

**‘RE-READING EAST GERMANY’  
THE LITERATURE AND FILM OF THE GDR**

A SYMPOSIUM  
NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD  
*24-25 March 2011*

**Thurs 24 March 2011**

**11am Registration and coffee - JCR**

**McGregor Matthews Room\***

**11. 30am The GDR: An Overview**

*Wolfgang Emmerich, University of Bremen*

**12.15 pm Resurrected from the Ruins: The Emergence of GDR Culture**

*Stephen Brockmann, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh*

***1pm Lunch (Hall)***

**2.00 pm DEFA’s Anti-fascist Myths and the Construction of National Identity in  
East German Cinema**

*Seán Allan, University of Warwick*

**2.45pm From ‘Faust Part 3’ to ‘Germania 3’: Drama in the GDR**

*Holger Teschke, Berlin and Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts*

***3.30pm tea (JCR)***

**4pm Autobiographical Writing in the GDR Era**

*Dennis Tate, University of Bath*

**4.45pm Gender in GDR Literature**

*Georgina Paul, St Hilda’s College, Oxford*

**(5.30pm-6pm short break)**

**6pm Durs Grünbein and Michael Eskin: Reading and Discussion (Long Room)\***

**7.30 pm** Champagne Reception to launch Durs Grünbein, *The Vocation of Poetry*,  
trans. by Michael Eskin, Upper West Side Philosophers Press, Inc. 2011 (Long  
Room) \*

***8.00pm Conference Dinner (Founders Library)***

College Bar open until Midnight.

\* Unfortunately, owing to the nature of the buildings, the McGregor Mathews Room  
and the Long Room have no wheelchair access.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**8-9am Breakfast (Hall)**

**9.15 am Negotiating the Politics of Satire: Satirical Novels in the GDR and Beyond**

*Jill Twark*, East Carolina University, NC

**10 am *Oktoberfilm* introduced by Durs Grünbein (+ discussion)**

**11 am coffee (JCR)**

**11.30 am Power of the Word: Poetry and Politics in the GDR**

*Gerrit-Jan Berendse*, University of Cardiff

**12.15 pm Tinker, Tailor, Writer, Spy: Literature and the Stasi**

*Alison Lewis*, University of Melbourne

**1pm Lunch (Hall)**

**2pm Intellectuals and the Wende: Missed Opportunities and Dashed Hopes**

*Carol Anne Costabile-Heming*, Northern Kentucky University

**2.45 pm Spectres of the GDR: Remembering the GDR Twenty Years On.**

*Karen Leeder*, New College, Oxford

3.30pm Conference Concludes