

In the Name of Security

An International Roundtable Across the Disciplines

Friday, May 4, 2018, 10 am – 12 pm
Campus Westend, Casino CAS 1.811

Panelists:

Susana Araújo (Center of Comparative Studies, Lisbon)

Astrid Erll (English and Anglophone Literatures, Frankfurt)

Andreas Fahrmeir (Modern History, Frankfurt)

Johannes Völz (American Studies, Frankfurt)

Michael C. Williams (Public and International Affairs, Ottawa)

Why do we willingly give up rights and freedoms in the name of security? Prompted by the publication of Johannes Voelz's new book, *The Poetics of Insecurity* (Cambridge UP), this interdisciplinary roundtable will debate how best to explain the pervasiveness of the logic of "security" in contemporary life. Reframing the current security-craze, international panelists will discuss whether there is anything new about the regime of "security," or whether it is a characteristically modern way of managing contingency. Are we paralyzed by a culture of fear or enthralled by insecurity's aesthetic thrills? And can insecurity be a resource for critique?

