This workshop offers an opportunity, 25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, to rethink in interdisciplinary fashion received ideas concerning Germany and Europe before, during, and after the dramatic moment; the nature of the Cold War; and the challenges to a new Europe after 1989. Open to the entire Rutgers community; please join us!

**Workshop**

**25 Years After the Fall of the Wall: Critical Perspectives**  
November 12, 8:45 am – 5:00 pm, Center for European Studies, 102 Nichol Avenue

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.  
Welcome and Introduction  
James Swenson, Dean of Humanities, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University  
Belinda Davis, Professor of History, Rutgers University

9:30 - 11:30 am  
*The Two Germanies in the Years Before, During, and After 1989*

**Thomas Lindenberger**, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam, *Historicizing Transformation: Reflecting on the ‘Wende’ in a Long-Term Perspective*

**Katherine Pence**, Baruch College, CUNY, New York, *Beyond Dictatorship or ‘Ostalgie’: Post-Wende Perspectives on Cold War Divided Germany*

**Belinda Davis**, Rutgers University, *A Shining Beacon of Liberty and Democracy? West Germany in the Decades before the Fall of the Wall*  
**Moderator: Andrés Mario Zervigón**, Rutgers University

11:45 am -1:15 pm  
*Closing the Gap: Challenges for Berlin’s Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Post-Unification (multimedia)*

**Wolfram Hoefer**, with **Ellen Gallagher, Sandra Grosso, Arturo Hernandez, Theresa Hyslop, and Grace Kinney**, Rutgers University  
**Moderator: Anna-Sophie Springer**, Rutgers University/K. Verlag
Part 1: Aspects of Berlin’s challenges concerning infrastructure, urban design and landscape architecture in the context of bringing East and West Berlin back together spatially.

Part 2: Personal experiences of Rutgers Landscape Architecture students visiting sections of the former wall summer 2013. Sharing images and impressions from landscape architecture responses of filling the East West gap.

Part 3 Discussion with the audience about different landscape architecture interventions along the former wall. How does the specific spatial design support the understanding of the historic context for the general public and how does it add a layer of meaning to the public realm in general?

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Lunch

2:30-5:00 pm

The Cold War, the Fall of the Wall, and the Nature of Revolution in the Cold War East

Paulina Bren, NEH Fellow, From Wonderland to Ghost Town: The Life and Death of Czechoslovakia’s “Socialist Miracle”
Jochen Hellbeck, Rutgers University, New Thinking: a Late-Soviet Global Vision and its Abrupt End
Jan Kubik, Rutgers University Why is the Fall of the Berlin Wall Remembered as the Fall of Communism?
Joanna Regulska, Rutgers University, Gains and Losses: Women’s Political Mobilizations in Poland Twenty-Five Years Later
Moderator: Emily van Buskirk, Rutgers University

5:15-7:30

Film and Discussion: Yella (2007; Christian Petzold)
Moderator: Nicola Behrmann, Rutgers University

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