 COFFEE

12:00 Panel VI: Domination

Chair: Tilmann Siebeneichner (Berlin)

CATHLEEN LEWIS (Washington, DC):

Space Spies in the Open. Military Space Stations and Heroic Cosmonauts after the Moon Race, 1971–1975

PAWEŁ FRELIK (Lublin):

War Play. Space Combat and Galactic Conquests in Arcade and Computer Games

13.15 LUNCH

14:00 Panel VII: Depictions

Chair: Joe Maiolo (London)

COLLEEN ANDERSON (Cambridge, MA):

The Militarization of Outer Space in East and West German Satirical Cartoons, 1957–1989

OLIVER DUNNETT (Belfast):

C. S. Lewis and the Moral Threat of Space Exploration

15.15 COFFEE

15:30 Panel VIII: Utopias

Chair: Thore Bjørnvig (Copenhagen)

SIMON SPIEGEL (Zurich):

Utopian Soldiers. Robert Heinlein’s “Starship Troopers” as a Utopian Novel

PHILIPP THEISOHN (Zurich):

The Suits of Invasion. Extra-Terrestrial Warfare and the ‘Clothing’ of the Body Politic in Twentieth-Century Fiction

20.00 DINNER AT RESTAURANT “HEUBERGER”

saturday, 12 april 2014

09.30 Panel IX: Strategies

Chair: Kai-Uwe Schrogl (Paris)

ANTHONY W. ENNS (Halifax):

Satellites and Psychics. The Militarization of Outer and Inner Space

DIETHARD SAWICKI (Paderborn):

Heating up the Ionosphere and Owning the Weather?

High Power Auroral Stimulation in Defense Scenarios and Conspiracy Theories

10.45 COFFEE

11.00 Panel X: Surveillance

Chair: Robert Poole (Preston)

PATRYK WASIAK (Wrocław):

Visual Imagery and the Public Life of Anti-Satellite Weapon Systems

PAUL E. CERUZZI (Washington, DC):

The Global Positioning System. Military Origins, Civilian Application, and the Culture of Precise Positioning

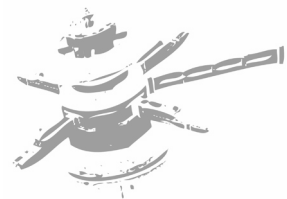
12.15 SNACK

13.00 Panel Discussion: Reconfigurations

Chair: Alexander C.T. Geppert (Berlin)

DAVID EDGERTON (London), BERND GREINER (Hamburg), MICHAEL J. NEUFELD (Washington, DC)

16.00 END



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