



## The Refugee Crisis:

### Historical Perspectives from Europe and North America, 1945 – 2000

Symposium at the German Historical Institute, Washington DC

March 17, 2016

1:30 – 2:00 pm

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Simone Lässig (Director of the German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Jan C. Jansen (Research Fellow, German Historical Institute)

Peter Wittig (German Ambassador to the United States)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

#### **Panel 1: Refugees or Returnees?**

**Chair:** David Lazar (GHI)

Pertti Ahonen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

*The German Expellees during and after the Second World War*

Andrea L. Smith (Lafayette College, PA)

*A Matter of Definition? The Flight from Failing Empires and European Legacy Today*

3:30 – 4:00 pm

#### **Coffee Break**

4:00 – 6:00 pm

#### **Panel 2: Refugees during the Cold War and Beyond**

**Chair:** Mischa Honeck (GHI)

Christopher Adam (Carleton University, Canada)  
*The Hungarian Revolution and the 1956/57 Refugee Crisis in Europe and North America*

Patrick Scallen (Georgetown University, DC)  
*US Responses to the Salvadoran Refugees Crisis, 1980 – 90*

Barbara Franz (Rider University, NJ)  
*The Bosnian Diaspora in Central Europe and the USA in the 1990s: Some Comparative Observations*

6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Panel Discussion: Learning from the Past? The Refugee Crisis in Historical Perspective**

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Simone Lässig

**Speakers:**

Philipp Ackermann (Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, DC)

Leo Lucassen (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam)

Kathleen Newland (Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC)

Kirsten Schüttler (The World Bank, Washington DC)

**Moderator:**

Cathleen S. Fisher (American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Washington, DC)

8:00 pm

**Reception**