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THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

14:00–16:00 Welcome Address & Introduction
Arnold Suppan | Vice President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
Markus Schweiger | Executive Director of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation
Waldemar Zacharasiewicz | Chair of the Commission The North Atlantic Triangle

Keynotes
Manfred Prisching | University of Graz
Resentment and Anger: Deep Structures of Social Polarization
Reinhard Heinisch | University of Salzburg
In from the Cold: The Mainstreaming of Radical Right Populism in the US and Europe: a Comparison
Eva Nowotny | Former Ambassador; University of Vienna
Recent Developments in the Transatlantic Relationship

COFFEE BREAK

16:30–18:00 Perceptions of Polarization on the Other Side of the Atlantic
Chair: Werner Sollors
Wynfrid Kriegleder | University of Vienna
Germanophone Novelists of the 19th and 20th Centuries Depicting a Polarized America
Kirsten Krick-Aigner | Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
Between Assimilation and Otherness: An Examination of Jazz and the Reception of Ernst Krenek’s 1927 Opera “Jonny spielt auf”
Jörg Turschmann | University of Vienna
“God of Carnage”: The Representation of Suspicious Comrades in Screen Fiction

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

09:30–11:00 Polarization and Its Impact on National Identities: Europe, Canada, the USA
Chair: Christoph Irmscher
Martin Löschnig | University of Graz
Beware of Uncle Sam! Anti-Americanism in Canadian Literature
Werner Sollors | Harvard University
Challenges of Diversity in American Culture
George Blaustein | University of Amsterdam
The Politics of Threnody: On Grief and American Polarization

COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 Polarizations at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class
Chair: Herta Nagl-Doeckal
Carmen Birkle | Philipps University Marburg
Overcoming Polarization: Kamala Harris and the Intersectionality of Race and Gender in Politics
Dawn Garthlechner | University of Vienna
United we Stand. Divided we Fall: Frances E. W. Harper and Pertinent Lessons for the Struggle for Gender and Racial Equality
Brigitte Buchhammer | University of Vienna
Alison Jaggar’s Research on Polarization at the Intersection of Gender and Poverty

LUNCH BREAK

15:00–17:00 Racial Polarizations
Chair: Philipp Gassert
Robert H. Brinkmeyer, Jr. | University of South Carolina, Columbia
“I’ll Take My Stand” and “What the Negro Wants”: Understanding Race, Region, and Nation in the Shadow of Europe
Rebecca Brückmann | Ruhr-University Bochum
Pointing Fingers: Transatlantic Perspectives on the Black Freedom Movement and White Supremacist Resistance
James C. Cobb | University of Georgia, Athens
Polarity and People on the Move: Domestic Migration and the Shifting Political Landscape of the American South
Tatiana Konrad | University of Vienna
Segregation, Environmental Racism, and Polarization in the USA in the Era of Climate Change

SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

10:00–12:30 Protest, Polarizations and Politics
Chair: Carmen Birkle
Rolf Kreyer | Philipps University Marburg
Make Political Discourse Rational Again: Language and Polarization
Philipp Gassert | University of Mannheim
Is Social Polarization Always Bad? A Historical Perspective on the Postwar Sociology of Conflict
Mitchell G. Ash | University of Vienna
Hasn’t America Already been a Polarized Country? The Persistent Renewal of Polarization in American Political Culture
Christoph Irmscher | Indiana University, Bloomington
Polarizing Science under Trump

13:00 End of Conference