



Postgraduierten-
forum der DGfA

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2011 Postgraduate Forum organizers at the International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC) and the Department of English at Justus Liebig University Giessen call for submissions to this year's annual conference.

The Postgraduate Forum (PGF) of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien (DGfA) is a venue for young scholars working in American Studies who have completed their MA (or equivalent) to discuss their work and meet their peers. The 2011 PGF will be hosted by the GCSC and the Department of English at Justus Liebig University Giessen from 4-6 November, 2011. During this three-day conference, young scholars in the field can present their current research – such as doctoral work, essay projects, or Habilitationsschriften – as work in progress and debate it with the group. There is no topical restriction and we welcome contributions from various disciplines such as the study of American culture, literature, history and politics. Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes in order to enable a ten-minute discussion afterwards. We invite you to submit an abstract of 200-300 words by 31 August, 2011. Proposals should include a brief biographical statement speaking to your academic background, your university affiliation, and the current status of your project. We especially encourage young researchers who have little or no conference experience to present their current research. Selected contributions will be published in the online journal *COPAS (Current Objectives of Postgraduate American Studies)*.

A preliminary program including information on the conference locales and possible accommodation options will be available by the end of September on our website at <http://gcsc.uni-giessen.de/pgf2011>. Speakers will be required to send two-page summaries of their papers by 15 October, 2011. These abstracts will be sent to all participants prior to the conference.

We kindly ask that all participants (presenting and non-presenting) register using the online form on our website.

Please send all proposals to pgf2011.giessen@googlemail.com.