

Research

Current Projects

(Not) Made in Germany? Imagining Germany from the Outside (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/research/projects/from-the-outside.aspx)

Description

Through this project the IGS Birmingham will consolidate and expand its role as a primary hub for the support and inspiration of German Studies in the United Kingdom, as well as its reputation as a leading global research centre. Funding is sought to establish a high-profile academic network: (Not) Made in Germany: Imagining Germany from the Outside. The network will bring staff and postgraduate students from German universities and the worldwide DAAD German Studies Centres to the IGS in a series of five research visits focused around the core themes of the project.

The German Past and the Contemporary World: The domestic and foreign politics of memory (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/research/projects/the-german-past-and-the-contemporary-world.aspx)

Description

The project aims to examine in detail the interaction between collective memory, policy elaboration, and the personal remembering of different individuals and social groups. The project will bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to consider the continuing impact of 20th-century German history, particularly the legacy of fascist and communist dictatorships, on 21st-century political decision-making.

Past projects

Zeitgeist. What does it mean to be German in the 21st century? (2010 - 13) (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/research/projects/zeitgeist.aspx)

Description

What does it mean to be German in the 21st century? To inherit a difficult history and be subject to national stereotypes — or much more than that? Zeitgeist investigates ideas and identity in an age of globalisation and multiculturalism. What does Germany mean to the rest of the world now? What do we make of a nation that merged two states into one, is home to the 2009 Nobel literary prizewinner, and has pursued the European project in all its cultural, political, and financial forms?

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