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# Special Guest Lectures

## Spring Term 2021/2022

- **June 14, 2022**  
ASC Students' Union  
*ASC picnic 2022*
- **June 8, 2022**  
Weird Music series  
**Joanna Kaniewska** (University of Warsaw)  
**Agnieszka Kotwasińska** (University of Warsaw)  
*Sounds of Dune(s): Music-landscaping in Cinema*
- **March-May 2022**  
**Raymond Malewitz** (Oregon State University)  
*The (Early) Literature of COVID-19*
- **May 23, 2022**  
**Richard Reitsma** (Canisius College, Buffalo, NY)  
*Queer Identity and Queer Spaces in Cuba, Mexico, and US* —  
keynote during Gender/Sexuality Conference
- **May 18, 2022**  
Weird Music series  
**Nicholas C. Laudadio** (University of North Carolina  
Wilmington)  
*Oscillations: On Electronic Music and Science Fiction*
- **May 10, 2022**  
The American Day  
**Paweł Frelik** (University of Warsaw)  
*U.S. Witch Corps – o amerykańskich ideałach i kulturze zwanej  
kiedyś popularną*  
**Agnieszka Graff** (University of Warsaw)  
*Amerykańskie wojny kulturowe*
- **March 30, 2022**  
**Carolín Jesussek** (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz)  
*Queer Ecosystems: Gothic Materialism in Carmen Maria  
Machado's In the Dream House*

- **March 27, 2022**  
ASC Students' Union  
*ASC Oscar Night 2022*
- **March 24, 2022**  
**Carsten Junker** (TU Dresden)  
*An Introduction to Concepts of the Archive and Methods of Archival Research*
- **March 23, 2022**  
**Elizabeth Cullen Dunn** (Director, Center for Refugee Studies, Indiana University Bloomington) and **Iwona Kaliszewska** (Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw)  
*Distributed Humanitarianism: Digital Disruption, Grassroots Labor, and Volunteer Affect in Poland's Refugee Response*
- **March 16, 2022**  
Weird Music series  
**Joanna Kaniewska** (University of Warsaw)  
*Reading Movie Soundtracks: A Workshop*
- **March 2, 2022**  
**Karolina Krasuska, Ludmiła Janion, Aleksandra Kamińska, Agnieszka Kotwasińska, Anna Kurowicka, Natalia Pamuła, Marta Usiekniewicz** (University of Warsaw), **Anna Piekutowska** (TOK FM)  
*Talking Gender: Academic Activism, Innovative Research and Feminist Pedagogy*

## **Fall Term 2021/2022**

- **January 26, 2022**  
Weird Music series  
**Colin Walder (CD Projekt RED)**  
*In Conversation with CD Projekt Red: Audio in Cyberpunk 2077*
- **December 16, 2021**  
Weird Music series  
**Joanna Kaniewska (University of Warsaw)**  
*Cyborgs, Transhumans, and Posthumans in the Popular Music of 2010s*

- **November 17, 2021**  
Weird Music series  
**Jakub Guziński (University of Warsaw)**  
*“I Guess This Is My Dissertation”: A Hip Hop Music Video Workshop*
- **November 3, 2021**  
Weird Music series  
**Tracey M. Salisbury (California State University)**  
*Play This Only At Night: Hip Hop, Horror, and Afrofuturism*
- **October 28, 2021**  
*XXVII Seminar of the Polish-American Ethnological Society*
- **October 26, 28, 2021**  
**Małgorzata Gajda-Łaszewska, Marta Usiekniewicz, Anna Kurowicka, Ludmiła Janion (University of Warsaw)**  
*BA Fresher’s Guide to the ASC*
- **October 21, 2021**  
**Marta Usiekniewicz, Tomasz Basiuk, Michał Bilewicz, Ludmiła Janion, Agnieszka Graff, Elżbieta Korolczuk (University of Warsaw), Patrycja Sasnal (College of Europe)**  
*Book launch “Anti-Gender Politics in the Populist Moment” by Agnieszka Graff and Elżbieta Korolczuk*
- **September 30, 2021**  
ASC Welcome Event  
**Julia Fiedorczuk (University of Warsaw)**  
*‘To See the World Before the End of the World’: 21st-Century Poetry in the Face of Planetary Catastrophe*

### **Spring Term 2020/2021**

- **June 24, 2021**  
**Stefan “Steve” Rabitsch** (University of Graz/University of Warsaw)  
*Chewing on Big Rock Candy Mountain: Reading and understanding the “real” American West in two essays*
- **May 31, 2021**  
**Stefan “Steve” Rabitsch** (University of Graz/University of Warsaw)  
*Infinite, Never Final Frontiers: The Fantastic Legacy of the American West(ern)*

- **May 24, 2021**  
Monsters ReVisited series  
**Stefan “Steve” Rabitsch** (University of Graz/University of Warsaw)  
*“There be whales here!”: Star Trekkin’ White Leviathans round the Moons of Nibia with Captain Ahab*
- **May 11, 2021**  
Monsters ReVisited series  
**Sorcha Ní Fhlainn** (Manchester Metropolitan University)  
*‘Knowledge is a Fatal Thing:’ Confessing Vampire Secrets from Polidori to Neil Jordan*
- **May 5, 2021**  
**Charlie Leduff**  
*Is America Doomed? A Critical Reflection from the Inside*
- **April 30-May 2, 2021**  
2020 EAAS CONFERENCE: 20/20 Vision: Citizenship, Space, Renewal  
  
**Wendy Brown** (University of California, Berkeley)  
*What’s Left of Freedom? In Conversation with Zuzanna Ładyga*  
**Michelle Burnham** (Santa Clara University)  
*1620/2020: Colonies, Corporations, and Constructing American Cultural Histories*  
  
**Tomasz Basiuk** (ASC, University of Warsaw)  
*Crusing and Method: Notes on Queer Studies in a Transnational Context*
- **April 28, 2021**  
**John Wills** (University of Kent)  
*Showdown on the Pixel Frontier*
- **April 13, 2021**  
Monsters ReVisited series  
**Katarzyna Bielicka** (University of Warsaw)  
*Ze wszystkich istot nadprzyrodzonych najszkodliwszy. Wilkołaki w słowiańskim folklorze*
- **April 12, 2021**  
**Dr. Cynthia Miller-Idriss** (The American University)  
*Hate in the Homeland - Right-wing Extremism in the USA*

- **April 8, 2021**  
Race in US Popular Culture. Presentation of ASC Students' Articles Published in "View"
- **March 29, 2021**  
Monsters ReVisited series  
**Patrycja Pichnicka-Trivedi** (University of Warsaw)  
*Customary Strangers: Double Mirroring of Otherness in Eastern-Western Vampire Narratives*
- **March 22, 2021**  
**Roman Kuźniar** (University of Warsaw)  
*American Leadership in the World - a Myth or Reality?*
- **February 25, 2021**  
Q&A with Comic Book Artist Shawn Martinbrough

### **Fall Term 2020/2021**

- **January 25, 2021**  
EcoGothic Landscapes series  
**Jędrzej Burszta** (University of Warsaw)  
*Weird Space Junkies: Speculations on the Psychedelic*
- **January 18, 2021**  
EcoGothic Landscapes series  
**Filip Peringer** (University of Warsaw)  
*The Ur-Savage: The Anthropological Horror of Green Inferno and Bone Tomahawk*
- **December 14, 2020**  
EcoGothic Landscapes series  
**Beata Kubiak Ho-Chi** (University of Warsaw)  
*Bliskie spotkania z istotami nie-ludzkimi we współczesnej literaturze japońskiej*
- **December 9, 2020**  
**Robert Henry, Judit Trunkos** (University of South Carolina)  
*Old South - New South and the 2020 Elections*
- **December 1, 2020**  
EcoGothic Landscapes series  
**Alison Sperling** (Technische Universität Berlin):  
*Weird Fiction and Ecological Thought*

- **November 23, 2020**  
EcoGothic Landscapes series  
**Brittany A. Roberts** (Southeastern Louisiana University)  
*Ecological Intimacies in the Anthropocene: Horror, Ethics, and the Shadow of Nonhuman Difference*
- **November 20, 2020**  
Q&A with Activist and LGBT Pioneer Mark Segal
- **November 18, 2020**  
**Paweł Laidler** (Jagiellonian University)  
*Post-elections in USA: Legal Challenges to Electoral Procedures in American Democracy*
- **November 3, 2020**  
**Anna Mazurkiewicz** (University of Gdańsk)  
**Ryszard Schnepf, Bohdan Szklarski, Marek Wilczyński** (ASC UW)  
*US Elections 2020*
- **October 22, 2020**  
**Stanley Nelson** (film director)  
*Freedom Riders*
- **October-November 2020**  
**Filip Boratyn, Anna Kurowicka, Ludmiła Janion** (ASC UW)  
*How to Survive at ASC? A Three-Part Online Seminar for BA Freshers*

### Spring Term 2019/2020

- **June 9, 2020**  
**Shayani Bhattacharya** (Lebanon Valley College)  
**Joshua Clark Davis** (University of Baltimore)  
**William Glass** (ASC UW)  
**Krystyna Mazur** (ASC UW)  
*On Looting Black Bodies and the Social Contract in America*
- **June 5, 2020**  
**Line Henriksen** (IT University of Copenhagen)  
*Hybrids, monsters and unfinished texts: some stories for the anxious*
- **June 4, 2020**  
**Richard Payne-Holmes** (U.S. Embassy Warsaw)  
*U.S. Foreign Policy in Eastern and Central Europe*

- **May 14, 2020**  
**Esther Bell** (U.S. Embassy Warsaw)  
*The Role of Congressional Oversight in Foreign Affairs*

### **Fall Term 2019/2020**

- **January 23, 2020**  
**Aleksandra Lis** (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)  
*Renewable energy sources as socio-technical projects – searching for contexts and meanings in Poland and Argentina*
- **January 17, 2020**  
**Stefan Rabitsch** (Universität Graz)  
*“The Best [and Worst] of Both Worlds”: Star Trek’s Transatlantic Pax Galatica*
- **January 16, 2020**  
**Stefan Rabitsch** (Universität Graz)  
*“I Like Big Hats and I Cannot Lie”: Petasus Americanus or a Cultural History of Cowboy Hats*
- **December 19, 2019**  
**Anna Sosnowska-Jordanovska** (ASC UW)  
**Tomasz Zarycki** (University of Warsaw)  
**Józef Böröcz** (Rutgers University)  
*Explaining Economic Backwardness. Post-1945 Polish Historians on Eastern Europe*
- **November 14, 2019**  
**Jamie Loda** (U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*From Warsaw to New York – Work and Travel Program*
- **November 14, 2019**  
**Jhon Picard Byron** (Université d’État d’Haïti)  
*Africa Within Haitian National Narratives*
- **October 10, 2019**  
**Heinz Ickstadt** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Backward Glance over the Much Traveled Road of Postmodern Fiction*
- **October 7, 2019**  
**Daniel Fried** (U.S. Department of State Assistant Secretary)  
*The US and Today’s Global Challenges*



## Spring Term 2018/2019

- **June 21-22, 2019**  
International Conference  
*Failed Leadership*
- **May 30, 2019**  
**Najjar Abdul Musawwir** (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)  
*From Africa to America: A Visual Artist Aesthetic Reaction to the Banjo*
- **May 24, 2019**  
**Edward Commentale** (Indiana University at Bloomington)  
Krzysztof Michalek Memorial Lecture: *Kurt Vonnegut and 'Quality of Place' in America's Midwest*
- **May 23, 2019**  
**Andrew Wise** (Daemen College)  
*Immigrant Communities and Environmental Justice in the Progressive Era: Dr. Francis Fronczak and Public Health in Buffalo, NY (1899-1917)*
- **May 15, 2019**  
Meeting with a Columbian writer Winston Morales Chavarro
- **May 9, 2019**  
Photography Exhibition by Arnaud Rodamel

## Fall Term 2018/2019

- **December 5, 2018**  
**Marjorie Perloff** (Stanford University)  
*Poetry in the Digital Age*
- **November 29, 2018**  
**Henryk Szlajfer** (University of Warsaw)  
Book launch: *Co-Authors of the Atlantic World: New Christians and Jews in the Latin America's Colonial Economy of the 16th-17th Century*
- **November 21, 2018**  
**Hasrat Arjjumend** (Grassroots Institute – Canada/India)  
*Environmental Issues of Indigenous Peoples in Canada*



- **November 14, 2018**  
**Frank J. Finver** (Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*US and Current Affairs*
- **October 26, 2018**  
**Robin Wagner-Pacifci** (New School for Social Research)  
*Our Age of Crisis: Donald Trump's Elongated Rupture as Elusive Event*
- **October 18, 2018**  
"Salam Neighbor:" Screening and Discussion  
Introduction by **Natalia Gebert**
- **October 11-12, 2018**  
The Launch of *The New Americanist: A Symposium*  
**George Blaustein** (University of Amsterdam)  
*Nightmare Envy and Other Stories: American Culture and European Reconstruction*  
**Tim Jelfs** (University of Groningen)  
*Publication Workshop for Graduate Students/Early Career Academics*  
**Josephine Metcalf** (University of Hull)  
"Dynamic"; "Distinct"; "Accessible"? Navigating the Evolving American Studies Publishing Scene in the UK

### **Spring Term 2017/2018**

- **September 27, 2018**  
**Ryszard Schnepf** (ASC UW)  
*The American Pattern: Independence-Democracy-Constitution*  
at Freshmen Welcome Ceremony
- **September 24-26, 2018**  
Festiwal Nauki 2018  
**Agnieszka Kotwasińska** (ASC UW)  
*Klub "Kultura Popularna": Zrozumieć (folk) horror*  
**Marta Usiekniewicz** (ASC UW)  
*Klub "Kultura Popularna": Zrozumieć powieść kryminalną*  
**Paweł Frelik** (ASC UW)  
*Klub "Kultura Popularna": Zrozumieć science fiction*
- **September 22, 2018**  
**Sarah Schulman** (The City University of New York)  
*Sexual Citizenship, Oral History, and the Archive in 1970s Central and Eastern Europe:*

*Let The Record Show: ACT UP and The Enduring Relationship of AIDS*

- **June 13, 2018**  
**Bohdan Szklarski** (ASC UW)  
*Studia hemisferyczne: interpretacje i definicje*
- **June 12, 2018**  
Ogólnopolska konferencja naukowa  
*Badanie i mierzenie przywództwa*
- **June 6, 2018**  
**Christopher Breu** (Illinois State University)  
*Public Violence as Private Pathology: Noir Affect in Chester Himes's "The End of a Primitive"*
- **June 4, 2018**  
**Maja Możdzonek** (ASC student)  
**Weronika Pietras** (ASC student)  
**Jorge Marti Martinez** (Cuban Ambassador to Poland)  
**Sławomir Klimkiewicz** (former Polish Ambassador to Cuba)  
*Młodzi Kubańczycy i ich wizja przyszłości*
- **May 30, 2018**  
**Elizabeth Dunn** (Indiana University at Bloomington)  
Krzysztof Michałek Memorial Lecture: *The Trouble with Refugees: Xenophobia, Populism, and the 2016 American Presidential Election*
- **May 24, 2018**  
**Leonard Gadzekpo** (Southern Illinois University)  
*A new paradigm: African Americans in the American experience*
- **May 16, 2018**  
**Daniel Blinder** (Nacional University de San Martín)  
*Desarrollo Espacial en Argentina: una trama política*
- **May 9, 2018**  
**Martin Klepper** (Humboldt University in Berlin)  
*Race, Eugenics, and Mass Cultures in the United States*

### **Fall Term 2017/2018**

- **January 10, 2018**  
**Lázaro Pena** (University of Havana)  
*La inserción de la economía cubana en la economía global*
- **December 19, 2017**  
Debate: #METOO: *The Limits of Permissiveness*

- **December 15, 2017**  
**Frederick W. Gooding, Jr.** (Northern Arizona University)  
*In Living Color: Hollywood's Relationship with Race*
- **December 7, 2017**  
**Jack Halberstam** (University of Columbia)  
 New Gender/Queer Archives Conference Keynote  
 lecture: *Trans\* - A Hidden Archive*
- **November 24, 2017**  
**Steve Berry**  
 Meeting and discussion
- **November 16, 2017**  
**Aleksandra Leniarska** (Humanity in Action Fellow)  
**Tomasz Jacheć** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)  
**Radosław Leniarski** (*Gazeta Wyborcza*)  
*Sports, Politics, Protest*
- **November 16, 2017**  
**Bogumiła Lisocka-Jaegermann** (ASC UW)  
**Renata Siuda-Ambroziak** (ASC UW)  
**Joana Bahia** (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)  
*Inter-Institutional Symposium: Transnational Afro-American Religions*
- **November 15, 2017**  
**John B. Judis** (editor-at-large at *Talking Points Memo*)  
*The Populist Phenomenon in the United States and Europe*
- **November 7, 2017**  
**Neal Pease** (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)  
*A Hundred Years of US-Polish Relations*
- **November 6, 2017**  
**Carlos Vasquez-Zawadzki** (University of Cali)  
*La cuentística de Gabriel García Márquez desde una perspectiva musicográfica*
- **October 26, 2017**  
**Ruben Sykora**  
 Exhibition: *Paraguay vive*
- **October 19, 2017**  
*Hate-speech, Civic Society, and the Media*  
 Panel discussion with Michał Bilewicz, Feras Daboul,  
 Dominika Michalak and Jarosław Ziółkowski

- **October 17, 2017**  
**Marta Figlerowicz** (Yale University)  
*Economy-Sized Giants*
- **October 16, 2017**  
**Robert Brinkmeyer** (University of South Carolina)  
*The Dynamics of Segregation in “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Go Set a Watchman”*
- **October 11, 2017**  
**Heizel Christina Tórrrez Velásquez** (environmental activist from Nicaragua)  
**Pedro Cabezas** (environmental activist from El Salvador)  
*The Environmental, Social and Political Impacts of Mining Industry on the Democratic Development of Central America*

### **Spring Term 2016/2017**

- **May 26, 2017**  
**Winnifred F. Sullivan** (Indiana University at Bloomington)  
Krzysztof Michałek Memorial Lecture: *Banning Bibles, Constituting the People*
- **May 23, 2017**  
**Salvatore Barbones**  
*Meeting and discussion*
- **May 18, 2017**  
**Nabil M. Alawi** (An-Najah National University)  
*Dehegemonizing American Studies: A Palestinian Perspective*
- **May 18, 2017**  
**Lisa K. Parshall** (Daemen College)  
*Election 2016: Time and Con(sequence): Reforming America’s Presidential Nominating Process Post-2016*
- **April 27, 2017**  
**Margaret Ohia-Nowak** (Wrocław University of Science and Technology)  
*Black People in Poland: A Self-Reflective Study of Discourse*
- **March 29, 2017**  
**Stanisław Filipowicz** (University of Warsaw)  
**Steven Hayward** (UC Berkeley)  
**Michał Kuź** (Lazarski University)  
**Peter L.P. Simpson** (Graduate Center of CUNY)  
**Artur Szutta** (Gdansk University)

**Tomasz Żyro** (War Studies University, Warsaw)

*Discussion on Clifford Angell Bates Jr's new book: The Centrality of the Regime for Political Science*

- **March 28, 2017**

**Paul W. Jones** (U.S. Ambassador to Poland)

*Meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Poland*

- **March 23, 2017**

**Katarzyna Pisarska** (Founder and Director of the European Academy of Diplomacy in Warsaw, Poland and the Visegrad School of Political Studies)

*Russia's Information Warfare in a World of Post-Truths*

- **March 9, 2017**

Black History Month at ASC: *Remembering African American Music*

A concert by **Małgorzata Ziótek-Sowińska** (piano, vocal), **Karolina Gadomska** (vocal) and **Dominik Gręda** (guitar)

- **March 9, 2017**

**Małgorzata Ziótek-Sowińska** (Akademia Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna w Łodzi)

Black History Month at ASC: *The Soul Music Aesthetics in the Music of Aretha Franklin*

- **March 6, 2017**

**Elizabeth L. Evans** (Eurasia Foreign Area Officer, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)

*Women's Career Paths and Challenges in the US Military Forces*

- **March 2, 2017**

**Małgorzata Ziótek-Sowińska** (Akademia Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna w Łodzi)

Black History Month in ASC: *Jazz and the Blues in the Poetry of Langston Hughes and Sterling A. Brown*

## **Fall Term 2016/2017**

- **October 27-29, 2016**

Polish Association for American Studies Annual Conference: *Transnational American Studies: Histories, Methodologies, Perspectives*

- **October 13, 2016**

*Debata z okazji Dnia Solidarności z Uchodźcami*

## Spring Term 2015/2016

- **June 18-19, 2016**  
Academia at Night: *Discover UW — University of Warsaw 200 anniversary celebration*
- **June 7, 2016**  
**Emily C. Burns** (Auburn University)  
*“Local Color in Art”: Nationalism and Impressionism in the United States, Australia, and France*
- **June 6, 2016**  
Queer Feminist Film: Sini Anderson
- **June 6, 2016**  
**Thomas Greven** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*The Rise of Right-wing Populism in Europe and the United States: A Comparative Perspective*
- **June 3, 2016**  
**Chris Steineger** (former Kansas State Senator)  
Election 2016: U.S. Elections 2016
- **June 2, 2016**  
**Claire Bea** (U.S. Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*American-Polish Relations: The U.S. Perspectives on American-Polish Relations*
- **May 12, 2016**  
Spotkanie z Katarzyną Surmiak-Domańską, autorką książki *Ku Klux Klan. Tu mieszka mitość*
- **May 9, 2016**  
Queer Feminist Film: Martin Scorsese
- **April 28, 2016**  
**Stanisław Obirek**  
American Studies Center 40th Anniversary Lecture:  
*John Paul II and His Impact on the Polarization of the Catholic Church: Poland as a Case Study*
- **April 26, 2016**  
**Michał Chudoliński** (Collegium Civitas)  
*Superman – Twilight of the American God*
- **April 21, 2016**  
**Tomasz Basiuk** (ASC UW)  
American Studies Center 40th Anniversary Lecture:



*Viral Communications: Jonathan Demme in Dialogue with Pedro Almodóvar*

- **April 19, 2016**  
**Pamela Wells** and **Paul Bryan Robinson** (“Replika” LGBTQ magazine)  
*Election 2016: LGBTQ Issues and 2016 Presidential Election*
- **April 12, 2016**  
**Omar López Montenegro** (Human Rights Director at the Cuban American National Foundation)  
*Mr. Obama Goes to Havana: The Future of US Relations with Cuba*
- **April 11, 2016**  
Queer Feminist Film: Nancy D. Kates
- **April 7, 2016**  
**Agnieszka Graff** (ASC UW)  
American Studies Center 40th Anniversary Lecture:  
*Getting paid to read difficult books. Democracy, market liberalism and the crisis of the humanities*
- **April 4, 2016**  
Meeting with members of the U.S. House of Representatives:  
Dana Rohrabacher, Juan Vargas, Brian Higgins and David Cicilline
- **March 31, 2016**  
**Grzegorz Kość** (ASC UW)  
American Studies Center 40th Anniversary Lecture  
*Rebalancing “Near the Unbalanced Aquarium”: Revisiting the Archival Sources of Robert Giroux’s Version of Lowell’s Memoir for a New Copy-Text*
- **March 10, 2016**  
**David A. Jones** (ASC UW)  
American Studies Center 40th Anniversary Lecture  
*Return of Fallen Empires? What are the Aspirations of the Russian Federation, China, the United States, and the European Union?*
- **March 7, 2016**  
Queer Feminist Film: Angela Davis and Yolande DuLuart

**Fall Term 2015/2016**



- **February 25, 2016**  
**Maciej Świdorski** (University of Warsaw)  
*Modernicana: Highway to the Future – Glittery Appeal of the American Mid-century Modern Style*
- **January 27, 2016**  
**Michael “Patches” Stewart** (trumpeter)  
*The Story of Jazz, from New Orleans to Warsaw*
- **January 26, 2016**  
**John Law** (Deputy Chief, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*Elections 2016: What Decides Who Wins*
- **January 22, 2016**  
**Ralph Talmont** (Curator Team Leader for TEDex Warsaw)  
*TED Talks, Public Speaking and the Art of Finding What You Are Not Looking For*
- **January 21, 2016**  
**Michał Chudoliński** (Collegium Civitas)  
*Arkham Asylum – the Neurotic Mythology of Our Times*
- **January 19, 2016**  
**Molly O’Neal** (Johns Hopkins University, Fulbright Visiting Lecturer and Researcher at Collegium Civitas)  
*Election 2016: Foreign Policy Debates And the U.S. Presidential Campaign*
- **January 12, 2016**  
**Angela Palazzolo** (U.S. Foreign Service Officer)  
*The State Department – How Does it Work?*
- **December 17, 2015**  
Doroczna debata o sytuacji osób LGBTI w USA: *Tęczowy raport o stanie państwa 2015*
- **December 14, 2015**  
**Magdalena Maksimiuk** (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
*A Contester in Suburbia. Anna Tatarska on Todd Solondz*
- **December 10, 2015**  
**Tomasz Szczerbicki** (University of Warsaw)  
*Harley-Davidson — symbol i legenda. 110 lat historii w USA i w Polsce*
- **December 7, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: Jill Godmilow
- **December 3, 2015**  
**Maciej Świdorski** (University of Warsaw)

Modernicana: *Failures in the park. New York City's Public Housing Projects and Urban Renewal*

- **December 2-4, 2015**  
International Conference  
*Shibboleth 1967/1968*
- **November 20, 2015**  
Seminarium poświęcone dyskusji nad  
książką *Niekonfrontacyjna asymetria w relacjach polsko-amerykańskich*
- **November 19, 2015**  
**Kenneth Stickers** (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)  
*The Spirit of Capitalism and the Caribbean Slave Trade*
- **November 9, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss
- **October 15, 2015**  
Open Meeting and Discussion on the Situation of Refugees in  
Poland and Abroad
- **October 8, 2015**  
**Piotr Kimla** (Jagiellonian University)  
*Henry Kissinger and the Art of Self-restrain in Politics*

### **Spring Term 2014/2015**

- **June 13, 2015**  
Meeting of the American Studies Network
- **June 3, 2015**  
**Andrzej Krakowski** (City University of New York)  
*Pollywood. Jak stworzyliśmy Hollywood*
- **June 1, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: TV Series
- **May 14, 2015**  
**Joanna Masiubańska**  
Spotkanie autorskie wokół książki *Kubańskie kłamstewko*
- **May 11, 2015**  
**Heinz Ickstadt** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Transcendentalists and Cultural Nationalists: from Thoreau and Church to the Painters and Writers of the Stieglitz Circle*
- **May 4, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: Jenny Livigstone and Daniel Peddle

- **April 13, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: Silas Howard and Harry Dodge, and Sadie Benning
- **March 26, 2015**  
Abp Celestino Migliore  
Bohdan Szklarski (ASC UW)  
Henryk Szlajfer (ASC UW)  
Piotr Łaciński (Collegium Civitas)  
Joanna Masiubańska (Cuban American National Foundation)  
*Przełom w stosunkach amerykańsko-kubańskich? Przyczyny i konsekwencje*

### **Fall Term 2014/2015**

- **February 2, 2015**  
Queer Feminist Film: Carole Roussopoulos and Mary Harron
- **November 26, 2014**  
Performance by Tracie Morris
- **November 3, 2014**  
Queer Feminist Film: Barbara Hammer
- **October 30, 2014**  
Panel dyskusyjny o sytuacji osób LGBT+ w USA: *Tęczowy raport o stanie państwa 2014*
- **October 9, 2014**  
*I have a dream – Martin Luther King in Polish*

### **Spring Term 2013/2014**

- **September 22-23, 2014**  
Festival of Science: *Skandal w amerykańskiej polityce i kulturze*
- **June 12, 2014**  
**Michał Chudoliński**  
*Batman – Dark Knight of Moral Anxiety. Popcultural mythology of USA*
- **June 9, 2014**  
An interim report from a research project: *Perceptions of USA in Poland since 1956*
- **June 5, 2014**  
**Dominika Ferens** (University of Wrocław)

**Alexia Kosmider** (Rhode Island School of Design)  
*Screening of the documentary: "Sappho's Fire" (2011)*

- **May 16-17, 2014**  
**International Interdisciplinary Conference**  
*Thinking Food: The Functions of Food in the US American Culture and Society*
- **April 30, 2014**  
**Samuel Marotta** (Open University of UW)  
*On American Catholicism*
- **April 23, 2014**  
**Ewa Rumińska-Zimny** (Gender Studies IBL PAN)  
**Elzbieta Korolczuk** (Södertörn University, School of Social Sciences)  
**Agnieszka Graff** (OSA UW)  
**Janina Pietrzak** (University of Warsaw)  
**Maciej Gdula** (University of Warsaw)  
**Tomasz Basiuk** (ASC UW)  
*Seminarium. Kategoria gender w nauce i w działaniach antydyskryminacyjnych*
- **April 16, 2014**  
**Jakub Staszelis** (Kryszna Kirtan Das)  
*This Could Only Happen in America - Outline of the History and Teaching of the Hare Krishna Movement*
- **April 10, 2014**  
**Magdalena Maksimiuk** (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
*The Man Behind the Alluring Image. All the Faces of JFK in Selected Movies and TV Series*
- **March 28-29, 2014**  
**International Academic Conference**  
*Deconstructing The Kennedy Mystique: JFK as a Cultural Phenomenon*
- **March 28, 2014**  
**Dominic Pacyga** (Columbia College Chicago)  
*Polish Americans and the Labor Movement in Steel and Meat Packing, 1880 to 1960*
- **March 19, 2014**  
**Agata Sobiecka**  
*On American Buddhism*

- **March 18, 2014**  
**Hanna Buczyńska-Garewicz** (College of the Holy Cross in Worcester)  
*William James and Others: Philosophy of Memory*
- **March 13, 2014**  
**Magda Maksimiuk** (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
*New American Cinema in Berlin: Reviews, Impressions, Trends of 64. Berlinale*

### **Fall Term 2013/2014**

- **January 23-24, 2014**  
**Sabine Broeck** (University of Bremen)  
*Faculty and graduate seminar. Property and Anti-Blackness: Revisiting Anti-Slavery Literature*
- **January 16, 2014**  
**Józef Pinior** (Senator RP)  
*Amerykańskie tajne więzienia CIA w Polsce?*
- **January 13, 2014**  
**Kirk Savage** (University of Pittsburgh)  
*The National Mall: The Organization of Washington's Public Space and its Functions*
- **December 17, 2013**  
**Tomasz Sikora** (Pedagogical University of Krakow)  
*Virtually Wild. Wilderness, Technology, and the Ecology of Mediation*
- **December 16, 2013**  
**James E. Young** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)  
*Holocaust Museums in Europe and in the United States*
- **December 9, 2013**  
**Steven Conn** (Ohio State University)  
*Museums of Ethnic Specificity and National Narrative in the United States*
- **December 2, 2013**  
**Robert Dizard Jr.** (Deputy Librarian, Library of Congress)  
*Serving the Congress and the People: Library of Congress*
- **November 18, 2013**  
**Clifford Chanin**  
*The Organization, function and mission of the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum*

- **November 14, 2013**  
**Tomasz Basiuk** (ASC UW)  
**Marta Konarzewska**  
**Mariusz Kurc**  
**Bartosz Żurawiecki**  
 Debata: *Czy Biały Dom może być tęczyowy?*

### **Spring Term 2012/2013**

- **September 23-26, 2013**  
 Festival of Science: USA w latach 60. XX wieku  
**Bohdan Szklarski** (ASC UW)  
*Mit i tajemnica śmierci prezydenta Kennedy'ego*  
**Karolina Krasuska** (ASC UW)  
*Spisek albo dlaczego Philip Roth nie dostał jeszcze Nagrody Nobla*  
**Agnieszka Graff** (ASC UW)  
*Betty Friedan: kobiecość, feminizm, rewolucja*  
**Grzegorz Kość** (ASC UW)  
*Martin Luther King: zbiorowa pamięć i amnezja*
- **June 6, 2013**  
**Agnieszka Mastalerz** (University of Warsaw)  
*Tendencje współczesnego kina, czyli relacja z 66 Festiwalu Filmowego w Cannes*
- **June 5, 2013**  
**Rabbi Dr. Gil Nativ** (Beit Warszawa Synagogue)  
*Jews in the U.S. Will the future American Jew be Reconservadox?*
- **May 21, 2013**  
**Karolina Krasuska** (ASC UW)  
*Spotkanie wokół książki "Płeć i naród: Trans/lokacje"*
- **May 16, 2013**  
**Isabel Marcus** (University at Buffalo Law School)  
*Feminist Jurisprudence and the Expansion of Women's Rights in the USA*
- **April 26, 2013**  
**John Krafft** (Fulbright Lecturer at The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)  
*How Posthuman Have We Become? A Seminar*
- **April 10 and 18, 2013**  
**Gedeon W. Werner**

*Controversial Issues in Contemporary American Life: Racism,  
Gun Control*

**Fall Term 2012/2013**

- **January 16, 2013**  
**Stephen Mull** (U.S. Ambassador to Poland)  
*Polish-American Relations in 2013: Priorities and Opportunities*
- **December 13, 2012**  
**John Mueller** (Ohio State University)  
*The Delusion of Terrorism*
- **December 2-9, 2012**  
**Marco Pustianaz** (University of Eastern Piedmont in Vercelli)  
A series of guest lectures
- **November 29, 2012**  
**Kevin Uhler** (Junior Fulbright Fellow at the ASC)  
*American WWII Home Front Propaganda*
- **November 20, 2012**  
**Jody Huckaby** (PFLAG USA)  
**Ireneusz Krzemiński** (Instytut Socjologii UW)  
**Zofia Jabłońska** (Kampania Przeciw Homofobii)  
*Debata: Czy w Polsce powstanie ruch Sojuszników LGBT?*
- **November 7, 2012**  
**ASC Students and Kevin Uhler** (Junior Fulbright Fellow at the ASC)  
*The Election Breakfast sponsored by the U.S. Embassy*
- **October 24, 2012**  
**Frankie Sturm** (Deputy Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*Presidential Debates 2012: Close Analysis of Strategies and Tactics*
- **October 11, 2012**  
**Joshua A. Tucker** (New York University)  
*Election System in the USA and the Role of The Electoral College*

**Spring Term 2011/2012**

- **September 25-27, 2012**  
**XVI Festiwal Nauki: Presidential Elections**  
**Bohdan Szklarski** (ASC UW)  
*Jak się wygrywa lub przegrywa wybory w Ameryce*



**Bohdan Szklarski** (ASC UW)

**Sławomir Józefowicz** (University of Warsaw)

*Krajobraz przedwyborczy 2012: Spory o Obamę i nie tylko*

**Piotr Tarczyński** (University of Warsaw)

*Waszyngton i Hollywood: Amerykańska polityka w kulturze popularnej*

- **August 24 – September 21, 2012**

*American Month*

- **May 25-26, 2012**

**Ogólnopolska konferencja**

*Nienormatywne praktyki rodzinne*

- **May 11-12, 2012**

**Academic Conference**

*The 1960s: Legacies*

- **February 22, 2012**

**Lisa Helling** (U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)

**Agnieszka Graff** (ASC UW)

**Betty Winfield** (University Of Missouri)

*A screening and debate around documentary film “Miss Representation” (2011)*

## **Spring Term 2010/2011**

- **September 20-22, 2011**

**XV Festiwal Nauki: Basic USA**

**Urszula Jarecka** (Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw)

*Everything You Wanted to Know About Hollywood*

**Michał Goszczyński** (University of Warsaw)

The Warsaw University faculty and the representative of the Fulbright Commission in Warsaw: *Beyond Harvard: Studying in the U.S. Everything You Wanted to Know About U.S. Higher Education*

**Bohdan Szklarski** (ASC UW)

*Everything You Wanted to Know About the U.S. President*

- **June 3-4, 2011**

Ogólnopolska Konferencja Naukowa

*Strategie queer. Kulturowa i społeczna sytuacja osób nieheteroseksualnych i transpłciowych w perspektywie interdyscyplinarnej*

- **May 25, 2011**

**Roman Rewald**

*Discussion Around an Academy Award Documentary “Inside Job” (2010)*

- **May 19, 2011**  
**John Karaagac** (Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs)  
*The Obama Foreign Policy: A Work in Progress*
- **April 13, 2011**  
**Lee Feinstein** (U.S. Ambassador to Poland)  
*Transatlantic Relations Today*
- **March 15, 2011**  
**Isabel Marcus** (University at Buffalo Law School)  
*Discussion on Developments and Dilemmas in Reproductive Rights in the United States*
- **March 3, 2011**  
**Alan L. Draper** (St. Lawrence University)  
*Elections 2010-2012*
- **February 22, 2011**  
**Richard Wolin** (Graduate Center of the City University of New York)  
*Intellectuals and Contemporary Politics*

### **Fall Term 2010/2011**

- **November 17, 2010**  
**Morton Halperin**  
*The Community of Democracies and New Democracies*
- **October 19, 2010**  
**Michał Jan Rozbicki** (Saint Louis University)  
*The American Revolution: Did the Founders Betray Their Own Ideals?*
- **October 14, 2010**  
**Yu Han** (Xiamen University)  
*The Study of American History in China: Retrospect and Prospect*
- **October 1, 2010**  
**Stuart Loory** (Distinguished Fulbright Chair to the University of Warsaw)  
*Is the United States Media Really Free?*

## Spring Term 2009/2010

- **September 20-22, 2010**  
**XIV Festiwal Nauki: Ameryka w XXI wieku: Kultura i społeczeństwo**  
**Anna Sosnowska** (ASC UW)  
*Czy na Greenpoincie czas się zatrzymał? Polscy imigranci w Nowym Jorku*  
**Karolina Krasuska** (ASC UW)  
**Tomasz Basiuk** (ASC UW)  
*Spisek, Tolkien i krykiet: Proza amerykańska XXI wieku*  
**Ewa Hauser** (University of Warsaw)  
**Jan Szelażewicz** (University of Warsaw)  
*Spółeczeństwo zdezinformowane, czyli jak sprzedawano Amerykanom wojnę w Iraku*
- **June 23, 2010**  
**Bill Schneider** (George Mason University)  
*Discussion on the current political situation in the U.S. and in Poland*
- **June 1, 2010**  
**Kurt Schock** (The State University of New Jersey)  
*Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. as an Example of Nonviolent Civil Resistance*
- **May 26, 2010**  
**Hasia Diner** (New York University)  
*Fitting Memorials: American Jews and the Memory of the Holocaust, 1945-1962*
- **May 17, 2010**  
**Derek Hackett** (Fordham University)  
*'Fools Rush in Where Angels Fear to Tread': An Interpretation of the Movie The Third Man as a Political Allegory*
- **May 17, 2010**  
**Elisabeth Frost** (Fordham University)  
*The "Photo-Text": Contemporary Women Poets And Visual Artists*
- **May 15 and 17, 2010**  
**Jeff Friedman**  
*Performin' Signifyin': The Whitman Sisters Get In Your (Black) Face*

- **May 13, 2010**  
Meeting with National War College students  
*America in the World: Polish and American Perspectives*
- **April 27-28, 2010**  
**Kamil Aydin**  
*America's Influence in Turkey*  
*Orientalism and Post-Colonialism*
- **April 24, 2010**  
**Sheila Lalwani**  
*The Challenges of Reporting on Islam and Muslims in a Global World: What is the Way Forward?*
- **April 21, 2010**  
**Maciej Wierzyński**  
*Głos Ameryki, Wolna Europa – narzędzia amerykańskiej polityki zagranicznej*
- **April 20, 2010**  
**Werner Krieglstein**  
*Science and Morality in Contemporary America*
- **March 10, 2010**  
**Rita Felski** (University of Virginia)  
Guest lecture *Suspicious Minds* and open seminar

### **Fall Term 2009/2010**

- **February 24, 2010**  
**Mark J. Rozell** (George Mason University at Arlington)  
*Obama: His First Year Leadership*
- **December 14, 2009**  
**Barclay Key** (Western Illinois University)  
*Southern Confessionals: Racial Reconciliation in the 1960s*
- **November 23, 2009**  
**Catrin Gersdorf** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Beyond the Vernacular: Landscape and the African American Cultural Tradition*
- **November 19, 2009**  
**Donald C. Martin**  
*Road Map for Graduate Education in the USA*

- **October 27, 2009**  
**Anne Nelson**  
*Theater and Trauma: How New Yorkers Used Theater in Response to the September 11th Attack*
- **October 21, 2009**  
**John R. Leo** (University of Rhode Island)  
*Gay Marriage/Registered Partnership and Citizenship*
- **October 20, 2009**  
**Cezary M. Ornatowski** (University of California)  
*The War of Ideas: Rhetoric, Extremism, and Security*
- **October 16, 2009**  
**Elahe Haschemi Yekani** (Humboldt University Berlin)  
*The Spectacle of the 'Self': White Masculinity in Photography*

### **Spring Term 2008/2009**

- **September 25, 2009**  
**Ewa Grzeszczyk**  
**Sylvia Kuźma-Markowska**  
**S. Gózdź**  
**R. Miszczak**  
**M. Pisuk**  
*"Hip-hop generation" kontra "pokolenie hip-hopu". Znaczenie kultury hip-hop dla polskiego i amerykańskiego społeczeństwa.*
- **May 7, 2009**  
**Eric J. Sundquist** (UCLA)  
*Martin Luther King's "Dream Speech" - Its Sources and Legacy*
- **May 20, 2009**  
**J. Peter Burkholder** (Indiana University at Bloomington)  
*Music as a Transatlantic Tradition*
- **April 17-18, 2009**  
**Suzanna Danuta Walters** (Indiana University)  
*Lecture: The End of Coming Out*  
*Interdisciplinary Symposium: Post-Race? Post-Gender? The Politics of Identity in Contemporary United States*

### **Fall Term 2008/2009**

- **January 13, 2009**  
*Uwikłani w tożsamość. Butler w Polsce*  
*Dyskusja wokół polskiego wydania książki Judith Butler*  
*“Uwikłani w płęć” (“Gender Trouble”) w tłumaczeniu Karoliny*  
*Krasuskiej (American Studies Center)*
- **December 18, 2008**  
**Magdalena Kropiwnicka** (Food and Hunger Policy Advisor,  
ActionAid International)  
*Hunger Back on the Global Agenda? Brazil Leads the Way*
- **December 9, 2008**  
**Heinz Ickstadt** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Constructing Self – Inventing the Other Race in 20th Century*  
*American Fiction*
- **November 27, 2008**  
**Victor Ashe** (U.S. Ambassador to Poland)  
*American Elections: The Role of Local Elites and Campaign*  
*Chairs*
- **November 19, 2008**  
**Phil Ranstrom** (documentary filmmaker)  
*Discussion on the documentary “Cheat You Fair: The Story of*  
*Maxwell Street”*
- **November 4, 2008**  
*The ASC Election Night*
- **October 22-24, 2008**  
**International Conference**  
*The Past in the Present: The American Uses of History*
- **October 21, 2008**  
**Carsten Junker** (Humboldt University in Berlin)  
*Transatlantic Race Man: W.E.B. Du Bois*

### **Spring Term 2007/2008**

- **September 23, 2008**  
**Agnieszka Graff** (ASC UW)  
*Anger, guilt, denial – the logic of “racial problem” in the U.S. in*  
*the context of upcoming presidential elections*
- **May 19-21, 2008**  
**International Conference**

*Beyond Imagined Uniqueness: Nationalisms in Comparative Perspective*

- **April 8, 2008**  
**Jennifer Ashton** (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
*The Black Aesthetic and the Critique of Self-Expression in the 1960s: From Charles' Olson's 'Projective Verse' to LeRoi Jones's 'How You Sound?'*
- **April 7, 2008**  
**Walter Benn Michaels** (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
*The Trouble with Diversity*
- **March 26, 2008**  
**Academic Conference**  
*Stany Zjednoczone w świecie w perspektywie dwóch dekad*
- **March 14, 2008**  
**Queer Studies Workshop**  
*The Vagaries of Subjectivity: Queer Perspectives on Subject Formation and the Critique of Identity*
- **March 11, 2008**  
**Celia Bense** (University of Paris 8)  
*The Historical Context of "Tally's Corner"*

### **Fall Term 2007/2008**

- **December 8-9, 2007**  
**International Conference**, organized by School of American Studies - Collegium Civitas and American Studies Center  
*Quo Vadis America?*
- **December 7, 2007**  
**Lawrence R. Chamer**  
*NATO in the 21st Century - Expectations and Challenges*  
*Maintaining National Identity Within a Growing NATO*
- **December 6, 2007**  
**Miles White** (Charles University in Prague)  
*From Hip-Hop to Hardcore: Race, Representation and the New Culture of Masculinity*
- **November 26, 2007**  
**Edward J. Kulakowski** (Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*Current Issues in U.S.-Polish Relations*



- **November 17, 2007**  
**William D. Beercase** (U.S. Air Force Academy)  
*Guest lecture*
- **November 16-22, 2007**  
**Patrick B. Miller** (Northeastern Illinois University)  
*The Culture of Reform in 1960s America*  
*The Long Civil Rights Movement: Recent Perspectives*  
*The Academic Experience in America*  
*Goals and Strategies of Civil Rights Crusaders*

### **Spring Term 2006/2007**

- **September 25, 2007**  
**Ewa Grzeszczyk**  
**Sebastian Góźdź**  
XI Festiwal Nauki: *HIP-HOP i elektrofunk w Stanach i nie tylko*
- **September 24, 2007**  
**Agnieszka Graff** (ASC UW)  
XI Festiwal Nauki: *Rasowe stereotypy w Stanach Zjednoczonych*
- **June 2, 2007**  
**Workshops**  
*Researching and Teaching American History*
- **May 17, 2007**  
**Cristanne Miller** (University at Buffalo)  
**Edward H. Butler** (University at Buffalo)  
*Modernism, Sexuality, and Performing the Female Body:*  
*Marianne Moore and Else Lasker-Schüler*
- **May 11, 2007**  
**William C. Pratt** (University of Nebraska Omaha)  
*Place Makes a Difference: Region and Locale in American Culture*
- **May 10, 2007**  
**Magdalena J. Zaborowska** (University of Michigan)  
*From Baldwin's Paris to Benjamin's: The Architectonics of Race/Sex in "Giovanni's Room"*
- **March 24, 2007**  
**Geert Hofstede** (University of Maastricht)  
*Culture's Recent Consequences*
- **March 15, 2007**  
**Robert Faulkner** (Boston College)

*Participant Observation and Improvisation: A View From the Band Stand*

**Fall Term 2006/2007**

- **December 4, 2006**  
**David T. Morris** (Political Officer, U.S. Embassy in Warsaw)  
*Current U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Iraq and Iran, and the War on Terror*
- **November 2, 2006**  
**Academic Conference**  
*American Studies: A Thirty Year Perspective Warsaw University*  
*American Studies Center Anniversary Conference 1976-2006*
- **October 18, 2006**  
**Richard Yarborough** (University of California)  
*African American Writers and the Antislavery Struggle*
- **October 17, 2006**  
**Academic Conference**  
*American Model – Polish Reality*
- **October 5, 2006**  
**Marianne Noble** (American University)  
*The Role of Sentimentality as Category and its Political and Social Values in the 19th Century Fiction*

**Spring Term 2005/2006**

- **August 29–30, 2006**  
**Seventh International Queer Studies Conference**  
*Seeking Queer Alliances: Resisting Dominant Discourses and Institutions*
- **April 26, 2006**  
**Academic Conference**  
*Z Mariel do Miami — 25 lat po exodusie*
- **March 18, 2006**  
**Academic Conference**  
*American Poetry in Poland: Teaching, Translation, Reception*
- **March 7–8, 2005**  
**Joint Conference**  
*Comparative Perspectives on Race, Nationalism and the Politics of Memory. Poland and the United States*

- **February 25-26, 2005**  
**Academic Conference**  
*Religion, Law, Advertising, the Dilemmas of Contemporary Culture*