**International Workshop: New Transnational and Global Approaches to the GDR Border**

*July 10-11, 2019 Erfurt*

This workshop seeks to connect the GDR to wider debates about borders in the contemporary world through a focus on this much-contested border in a transnational and global perspective. The East German border was always more than just the product of German-German or Cold War superpower competition, and each of these presentations shows how it was also created by neighboring states, international organizations and global phenomena. The presentations consider the border from multiple perspectives: the role of law enforcement and state bureaucrats, but also the role of those smuggling, trafficking, polluting, and illicitly crossing borders.

The workshop will be held in English, German and “Denglish”. All participants are encouraged to speak in whichever language they prefer.

**Wednesday, 10 July 2019** – *University of Erfurt, LG 4, Room E01*

13:15 – 13:30 Welcoming Remarks, Ned RICHARDSON-LITTLE (Erfurt)

13:30 – 14:15 Iris SCHRÖDER (Erfurt/Gotha) Borders and Boundaries

14:15 – 14:30 Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:15 **Panel 1: Epidemics**

Johanna FOLLAND (Michigan) “Not Even the Highest Wall Can Stop HIV”: Sex, the State, and the German-German Border in the Era of AIDS

*Comment*: Christiane KULLER (Erfurt)

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 **Panel 2 Waterways**

Julia AULT (Utah) Polluted Waters: Crossing Borders and Regulating East German Rivers, 1970-1990

Andrew TOMPKINS (Sheffield) Caught in the Net: GDR-Poland Border Conflicts in Everyday Life

*Comment*: Iris SCHRÖDER (Erfurt/Gotha)

19:00 Workshop Dinner, Location TBD

**Thursday, 11 July 2019** – *Kleine Synagoge, An der Stadtmünze 4. Conference Room.*

9:30 – 10:15 **Panel 3 Policing**

Lauren STOKES (Northwestern) Racial Profiling on the U6: The “Berlin Gap” and the Schönefeld Airport Refugee Crisis.

Ned RICHARDSON-LITTLE (Erfurt) The Plague of the Capitalist World: The Evolution of Anti-Narcotics Trafficking in the GDR

*Comment* by Patrice POUTRUS (Erfurt)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 Final Discussion

12:15 Lunch