“Knowledge Ecologies North America: Changing Patterns in a Global Dynamics” is a Bonn-based research project in which scholars from the Universities of Bonn, Cologne, and Mannheim cooperate with colleagues in the United States, Canada, Asia, and other parts of Europe. Our enterprise aims at providing a forum and institutional space for interdisciplinary research and debates on issues of knowledge, its production and flow as well as on processes by which knowledges get translated, adopted, and adapted. One of the central questions we raise is how to transform ecology from the key concept and metaphor that it has become for a multitude of disciplines into a methodological framework for research on the patterns of knowledge production in a global dynamics. The symposium is dedicated to debating this particular question.

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An Interdisciplinary International Symposium
Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 May 2013
Program

Thursday, 2 May 2013

4:15 pm Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke and PD Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche (North American Studies Program)
Welcome and Introduction

4:30 pm Prof. Dr. Rudolf Stichweh (Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, University of Bonn)
“American Universities and the Differentiation of Society: History and Sociology”

5:15 pm Prof. Dr. Hanjo Berressem (Department of English | American Literature & Culture, University of Cologne)
“Like an Ant’: Knowledge Production and American Nature Writing”

6:00 pm PD Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche (North American Studies Program)
“Knowledge in the Wrong Place? The Case of Transatlantic Brain Drain”

7:00 pm Dinner at Restaurant Opera (Kapuzinerstraße 13)

Friday, 3 May 2013

9:00 am Prof. Dr. Günther Schulz and Dr. Boris Gehlen (Department of History, University of Bonn)
“Reciprocity and Systemic Reproduction? Knowledge Ecologies of American Entrepreneurship and German ‘Unternehmertum’”

9:45 pm Prof. Dr. Ulfried Reichardt (Department of English | American Literature & Culture, University of Mannheim)
“Knowledge Ecologies and Cultural Presuppositions in the Production of Knowledge: Starting with the Individual”

10:30 am Coffee Break

11:00 am Christian Klöckner, M.A. (North American Studies Program)
“Academic Questions’ and the Logic of the Market”

11:45 am Dr. Klaas Staal (North American Studies Program)
“Institutional Collaborations and Knowledge Flows: Changing Dynamics?”

12:30 pm Dr. Henrike Viehrig (North American Studies Program)
“The Role of Think Tanks in the Flow of Transnational News”

1:30 pm Lunch at Restaurant Ruland (Bischofsplatz 1)

3:00 pm Prof. Dr. Barbara Schmidt-Haberkamp (Department of English, American, and Celtic Studies, University of Bonn)
“Diasporic Knowledges”

3:45 pm Prof. Dr. Thomas Claviez (Center for Cultural Studies, University of Berne)
“Ecologies of Community in a Global Age”

4:30 pm Coffee Break

5:00 pm Jun-Prof. Dr. Uwe Küchler (Department of English, American, and Celtic Studies, University of Bonn)
“Ecotone as Contact Zone: The Mediation and Transfer of Knowledge in Foreign Language Education”

5:45 pm Prof. Dr. Sabine Sielke (North American Studies Program)
“Ecotoning (Inter-)Disciplinarity”

6:30 pm End of Symposium