

## COUNTERFACTUAL THINKING / COUNTERFACTUAL WRITING

Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), September 28-30, 2009

### September 28

9.30 am      WERNER FRICK (SPEAKER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Welcome

DOROTHEE BIRKE, MICHAEL BUTTER, TILMANN KÖPPE (FREIBURG)

Introduction

#### *The Cognitive Value of Counterfactual Scenarios*

10.15 am      GEORG CHRISTOPH BERGER WALDENEGG (HEIDELBERG/VIENNA)

"What if?": Counterfactuality and History

10.45 am      NED LEBOW (DARTMOUTH/LONDON)

Counterfactual Case Studies and Experimental Research in  
International Relations

11.15 am      Discussion

12.00 am      Lunch Break

#### *Literature as a Counterfactual Discourse*

3.00 pm      TOBIAS KLAUK (GÖTTINGEN)

Thought Experiments and Literature

3.30 pm      DANIEL DOHRN (CONSTANCE)

Counterfactual Explanation in Literature and the Social Sciences

4.00 pm      Discussion

4.45 pm      Coffee Break

### *Counterfactual Thinking in the History of Science*

- 5.15 pm      BERNHARD KLEEGER (CONSTANCE)  
Retrospective Prognoses: Modeling Historical Counterfactuals
- 5.45 pm      LUTZ DANNEBERG (BERLIN)  
Use and Misuse of Counterfactuals in Certain Arguments in the History  
of Science: The Case of Ex-Post-In/Determinism
- 6.15 pm      Discussion
- 7.00 pm      Conference Dinner (FRIAS Lounge)

### **September 29**

### *Counterfactuals and Cognition*

- 9 am          MICHAEL BRENNER (FREIBURG)  
"If Androids Dreamt of Electric Sheep":  
Counterfactual Reasoning in Artificial Intelligence
- 9.30 am      MARTIN HILPERT (FREIBURG)  
The Cognitive Linguistics of Counterfactuals
- 10 am        Discussion
- 10.45 am     Coffee Break

### *The Psychology of Counterfactual Thinking*

- 11.15 am     CHRISTOPH KLAUER (FREIBURG)  
Psychological Research on Counterfactual Processing
- 11.45 am     PATRIZIA CATELLANI (MILAN)  
Counterfactuals in the Social Context:  
The Case of Political Interviews and Their Effects
- 12.15 am     Discussion

1 pm            Lunch (FRIAS Lounge)

*Counterfactuality as a Narrative Strategy*

3 pm            JAN ALBER (FREIBURG)  
Impossible Storyworlds: An Extreme Case of Counterfactuality

3.30 pm        ROBYN WARHOL-DOWN (COLUMBUS, OHIO)  
"What Might Have Been is Not What Is":  
Dickens's Narrative Refusals

4 pm            Discussion

4.45 pm        Coffee Break

*Counterfactual History in Literature*

5.15 pm        ANDREAS MARTIN WIDMANN (LONDON/MAINZ)  
Plot vs. Story: Towards a Typology of Counterfactual Historical Novels

5.45 pm        Discussion

8 pm            Dinner in town

**September 30**

*Counterfactual Scenarios in Literature*

9.30 am        RÜDIGER HEINZE (BRUNSWICK)  
A Sound of Thunder:  
Time Travel, Possible Worlds and Counterfactuality

10 am          BIRTE CHRIST (BONN/FREIBURG)  
"If I Were a Man": The Counterfactual as Feminist Analytic

10.30 am      Discussion

11.15 am     Coffee Break

*Counterfictionality*

11.45 am     RICHARD SAINT-GELAIS (QUÉBEC)  
                  How to Do Things with Worlds:  
                  From Counterfactuality to Counterfictionality

12.15 pm     (Final) Discussion