

The Haifa Center for German and European Studies Seminar

Lecture and Open Discussion

Readings and Misreadings: Scholarship on East Germany from a Culprit's Perspective

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Prof. Dr. Marc Silberman teaches twentieth-century Germany with special emphasis on postwar issues (east and west) as well as courses in the film studies program (Communications Arts) at the University of Wisconsin. Silberman was trained in the USA as a scholar of East German literature in the early 1970s at a time when there was great suspicion and little knowledge about this country behind the "iron curtain", the German Democratic Republic (GDR). In this lecture he will reconstruct the way East Germany became a topic of interest among North American humanist and social science scholars in the 1970s and 1980s, using his own experiences as a case study. Then he will detail how the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War changed the landscape of GDR studies and conclude with considerations as to the challenges and potential for future work on the GDR.

Thursday, December 15th, 2016

14:30 – 16:00

Library Auditorium [Room 146], Library Building

The lecture will be held in English and will be open to the public