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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Institute of European Studies,

I am sending you our fall 2021 newsletter at a time when Europe, once again, experiences a dramatic surge in Covid cases. While we had all hoped that normality would gradually return after the start of a coordinated vaccination campaign, it now seems that more time will be needed until it will be safe again to travel to Europe.

Due to the pandemic, all our fall events here at IES had to be organized online. I am proud to present you with an overview of these activities, made with the assistance of our team of undergraduate reporters led by Alexandra Desmedt. Our Fall 2021 programming was heavily marked by the federal elections in Germany and the final term of Chancellor Angela Merkel, but we also offered many other lectures on a variety of topics relating to European politics, culture, and society. If you unfortunately missed one of our events, please check out the IES [Youtube Channel](#) where you will find a selection of our lectures.

I would also like to announce a few exciting new developments at IES. With the support of the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation and in cooperation with the Berkeley Haas Center for Responsible Business and the Scandinavian Department, IES now houses Berkeley's Nordic Center. This new Center, directed by Robert Strand as executive director and Mark Sandberg as faculty director, serves as a vibrant, interdisciplinary platform that brings together the Nordics to UC Berkeley and UC Berkeley to the

Nordics. It fosters dialogue, supports exchanges, sparks research, enables shared understandings, informs policies and practices, and further elevates the profile of and global interest in the Nordics. In addition, IES established new graduate student exchange agreements with the University of Naples (Italy) and Hasselt University (Belgium), as well as a new faculty teaching opportunity at the University of Jena (Germany).

The organization of these activities would not have been possible without the support of the US Ministry of Education Title VI Program, the DAAD, the France-Berkeley Fund, the EU Jean Monnet Program, the Austrian Marshall Foundation and BMBWF, as well as our partner organization, the Pacific Regional Office of the

German Historical Institute. I would like to thank my colleagues Gia White, Duarte Pinheiro, Akasemi Newsome, as well as Heike Friedman and Ray Savord from the German Historical Institute for their support. Special thanks go to our Program Directors, in particular Mark Bevir, Catherine Flynn, Mia Fuller, Mark Sandberg, and Larry Hyman for their assistance in the organization of events during the semester. I am also grateful to our team of Undergraduate Research Apprentice students.

We have many more online events planned for next semester and are proud to offer those to you at no charge. As always, we appreciate any support you can give to help us sustain our high quality interdisciplinary programming on Europe. To donate, please consult our [website](#) or contact me directly and I will be pleased to tell you more about the Institute's funding opportunities.

I hope you will all stay safe and, more than ever, I hope to welcome you again to one of our events at IES in the next year.

With warm regards and my very best wishes for the upcoming holidays,
Jeroen Dewulf
Director
Institute of European Studies



IN MEMORIAM



The Institute of European Studies mourns the December 10, 2021 passing of Professor Tyler Stovall, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Fordham University in New York. A distinguished and eminent scholar of French, European and Atlantic history, and past president of the American Historical Association, Professor Stovall was an engaged faculty affiliate of IES from 2001-2015 as a professor in the UC Berkeley department of history and worked closely with IES as faculty director of the France-Berkeley Fund from 2002-2005 and as interim faculty director from 2008-2010. Most recently, he gave a research presentation of his 2021 book *White Freedom: the Racial History of an Idea* at IES in 2020 as part of the campus commemoration of 400 years of resistance to slavery and segregation since 1619. His keen intellect, brilliance and warmth will be greatly missed.



IES Senior Fellow David Large

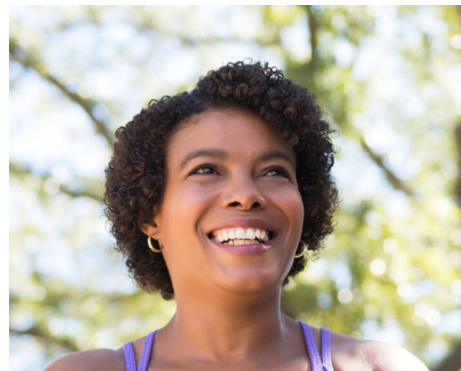
DAVID CLAY LARGE (professor at the Fromm Institute, University of San Francisco and IES Senior fellow) recently wrote a series of articles for *Foreign Policy* on the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. "Unlucky Tokyo Rolls the Olympic Dice—Again," "The Long and Infuriating History of Bad Olympic Bosses" and "The Pathological Obsession With Moving the Olympics," published in June, July, and August respectively, explore the organizational difficulties and economic impacts of the Olympics. Prof. Large highlights the particular challenge mobility plays in our modern Olympic traditions and how the global pandemic crisis exacerbates these difficulties.



IES EU Fellow Anni Hellman

IES is delighted to welcome our 2021-22 EU Fellow, ANNI HELLMAN (Deputy Head of Unit within the EU Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology). Hellman is a

mathematician and a qualified actuary and a Fellow of the Actuarial Association of Finland and holds degrees in mathematics, actuarial sciences and computer sciences. Prior to her current role, she has worked in various managerial positions in the European Commission and its agencies. In Berkeley, Hellman will return to her mathematical roots to look into the challenges of artificial intelligence in general and algorithms in particular as well as the disinformation challenge from a mathematical perspective. Hellman aims to combine her backgrounds in pure and actuarial mathematics, audit practices, and the current European legislative approach.



IES Advisory Board Member Terri Givens

IES Advisory Board Member TERRI GIVENS has been appointed to a new position at McGill University in Montreal, as special advisor to the Provost and academic lead on McGill's Action Plan to Address Anti-Black Racism. Givens also joins the McGill Department of Political Science as a Full Professor. A noted political scientist and author, Givens has published numerous essays and books on anti-discrimination legislation in the EU and far-right parties in Europe, including *Legislating Equality: The Politics of Antidiscrimination Policy in Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

and *Voting Radical Right in Western Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). Her new book, *Radical Empathy* (forthcoming 2022), draws on her own life experiences to offer practical steps to call out racism and bring about radical social change.



IES Senior Fellow Zachary Shore

IES Senior Fellow ZACHARY SHORE (Professor of History at the Naval Postgraduate School) recently published an article in *Foreign Policy*: "How America Forgot It Needed to Understand The Enemy" emphasizes the strategic importance of the social sciences in military strategy. In his historical analysis of US foreign conflicts, Shore compares US intelligence analysis during WWII and the war in Afghanistan to outline how grasping "the power of morale, the role of culture, or the reality on the ground" can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

In the Mood for Nostalgia: Hong Kong's Colonial Legacy in Transition

On September 16, 2021, IES was pleased to host CLAUDIA LILLGE (Visiting Professor from the Freie Universität Berlin) for the first lecture of the semester. Professor Lillge contextualized the anti-government protests occurring in Hong Kong throughout the past several years, highlighting how these outbreaks of violence relate to a contemporary feeling of nostalgia felt by many young people in Hong Kong towards their past as a British colony. She discussed how the use of the British colonial flag by Hong Kong anti-government protesters acts as an example of this nostalgia and reflects the growing desire for the reimplementation of some aspects of British rule in Hong Kong.

"Germany's 9/11"? Neo-Nazis and Right-Wing Terrorism in Germany and Their Links to U.S. Actors

On September 15th, 2021, in partnership with the Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies, IES was pleased to co-sponsor a lecture by



TANJEV SCHULTZ (Professor of Journalism at Johannes Gutenberg University). The principal focus of Professor Schultz's lecture was the web of terrorist attacks orchestrated by the right-wing National Socialist Underground (NSU) in Germany. Professor Schultz contextualized the significance of the NSU case by explaining the links between right-wing terrorism and anti-Americanism and by characterizing right-wing German extremist ideology as anti-Semitic, anti-Islamic, and anti-capitalist. This nuanced discussion explored the continuities in right-wing terrorism, the failure of authorities, and the roots of extremist ideology.

The World Refugees Made: Decolonization and the Foundation of Postwar Italy

On September 16, 2021, the Department of Italian Studies and the IES Program for the Study of Italy were pleased to host a discussion with Professor PAMELA BALLINGER (University of Michigan) on her recent book *The World Refugees Made: Decolonization and the Foundation of Postwar Italy* (Cornell UP, 2020). Commenting on the experience of refugees from Istria, Libya, and other locations around the Mediterranean, Ballinger remarked that while much has been explored about these individual groups, very little has been said about the commonality of their experiences in leaving their homes and ultimately arriving in Italy. Ballinger then challenged commonly held ideas of Italian exceptionalism in the face of decolonization, arguing that Italy did in fact have much in common with the experiences of other colonial powers.

Jewish Voices from Portugal

Rabbi SHLOMO PEREIRA introduced his new book *Jewish Voices from Portugal*, co-authored by Rabbi Eli Rosenfeld, to the Institute of European Studies' Center for Portuguese Studies on September 23, 2021. This Portuguese-English bilingual book focuses on six Torah commentaries written by six rabbis spanning the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries. The rarity of such historical commentaries inspired Pereira to spotlight these stories in his book, as there are very few primary documents from this key historical period that reveal Jewish perspectives. Pereira affirmed, "It is an enormous privilege to share these experiences and information with my Portuguese, Iberian and Hispanic co-citizens."

Garbage Dump of the West: Re-examining the Origins of East Germany's End

On September 23rd, 2021, the Institute of European Studies in partnership with the German Historical Institute's Pacific Regional Office hosted THOMAS FLEISCHMAN (Assistant Professor of History at the University of Rochester). In an enlightening discussion centered on the ecological characteristics of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), Fleischman exposed the mishaps of East Germany's malnourished environment. Referencing his book *Communist Pigs*, Fleischman argues against three widely-accepted theses on the causes of East Germany's decline: the lack of freedom thesis, the economic backwardness thesis, and the environmental catastrophe thesis. Fleischman proposes instead his "communist pig theory," which sheds light on the relationship between the economy and the environment.



Germany after Merkel: A Discussion of the 2021 Election Results

On September 27, 2021, the Institute of European Studies held a rapid-response discussion of the 2021 German federal election results from the previous day. IES Director JEROEN DEWULF, Associate Director AKASEMI NEWSOME, and GHI PRO Research Fellow and Head of Office SOEREN URBANSKY analyzed the results of the election, and pondered likely coalitions and what those would mean for Germany's future.

Technology, Trade, and the Transatlantic Relationship

On September 30, 2021, the Institute of European Studies' EU Center, in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh, were pleased to sponsor a discussion with the European Commission Executive Vice President and former Latvian Prime Minister VALDIS DOMBROVSKIS. This discussion on transatlantic trade, technology, and the nature of the relationship between the European Union and the United States touched on the conservation tracing issues in the global supply chain, the trajectory of the European Union, and sustainability.

Confluences: Ilija Trojanow in Conversation with Chunjie Zhang

On October 1, 2021, the Department of German and the Institute of European Studies hosted a conversation with author ILIJA TROJANOW, moderated by CHUNJIE ZHANG (Associate Professor of German at UC Davis). Trojanow discussed some of the sources of inspiration in his work, highlighting the many commonalities in the experiences of people around the world who have experienced migration, having to reorient themselves in new societies and to adjust to new notions about how life should be. Ultimately, Trojanow sees the experience of a refugee as emblematic of a more complete way of viewing the whole of human existence: one of changing concepts of home and one of shifting identity, where no one has just one identity, but instead has a more malleable definition of self, with different components of identity more important than others at varying times in life.



Ilija Trojanow and Chunjie Zhang



Sustainability Talk: Contemporary Developments in the Environmental Humanities

On October 6, the Institute of European Studies continued the Transatlantic Conversation Series on Sustainability in collaboration with the Office of Science and Technology Austria. Panelists ALEXA WEIK VON MOSSNER (Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Klagenfurt in Austria) and DANIEL J. PHILIPPON (Associate Professor of English at the University of Minnesota) spoke on how humanistic approaches help to cultivate a new understanding of climate change and other ecological challenges. Weik von Mossner and Philippou touched on the social justice concerns that are deeply connected to environmental sustainability, as well as the importance of storytelling in motivating change.

Fictions of Origins: Saša Stanišić in Conversation with Lilla Balint, Djordje Popović and Damion Searls

In this conversation with author SAŠA STANIŠIĆ, our speakers read and discussed passages from his latest book *Where You Come From* (forthcoming in 2021). Stanišić's selections from the original German text were brought into dialogue with

selections from Searls's English translation. The ensuing conversation touched on questions of language, identity and memory, and how these are transformed in the process of migration.

Borderless and Brazen: May Ayim's Internationalism

IES was pleased to host Professor TIFFANY FLORVIL (Associate Professor of History at the University of New Mexico). Professor Florvil presented her latest book, *Mobilizing Black Germany*, in a presentation that highlighted the life and work of Black German activist-intellectual May Ayim. Florvil argues that May Ayim's antiracist, diasporic, and feminist engagement encompassed a grassroots Black internationalism that showed her commitment to confront inequality and entrenched discrimination.



Climate Change: a Transcontinental Discourse

The Center for Portuguese Studies, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Portugal in San Francisco, presented a panel discussion on the Climate Crisis featuring G. MATHIAS KONDOLF (Professor of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley) and JOÃO SARMENTO (Coordinator of the Portuguese Perm. Rep. to the EU for Environment and Energy). Kondolf and Sarmento reflected on the results of EU and US efforts to combat Climate Change, identifying the ongoing targets and strategies of these efforts as well as the roles the "EU Climate Law" and the "Fit for 55" package play in this matter.

Craftsmanship and Governmentality: the Value of Artisanal skills in the Renaissance and the Modern City

This lecture by BERT DE MUNCK (University of Antwerp, Belgium) proceeded from the observation that there is a connection between how the city is imagined and how certain talents and skills are valued. Focusing on guilds and artisans, Prof. De Munck addresses the transformations during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that led to the emergence of modern conceptions of the city and urban governance.



Building Migration Policy: the EU and USA

Panelists KATERINO LINOS (Irving G. and Eleanor D. Tragen Professor of Law at UC Berkeley) and MÁRIO PEDRO (Coordinator of Justice and Home Affairs of the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union) addressed the policies and projects put in place to help several migratory crisis in the EU and USA territories. Linos and Pedro discussed ways in which countries can collaborate to craft coherent migration policies which transcend national borders to more effectively address the international migratory crisis.

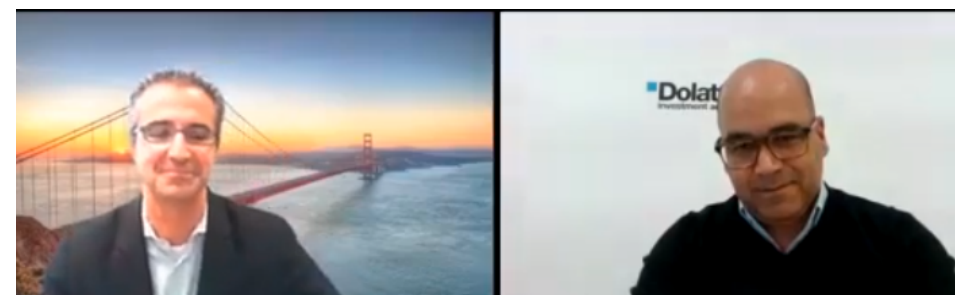
Bodies Across Borders: Oral and Visual Memories in Europe and Beyond

Speakers LUISA PASSERINI (European University Institute) and GABRIELE PROGLIO (University of Tunis) presented their work as part of the BABE project in this panel discussion. Referencing the oral histories, self-made maps, and written accounts they had collected over the course of their

research in migrant communities in The Netherlands and Italy, Professors Passerini and Proglío presented a rich and deeply interdisciplinary perspective on the interlinked histories of emigration, colonialism and immigration.

Thinking Economy: from the Global Stock Market to our own Village

In this panel discussion, ARTHUR GUIMARÃES (Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Chief Investment Officer at University of California) and CARIM HABIB (Managing Partner, Dolat Capital) reflect on the notion of a Global Stock Market and economy in general, from a transatlantic perspective. Offering perspectives from both sides of The Atlantic, these economic specialists spoke on the diverging investment strategies and tendencies of the global market.



Arthur Guimarães and Carim Habib

No Birthday Party this Year: Kristallnacht within the Memories of Shanghai Jewish Refugees

Using interview testimony he has collected over many years, Prof. KEVIN OSTOYICH (Professor of History at Valparaiso University) discussed the role Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) has played and continues to play in the memories of Shanghai Jewish refugees. Prof. Ostoyich presented the history of two refugees in particular, speaking to the place of these often overlooked narratives within WWII history as well as the lessons their stories can teach us to this day.

Digital Agendas: the EU and USA at a Glance

In this conversation, panelists JESSICA NEWMAN (Research Fellow, UC Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity), PHILIP TREIN (Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy, University of Lausanne), RICARDO CASTANHEIRA (Coordinator of the Portuguese Perm. Rep. to the EU for Digital issues), and GONÇALO GRADE (Fiscal Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union) spoke on the current digital agendas of the EU and USA. This discussion focussed on the practical side of policies that regulate the

digital market, and touched on salient issues such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and digital taxation among other topics.

Sustainable Water Systems: Transatlantic Conversation Series

For the final event in the Transatlantic Conversations on Sustainability, RUNZI WANG (Assistant Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability University of Michigan) moderated a discussion between SARAH YARNELL (Research Hydrologist, Center for Watershed Sciences UC Davis) and Paolo D'Odorico, Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, UC Berkeley). Yarnell and D'Odorico highlighted the importance of green infrastructure in restoring natural and human landscapes, emphasizing the role of maintaining freshwater systems in our global efforts to counteract Climate Change.

Manueline Architecture as Narrative

On the occasion of the 500 year commemoration of the death of King Manuel I of Portugal, this conversation between PAULO PEREIRA (Professor of



PEREIRA PAULO

Architecture, University of Lisbon) and NUNO SENOS (Assistant Professor, History of Art Department, FCSH, Universidade Nova de Lisboa) examines the architectural development brought forth by the Portuguese Explorations, particularly the creation of the uniquely Portuguese architectural style known as "Manueline." From this point of departure, Pereira and Senos discuss current trends in Portuguese Architecture and its implications on the iconographic narrative of present day Portugal.

The Power of Multilingualism: Olga Grjasnowa in Conversation with Elisabeth Krimmer, Karina Deifel, and Yasemin Yildiz

On November 11th, IES was pleased to cosponsor a book talk with author OLGA GRJASNOWA. Grjasnowa read excerpts from her work, followed by a discussion with ELISABETH KRIMMER (Professor of German at UC Davis), KARINA DEIFEL (Associate Instructor of German at UC Davis) and YASEMIN YILDIZ (Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature at UCLA). Grjasnowa addressed the complex interactions between language and social identity, especially as it applies to multilingual communities.

Re-entering Brexit: current world impact of Brexit

Nearly two years after the UK became the first member state to leave the EU, this panel discussion sheds light on the international consequences of this historic decision. Panelists MATT BEECH (Director of the Centre for British Politics at the University of Hull), SÉRGIO MORAIS (Delegate of the Portuguese Perm. Rep. to the EU to the Working Party on the United Kingdom) and ROBERT O'DRISCOLL (Consul General of Ireland in San Francisco) give insight into the negotiations between the UK and the EU between 2017 and 2020, and discuss the impacts on the UK and EU we have seen thus far.



Wolf Gruner

Resisting Persecution: Jews and their Petitions during the Holocaust

WOLF GRUNER (Founding Director, USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research) reevaluates the thousands of petitions written by Jews under Nazi persecution, too often neglected by historians as written in vain. Gruner's research demands a reassessment of these letters as acts of resistance as they often go beyond just requesting exceptions from discriminatory measures.

The Economic Response to the Pandemic Crisis: The EU Case

Panelists RUI ALVES (Coordinator of the Portuguese Perm. Rep. to the EU for Economic and Financial Affairs) and ANDRÉ COSTA MONTEIRO (Alternate Financial Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union) highlighted the novelties in the European economic policy responses to the impact of the pandemic crisis. Drawing on comparisons with the US response, Monteiro and Alves described the main tenants of EU policies and their basis in lessons learned from past crises.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: FACILITATE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE



- Use of **Cohesion Policy**: March 2021 (with further changes): flexibility of rules, 100% cofinancing, reallocation of funds, etc.
- Increased flexibility regarding **State Aid rules**: March 2020 (with several further changes); preserving liquidity for companies and their access to financing; preserving employment.
- Activation of the **SGP general escape clause**: March 2020 (in place until end 2022).
- 3 "**safety nets**": Eurogroup, April 2021
 - **SURE**: protecting workers
 - **ESM Pandemic Crisis Support**: protecting Member States
 - **EIB Pan-European Guarantee Fund**: protecting companies

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Thanks to our fantastic team of undergraduate reporters! From left: Alexandra Desmedt (Editor-in-chief), Jacqueline Garrity (not pictured), Max Moreno, Lauren Reddin, Franka Wacker, Luca Zislin (not pictured)

