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## German Historical Institute London

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### SEMINARS — SPRING 2014

4 February **BRIDGET HEAL (ST ANDREWS)**

**Lutheran Visual Culture during the Renaissance and Baroque**

This paper will ask how and why early modern Lutheranism, a confession that derived its significance from the promulgation of the Word of God, came to value the visual so highly. Taking as its key example the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century history of the very first Reformation altarpiece (Lucas Cranach's Schneeberg Altar, 1539), it will explore the changing role that images played in constructing Lutheran identity and promoting Lutheran piety. Bridget Heal is a Senior Lecturer in Modern History at the University of St Andrews, director of the St Andrews Reformation Studies Institute, and co-editor of *German History*. Her publications include *The Cult of the Virgin Mary in Early Modern Germany: Protestant and Catholic Piety, 1500–1648* (2007).

18 February **PATRICIA CLAVIN (OXFORD)**

**The Austrian Food Crisis and the Practices of Global Governance, 1918–45**

This seminar explores how the food and financial crisis which gripped Austria after the First World War shaped the ideas and practices of global governance developed by the League of Nations. Aid to Austria encouraged a broader understanding of 'security', a trend usually identified with the notion of 'human security' in the past two decades. The seminar will touch on how ideas of global 'ordering' informed this international intervention, and on its problematic legacies for Austria and international agency in the twentieth century. Patricia Clavin is Professor of International History at the University of Oxford. She has published widely on the history of international cooperation, the history of the Great Depression and modern European history. Her most recent book, *Securing the World Economy: The Reinvention of the League of Nations, 1920–1946*, appeared in 2013.

11 March **FRIEDRICH LENGER (GIESSEN)**

**Urbanization, Suburbanization, and Gentrification: A Comparative Look at English and German Developments since the mid 1940s**

'Vertical slums abroad, horizontal slums in England.' This is how Elizabeth Denby described what she saw as a specifically English form of urbanization in 1938. The seminar explores the fundamental differences that have continued to shape urban development in Britain and Germany since the 1940s, when suburbanization and, more recently, gentrification became the defining patterns of urban life. Friedrich Lenger is Professor of Modern History at the University of Gießen. His research focuses on the social and economic history of Europe and North America since the late eighteenth century. His recent publications include *European Cities in the Modern Era, 1850–1914* (2012); *Metropolen der Moderne: Eine europäische Stadtgeschichte seit 1850* (2013); and the edited volume *Kollektive Gewalt in der Stadt: Europa 1890–1939* (2013).

18 March **ULRIKE WEISS (ST ANDREWS)**

**'Inside was a Parchment, so beautifully painted on all sides': The Ornate Charter of the Hanoverian Succession**

In 1701 the English Parliament passed the Act of Settlement. To secure the Protestant succession, the crown was to pass to Electress Sophia, a granddaughter of James I/VI, and her descendants. The Act resulted in a unique diplomatic mission: in order to become law, it had to be conveyed to, and accepted by, the Hanoverian court. This seminar will look at the actual parchment sent and its presentation. Ulrike Weiss is Lecturer in Art History at the University of St Andrews and was curator of *Landesgeschichte* at the History Museum, Hanover. Her most recent publications explore Hanoverian political iconography in numismatics and aspects of court culture. They include *Das Ross springt auf die Insel: Zur Entstehung, Verbreitung und Wirkung der bekanntesten Medaille auf die hannoversche Sukzession* (2011); and *Die Königin hat (die) Hosen an: Caroline Mathilde von Dänemark zu Pferd* (2013).

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Seminars are held at 5.30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute, 17 Bloomsbury Square, LONDON WC1A 2NJ.

Tea is available from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is served after the seminars.