Dr. Martina Kohl is a Cultural Affairs Specialist at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany, where she coordinates a Germany-wide speaker and curriculum development program in American Studies. Since 2007, she serves as Deputy General Editor of the [American Studies Journal](http://www.asjournal.org/), a peer-reviewed open-access journal that provides a forum for intellectual debate about all aspects of social, cultural, and political life in the United States of America (Audience reached: 12,000 visitors per month; 32,000 visits.). She holds an M.A. and a Dr. Phil. in American Studies, English Studies and History from Johannes-Gutenberg University Mainz. Dr. Kohl studied at Florida Southern College (1980-81) and taught and conducted research at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (1985-90). In 2013, she received the [Hans Eberhard Piepho Prize](http://www.piepho-preis.de/) for the U.S. Embassy School Election Project and the “Ausgezeichnete Orte – Land der Ideen” Award for the Going Green – Education for Sustainability Project in 2015. Dr. Kohl regularly teaches in the American Studies program at Humboldt University Berlin and at the Obama Institute at Mainz University. She serves on the advisory board of the Salzburg Seminar American Studies Association (SSASA).

**Publications**

**Books**

Ed. with Alfred Hornung (Mainz). Arab American Literature and Culture. Heidelberg: Winter Verlag, 2012.

Women’s Voices from the House of Time. Halle-Wittenberg: Center for United States Studies, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 2011. Print Version.

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The Wilhelm Meister Pebble: Bildungsromanelemente in Thomas Wolfe’s *Look Homeward, Angel* (1929), *Of Time and the River* (1935), *The Web and the Rock* (1939) and *You Can’t Go Home Again* (1940). Epistemata: Würzburger Wissenschaftliche Schriften, Reihe Literaturwissenschaft, Bd. 122: Würzburg: Königshausen&Neumann, 1994.

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**Full editions**

* Women’s Voices from the House of Time II No. 67 (forthcoming, May 2019)
* Co-edited with Torben Schmidt (Lüneburg), “New Ways of Teaching English: The U.S. Embassy Election Project 2012” No. 58 (2014).
* “Women’s Voices from the House of Time” No. 55 (2011).
* “Urban Culture, Urban Landscapes: Growing Up in the American City” No. 54 (2010).
* Co-edited with Jörg Nagler (Jena) “Lincoln’s Legacy: Nation Building, Democracy and the Question of Civil Rights” No. 53 (2009).
* Co-edited with Alfred Hornung (Mainz), “Arab-American Literature and Culture” No. 52 (2008).
* Co-edited with Peter Freese (Paderborn), “Ethnic Visions of the United States of America” No. 51 (2008).

**Individual Articles**

* “Life in a Frame” (short story, May 2919)
* “Teaching Sustainability with Counter Narratives” together with Joannis Kaliampos (Lüneburg)(forthcoming Winter 2019)
* "Never the Oval Office? From Eleanor Roosevelt to Michelle Obama—First Ladies and Their Social and Feminist Agenda" in Miscellaneous No. 62 (2017).
* “Teaching Abraham Lincoln in the EFL Classroom: A German Case Study” *Abraham Lincoln in Europe: Political Uses, Popular Images, 1865-2012*” ASJ 60 (May 2016).
* “Teaching ‘Urban Cultures, Urban Landscapes: Growing Up in the American City’: Further Readings and Links” ASJ 54 (2010).

**Editorial Experience**

Since 2007: Deputy General Editor, [American Studies Journal](http://www.asjournal.org/):

Audience reached: 12,000 visitors per month; 32,000 visits.

A peer-reviewed open-access journal that provides a forum for intellectual debate about all aspects of social, cultural, and political life in the United States of America. Goal: to present new and challenging research in the humanities to both academic and non-academic audiences around the world.

Co-editors: Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Grabbe, Martin Luther Universität Halle Wittenberg (General Editor); Prof. Dr. Andrew Gross, Georg-August Universität Göttingen; PD Dr. Maria Moss, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg; Prof. Dr. Torben Schmidt, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg.

Since 2014: Initiator of, and advisor to, the *American Studies Blog* – [www.blog.asjournal.org](http://www.blog.asjournal.org):

Audience reached: 1,750 visitors per month; 4,660 visits.

Blog team: faculty and students at Leuphana University Lüneburg, English Department and Center for Modern Languages.

Since 2014: Initiator, co-editor and supervisor of the *Going Green – Education for Sustainability* Blog – [www.TeachAboutUS.org](http://www.TeachAboutUS.org): an educational blog fed by U.S. State Department Virtual Student Interns complementing the Going Green e-learning platform.

Audience: Teachers and educators primarily in Germany and the U.S. Enrolled users on the Teach About US website: 992.

Editor of DDR, *mon amour* by Dr. Markus Ziener (novel, PalmArt Press Berlin, Fall 2018).

**Lectures**

Frequent lecturer in teacher training and university seminars, e.g. on

* Never the Oval Office? From Eleanor Roosevelt to Michelle Obama—First Ladies and Their Social and Feminist Agenda" (Chemnitz and Rostock 2017; Speyer and Lüneburg 2018);
* “Going Green – Education for Sustainability” and “U.S. Elections 2016” - the e-learning/blended learning projects (e.g. Fremdsprachentag Mainz, Sept. 2015; Landeszentrale für Politische Bildung Wiesbaden, Sept. 2015; Wittenberg American Studies Committee Meeting, Nov. 2015, Amerikazentrum Hamburg, March 2016; LISUM Berlin-Brandenburg April 2019).
* Additional topics include: public diplomacy; national identity; American Studies in the EFL Classroom; New Orleans: A Cross-Curricular Internet-Based Research Project; Imagining (the) American Community(ies) in History; Youth and Identity in Music Video, Film and Literature, Politics and the Arts.

**Awards**

“Ausgezeichnete Orte – Land der Ideen” Prize 2015 for “Going Green – Education for Sustainabilty“ together with team members of Leuphana University Lüneburg and eXplorarium Life e.V. Berlin.

Hans-Eberhardt -Piepho-Sonderpreis for the “U.S. Embassy School Election Project 2012” together with team members of Leuphana University Lüneburg and eXplorarium Life e.V. Berlin.

Numerous U.S. State Department Meritorious and Superior Honor Awards throughout my career.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

Salzburg Seminar Fellow

* SSASA 16 Understanding America in the 21st Century: Culture and Politics (September 2019); moderator of several sessions;
* SSASA 11: Sustainability and the City: America and the Urban World Salzburg Seminar American Studies (September 2013).
* Session 490: Public and Private Cultural Exchange-Based Diplomacy: New Models for the 21st Century (April/May 2 2012).
* Session 359: The Social and Political Implications of the Internet (July 1998).

Johanns-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz Graduiertenförderung (Summer 1988)

Johanns-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz Graduate Exchange Scholarship (1985/86)

Fulbright Travel Grant (1980)

Federation of German-American Clubs Student Exchange Scholarship (1980/81)