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# European Literatures of Military Occupation 1938-1955

## Convenors

**Dr. Matthias Buschmeier (Bielefeld), Prof. Dr. Jeanne E. Glesener (Luxembourg)**

Villa Vigoni  
04-07/04/2022



PROGRAMM

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15:00 Arrival

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 **Opening of conference:**

**Matthias Buschmeier** (Bielefeld): Military Occupation and its Literature between Historical Representation and Memory Politics

17:30 **Evening lecture:**

**Tatjana Tönsmeyer** (Wuppertal): Occupied Societies: Encounters with the enemy, experiences of insecurity and the “new normal” of extraordinary times

19:00 Welcome Aperitif

19:30 Dinner

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08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

## I. Literary Perspectives of German Occupiers in Western Europe

09:00 – 10:00 **Jan Andres** (Bielefeld): Vertreibung aus dem Exil. Rudolf Borchardts *Anabasis*'-Fragment

10:00 – 11:00 **Christopher Meid** (Freiburg): Occupation as tourism? *Griechenland. Ein Buch aus dem Kriege* (1942) and *Ölberge, Weinberge* (1953) by Erhart Kästner

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 12:30 **Stefanie Siess** (Heidelberg): German Writers as Occupiers and Occupied. Franco-German Representations in the Works of Felix Hartlaub (1940-1945) and Tami Oelfken (1945-1955)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

## II. Literary Perspectives of the Occupied from South-Eastern Europe

14:00 – 15:00 **Aleksandar Momčilović** (Prag): Literature from Below: Literary Competitions on the Territory of the German Military Commander in Serbia and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

15:00 – 16:00 **Atinati Mamatsashvili** (Tbilisi/Luxembourg): Literary Representations of Occupied Cities: Tbilisi, Paris, Luxembourg

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17.30 **Joanna Rzepa** (Essex): Translating Occupied Poland: Politics, Propaganda, and Polish-English Translation in Britain (1939-1946)

17:30 – 18:30 **Jelena Subotić** (Atlanta): Contested Remembrance of Occupations in Post-communist Europe

19:30 Dinner

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08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

### III. Occupation in Literature after the War

09:30 – 10:30 **Daniela Lieb** (Luxembourg): Semantiken der Besatzung(en) in Pierre Grégoires Trilogie *Europäische Suite* (1951-1952).

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 **Benedikts Kalnačs** (Riga): Reflections on Twentieth-century Military Occupations in Latvian and Estonian novels

12.00 – 13:00 **Stefan Laffin** (Venedig): Liberation or Occupation? Allied Occupation in Italy between Literature and Propaganda between 1943 – 1947

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 **Sandra Schell** (Heidelberg): Margret Boveri's *Amerikafibel für erwachsene Deutsche* (1946) – an Example for Literature of Military Occupation?

16:00 – 17:00 **Klaus-Michael Bogdal** (Bielefeld): "Es war vorbei. Düsseldorf war tot." Narrative einer erneuten Besatzung

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

### IV. The Endurance of Occupation in Contemporary Literature

17:30 – 19:00 Round table with **Jeroen Olyslaegers** (Belgium) and **Sofi Oksanen** (Finland, tbc)  
 Host: **Jeanne E. Glesener** (Luxembourg)

19:30 Dinner

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08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

10:00 Departure