

Call for Contributions – The United States in Times of Corona

We are currently welcoming contributions on all topics related to the coronavirus pandemic and American Studies. These may include, but are not limited to, the following aspects:

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On a micro level, the coronavirus pandemic has influenced the lives of millions of Americans. Unemployment, shortage of food and water supplies, limited individual freedom, or insecurity about the situation and how to deal with it are just some of the consequences Americans are dealing with on a day-to-day basis. Contributions might discuss questions such as:

- How is the coronavirus crisis discussed in public discourse?
- Which role do the new regular White House Press briefings play, and which impact do they have on individual citizens?
- How does this crisis relate to previous crises, such as the Spanish flu?
- How has art responded to the crisis (music, TV, literature)?
- Which role does religion play in dealing with and reacting to the crisis?

Transatlantic Relations in Times of Corona

On a macro level, transatlantic relations have been affected as well. To manage the pandemic, countries need to coordinate measures on a global scale – without face-to-face diplomacy. Cooperation is more important than ever to prevent a further spread of the virus and to keep its death toll as low as possible. Contributions might discuss questions such as:

- How have transatlantic relations developed throughout the crisis?
- President Trump announced the end of US contributions to the WHO. What will the consequences be for the WHO, the international community, and the United States?
- How does news on the virus spread within and outside of the US?
- How does the crisis affect immigration to the United States as well as immigrants in the country?
- What influence does the pandemic have on wars, such as the war in Yemen?

American Studies in Times of Corona

The pandemic has also influenced the work of researchers in the field of American Studies. Travel bans, limited access to resources in archives or libraries, home office and the struggle to digitize classes for the next semester – these are some of the challenges scholars are facing these days. We welcome contributions on issues relating to the virus's impact on researchers and how to overcome these challenges.

If you would like to contribute, send a **short abstract of max. 200 words** to the editors at: hcagrads@hca.uni-heidelberg.de. For more information on the blog and the author guidelines, see <https://hcagrads.hypotheses.org/>.