

Winter School 2019

“Readings of the Border”

Discourses of Division and Unification in Contemporary Literatures

Universität Tübingen, Germany

November 6-9, 2019

It is a pleasure to invite you to the Winter School “**Readings of the Border,**” organized by the Department of Korean Studies and the Department of German Studies at the University of Tübingen.

This Winter School will take place in the days leading up to the historic date of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 2019. In the same way the Berlin Wall has been the global symbol for Cold War ideological division, the fall of the Wall has become equally over-determined in its representation of the end of the Cold War era with all its immediate implications, such as momentary conjectures of freedom, a borderless world or the victory of capitalism. However, we have seen the rise of nationalism, the multiplication of borders and walls since the collapse of the old Cold War world order. The renaissance of border studies in the last decades bears witness to this development, suggesting that the topic may even be timelier in the post-Wall era.

In multiple workshops, held by experts in the fields of literature, film and border studies from Europe, Asia and the USA, this interdisciplinary Winter School will explore what lies beyond the Berlin Wall. Looking to inspire a dialogue between German literature and the multiple sites of former Cold War division, we have a special focus on the Korean Peninsula and are open to research on further areas and literatures.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Literatures of Divided Nations
- Border Spaces and Mediality
- Borders and History Writing
- Border Spaces as Expression of Belonging or Exclusion
- Colonial Legacies and Diasporic Futures of Cold War Borders
- Cold War Borders and Cultural Geography
- National Division, Unification, Identity and Trauma
- Perceptions of the Other
- Censorship and Self-Censorship
- Borders and their Effect on Institutions
- Overcoming Borders by Interdisciplinary Academic Cooperation

Guidelines for Applicants

We are inviting **Ph.D. Candidates, Ph.D. Students and Master Students** from various fields to apply to the Winter School. While all workshops and presentations will be held in English, some reading knowledge of German is desirable for primary literature and the

evening events. We are accepting applications for **participation with and without paper presentations** until **September 15, 2019**.

Please email your applications to Dr. Gudrun Bamberger:
gudrun-ingeborg.bamberger@uni-tuebingen.de

Please include the following information in the subject line:
[Winter School 2019] Application (with paper)

Application Materials:

- For paper presentations: title and abstract (250 words), short bio (50-100 words)
- For participation without paper presentation: research topic (title and/or description of topic, 50 words), short bio (50 words)

For participants presenting a paper at the Winter School who are external to Tübingen University we offer basic accommodation and a partial travel compensation of 50 Euro.

Important Dates

Application deadline: September 15, 2019

Notification of acceptance: September 25, 2019

Deadline for final paper submission (for presenters only): October 25, 2019

Organizers

For further questions, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you at the Winter School

Sincerely,

Gudrun Bamberger and Birgit Geipel