

Sunday, April 10, 2011

German House, 172 College Avenue, New Brunswick

Roundtable Conference at the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures at Rutgers,
the State University of New Jersey:

Die Stadt: The Writing of Urban Spaces in the German Speaking Context

Breakfast will be served from 9:30am

10:00 – 11:00am:

Opening remarks, followed by a keynote address by
Prof. Gabriele Schwab, UC Irvine:

Angel City Fieldwork:

Urban Zones of Abandonment in Richard Powers' *Operation Wandering Soul*

11:00 – 11:15am:

Coffee break

11:15am – 12:45pm

Panel one: Modernist Representations of City Spaces

- **Ria Banerjee (CUNY):** Rilke's *The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge*.
- **Marcella Livi (UC Davis):** Spatial Crisis in Franz Kafka's *The Castle*.
- **Matthew Handelman (U Penn):** Reading between the Planes: Siegfried Kracauer's Urban Geometry.

12:45 – 1:00pm:

Coffee break

1:00 – 2:00pm

Panel two: Postmodern Representations of City Spaces

- **Anne Flannery (Johns Hopkins):** Destroying a Story: Walking and the Text in Thomas Bernhard's *Gehen*.
- **Gizem Arslan (Cornell):** Metamorphoses of Berlin and Linguistic Orientation in Yoko Tawada's *Sprachpolizei und Spielpolyglotte*.

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