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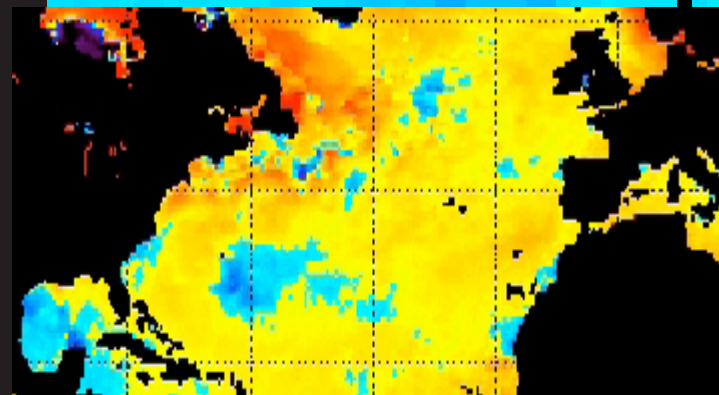
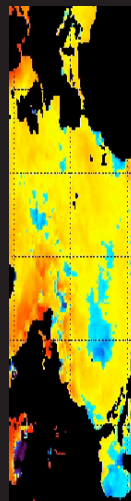
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### Thursday, 15 October: Keynote Address and Reception

(6 – 6:30 p.m., Reception, Sheraton Philadelphia University City, 36th and Chestnut Sts., Fairmount Suite; 6:30 – 8 p.m., Keynote, University Suite)

**Adam Michnik** (Editor in Chief, *Gazeta Wyborcza*)

### *The Decline of the West Seen from Poland*

**Friday, 16 October: Historical and Cultural Perspectives** (McNeil Center, 3355 Woodland Walk, 34th and Sansom Sts.)

#### **Panel I: The West as Idea** (9 – 11 a.m.)

Chair: Wilfried Mausbach (Heidelberg Center for American Studies)

Riccardo Bavaj (University of St. Andrews, Scotland)  
*A Cultural Crisis of the West? Liberal intellectuals and the challenges to “Western Civilization” in the 1970s*

Ariane Leendertz (University of Munich)  
*American Images of Europe since the 1970s*

Commentator: Thomas W. Maulucci (American International College)

#### **Panel II: Concepts of International Order**

(11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Chair: Ellen Kennedy (University of Pennsylvania)

Sandeep Gopalan (University of Reading School of Law)  
*The Two “Wests”: International Law in the U.S. and Europe*

Mary Elise Sarotte (University of Southern California)  
*1989 & the Architecture of Order: The Competition to lead the Post-Cold War World*

Commentator: William Glenn Gray (Purdue University)

#### **Panel III: Human Rights in Theory and Practice Since the 1970s** (2 – 3:45 p.m.)

Chair: Ronald J. Granieri (University of Pennsylvania)

Elizabeth Borgwardt (Washington University)  
*Politics, Culture, and the Limits of Law in Generating Human Rights Norms*

Ben Nathans (University of Pennsylvania)  
*Soviet Rights-Talk*

Commentator: Samuel Moyn (Columbia University)

#### **Afternoon Roundtable: Studying the West—Paradigms and Approaches** (4 – 6 p.m.)

Chair: Eric Jarosinski (University of Pennsylvania)

Lily Gardner Feldman (American Institute for Contemporary German Studies)  
Philipp Gassert (University of Augsburg)  
John A. McCarthy (Vanderbilt University)

### **Saturday, 17 October: From the Present to the Future** (McNeil Center, 3355 Woodland Walk, 34th and Sansom Sts.)

#### **Panel IV: The West as Experience—High Culture and Popular Culture** (9 – 10:45 a.m.)

Chair: Martin Klimke (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)

Stephen Brockmann (Carnegie Mellon University)  
*The Cultural Paradox of Atlanticism*

Dorothea Fischer-Hornung (University of Heidelberg)  
*(Re)Making the East and West in Film*

Commentator: Frank Trommler (University of Pennsylvania)

#### **Panel V: The Widening Atlantic?**

(11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Chair: Simon Richter (University of Pennsylvania)

John C. Torpey (CUNY Graduate Center)  
*The Return of God and the Decline of “the West”*

Uta A. Balbier (German Historical Institute, Washington, DC)  
*Crusading against secularization - Billy Graham in Germany*

Commentator: Thomas Banchoff (Georgetown University)

#### **Public Lecture: 2 – 3:45 p.m., McNeil Center**

Volker Berghahn, Columbia University  
*The Fallacies of Triumphalism: America in the Post-1989 World*

Commentaries by Ronald J. Granieri (University of Pennsylvania) and Henry Teune (University of Pennsylvania)

#### **Concluding Discussion: Where is the West?** (4 – 6 p.m.)

Chair: Philipp Gassert (University of Augsburg)

Bryan van Sweringen (US Army Europe, The Pentagon, Washington, DC)

Martin Thunert (Heidelberg Center for American Studies)