



# Obama Lecture

November 22, 12-2pm

Senatssaal

(7th floor, Naturwiss. Fakultät)

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Rippl

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## “Picture This! Transcultural American Literature in the Digital Age”



NoNiolet Bulawayo and Teju Cole are prize-winning transcultural American writers whose recent works of fiction address the power of seeing and the art of rendering verbally visual impressions. Their experimental visual modes of writing, which include ekphrastic practices and

word-image combinations, register the discontinuous histories of transcultural subjects and foreground the passages, ruptures and networks of exchange in our global world and digital age. Cole's *Every Day Is for the Thief* (2007/2014) and *Open City* (2011) as well as Bulawayo's *We Need New Names* (2014) depict peripatetic American lives, negotiate the role of today's media and engage critically with violence, trauma and states of in-between-ness, thus urging readers to picture things differently.

**Gabriele Rippl is Professor and Chair of Literatures in English at the University of Bern, Switzerland.**

## Obama Dissertation Prize

The Obama Dissertation Prize is awarded annually for outstanding Ph.D. work in Transnational American Studies.

Winner

**Argelia Segovia Liga** (Missouri State U, Springfield)  
"The Rupture Generation': Nineteenth-Century Nahua Intellectuals in Mexico City, 1774-1882"

Runner-up

**Denijal Jegić** (JGU Mainz)  
"Trans/Intifada: The Politics and Poetics of Intersectional Resistance"

## Hans Galinsky Memorial Prize

The Hans Galinsky Memorial Prize is awarded annually to the best student theses and research papers in Early American Studies at the Obama Institute's Mainz campus.

**Karolina Lambert**

"The Dash: Manifold Meanings of a Neglected Punctuation Mark Explored through Emily Dickinson's 'He fumbles at your Soul'"  
(Proseminar "Introduction to American Poetry")

**Clara Hofmann**

"Publishing, Politics, and Religion in the Early Republic: The Case of Jedidiah Morse"  
(M.Ed. Masters Thesis)

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## Program

### **Welcome Address**

Speaker of the Obama Institute  
(Alfred Hornung)

### **Obama Lecture (in memoriam Karl Dietz)**

Introduction: Jutta Ernst

### **Obama Dissertation Prize & Acceptance Speech**

Introduction: Mita Banerjee

### **Galinsky Prize**

Introduction: Oliver Scheiding



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