

## **BTWH CONFERENCE 2008**

### **SCENES OF JUSTICE: PRODUCTION OF TRUTH**

Harvard University  
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*The conference will be conducted in English and in German*

*The conference is open to all members of the Harvard community  
and their guests*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00-9:45 – Welcoming address and breakfast\*

### Vienna Roundtable

Primary texts: Karl Kraus, *Die Fackel*: “Ein österreichischer Mordprozess;” “Der Prozess Rutthofer;” “Nulla dies...”

### 10:00-11:30 – Vienna Roundtable I

Siegfried Mattl & Werner Schwartz (Wien)

*Die Wahrheit des Satirikers: Karl Kraus' Sittlichkeit & Kriminalität als Gegen-Diskurs*

Sabrina Rahman (Berkeley) & Wolfgang Fichna (Wien)

*Of Schmah and Sittlichkeit: Judicial Critique as Cultural Critique – Karl Kraus and Michael Franti's "stay human"- album.*

11:30-11:45 – Coffee Break\*

### Berkeley Roundtables

Primary text: *Ein Spezialist* (1999; dir. Eyal Sivan)

### 11:45-1:00 – Berkeley Roundtable I

Mike Huffmaster (Berkeley)

*On Truth and Fiction in an Ultramoral Sense: The Case of Sivan vs. Arendt*

Eric Savoth (Berkeley)

*Trials of The Specialist: Arendt, Sivan, Eichmann*

1:00 – 2:15 Lunch – Please consult the list of area restaurants provided.

### 2:15 – 3:30 – Berkeley Roundtable II

Ingo Zechner (Wien)

*Film als Beweis*

Ramona Uritescu-Lombard (Harvard)

*Disgusting Rhetoric, Rhetoric of Disgust: The Cases of Céline and Adolf Eichmann*

3:30-3:45 – Coffee Break\*

### 3:45-5:00 – Berkeley Roundtable III

Richard Lucht (Tübingen)

„*Ein Spezialist*“ – *Rezeptionsästhetische Verfahren von Production of Truth*

Klaus Müller-Richter (Tübingen)

*Raum, Affekt und Performativität von Wahrheit. Gerichtstheatralik im „Spezialisten“*

7:00 – \*\* Conference Dinner, Dudley House, Graduate Student Lounge

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

9:00-9:45 – Breakfast\*

### Tübingen Roundtables

Primary text: Friedrich Dürrenmatt, *Die Panne*

#### 10:00-11:15 – Tübingen Roundtable I

Eric Nordhausen (Tübingen)

*Unschuld und Urteil: Zum Problem der Angeklagtendidaktik in Albert Camus „Der Fall“ und Dürrenmatts Erzählung „Die Panne“*

Urs Büttner (Tübingen)

*Urteilen als Paradigma des Erzählens: Dürrenmatts Narratologie der Gerechtigkeit in seiner Geschichte „Die Panne“*

11:15-11:30 – Coffee Break\*

#### 11:30-12:15 – Tübingen Roundtable II

Gabriel Trop (Berkeley)

*The Genius of Responsibility*

#### 12:15-12:45 – Discussion of Publication Projects I

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch – Please consult the list of area restaurants provided.

### Harvard Roundtables

Primary text: *M – Eine Stadt sucht einen Mörder* (1931, dir. Fritz Lang)

#### 2:00 – 3:15 – Harvard Roundtable I

Christoph Bareither (Tübingen)

*“Wer weiß denn, wie es in mir aussieht?”: Ein zeichentheoretischer Blick auf den Mörder (Teil I)*

Daniela Schmeiser (Tübingen)

*“lauter Sachverständige in Rechtsfragen” – Überlegungen zum Problem des Urteilens (Teil II)*

3:15-3:30 – Coffee Break\*

#### 3:30-4:15 – Harvard Roundtable II

Charlotte Szilagyí (Harvard)

*Reading Letters: Three Scenes, Two Roads, and One Truth in Fritz Lang’s M*

**4:15-5:00 – Discussion of Publication Projects II**

7:00 – Dinner at a local restaurant (TBA)

9:00 – Drinks at a local pub (TBA)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

9:00-9:45 – Breakfast\*

**Thematic Roundtable**

Primary text: Michel Foucault, “Truth and Juridical Forms”

**10:00-11:30 – Thematic Roundtable**

Paul Dobryden (Berkeley)

*Prelude to the Scaffold: Law, Spectacle, and Carnival in Goethe’s Egmont*

Rob McFarland (Brigham Young University)

*“Man muß nämlich wissen...: Hermeneutic Sabotage in Kleist’s Der Zweikampf*

Matthias Erdbeer (Münster)

*Gesetzgebung im Schlangenmoor. Kurd Laßwitz’ “Homchen” und die Rache der Evolution.*

11:30-11:45 – Coffee Break\*

**11:45-12:45 – Administrative Meeting I**

- Discussion of next year’s topic

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch – Please consult the list of area restaurants provided.

**2:00 – 3:30 – Administrative Meeting II**

- Vote on next year’s topic and conference location
- Activity report: past and future publications, website, panel proposals for the GSA, MLA, MSA and other major conferences.

\*All breakfasts and coffee breaks are complimentary, courtesy of the Harvard Organizing Committee.

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