

New Directions in the History of the Black Power Movement

Goethe University Frankfurt

June 23-25, 2023

Organizers:

Simon Wendt (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Gloria Fears-Heinzel (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Friday, June 23, 2023

10:00 - 10:30 am Introduction

Simon Wendt (Goethe University Frankfurt)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Panel 1: Black Power and Queer History

Chair: Simon Wendt (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Gloria Fears-Heinzel (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Black/Gay/Power/Liberation: Electoral Politics as Common Ground

Daniela Valdes (Rutgers University)

Rethinking the 52 Hand Blocks and Mother Dear: Gender Outlaws,
Black Power Legacies of Self-Defense, and Urban Change in New York,
1970-1980

Commentator: Emily K. Hobson (University of Nevada, Reno)

12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 - 4:30 pm Panel 2: The Global Dimensions of Black Power

Chair: Cedric Essi (Osnabrück University)

Debby Esmeé de Vlugt (Leiden University)

Towards a Historiography of Decolonial Black Power

Matti Steinitz (Bielefeld University)

Contested Solidarities: Revolutionary Cuba and the Black Power Movement

Saskia Papadakis (University of Manchester)

Black Power, Black workers: Revisiting the 1974 Imperial Typewriters Strike

Commentator: Anne-Marie Angelo (University of Sussex)

4:30 - 5:00 pm **Coffee**

5:00 - 6:30 pm **Keynote**

Ashley Farmer (University of Texas-Austin)

Queen Mother Audley Moore and the History of Black Power

7:30 pm **Conference Dinner**

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Panel 3: Black Power and Religion**

Chair: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (University of Augsburg)

Venus Bender (Goethe University)

Faith-Based Resistance: Examining the Impact of Black Power on Church Members and the Image of Christ

Tejai Beulah Howard (Methodist Theological School in Ohio)

How Tom Skinner Created and Spread the Black Power Gospel

Commentator: Kerry Pimblott (University of Manchester)

12:00 - 1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 - 4:00 pm **Panel 4: Black Power in America: Case Studies**

Chair: Manfred Berg (Heidelberg University)

Maurice D. Gipson (University of Missouri)

Moving the Movement Forward: Black Power and the Demand for Radical Change in Arkansas

Shanleigh Corrallo (New York)

The Ebbs and Woes of Industrial Black Power: Historicizing FIGHT and BUILD in Pursuit of Local Black Power Histories

Constantin Berlin (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Left-Wing Critics of Black Power: James Boggs as an Architect and Critic of Black Power in Detroit

Commentator: Robyn C. Spencer (Lehman College)

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Coffee

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Panel 5: Women and/in the Black Power Movement

Chair: Brian Behnken (Iowa State University)

SaraEllen Strongman (University of Michigan)

Movement In Black: Black Lesbian Poets and Black Power Politics

Jasmin Young (University of California, Riverside)

Roots of Resistance: African American Women, Black Power, and Armed Resistance

Commentator: Rhonda Williams (Vanderbilt University)

Sunday, June 25, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Panel 6: The Black Power Movement and Education

Chair: Simon Wendt (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Viola Huang (Middlebury College)

Black Power, Education, and Radical Social Transformation

Robert P. Robinson (John J. College of Criminal Justice)

A History of the Hub: The Panthers' Oakland Community Learning Center as a Black Tradition

Commentator: Donna Murch (Rutgers University)

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Roundtable Discussion: Where Do We Go from Here?

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Ashley Farmer (University of Texas-Austin)

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