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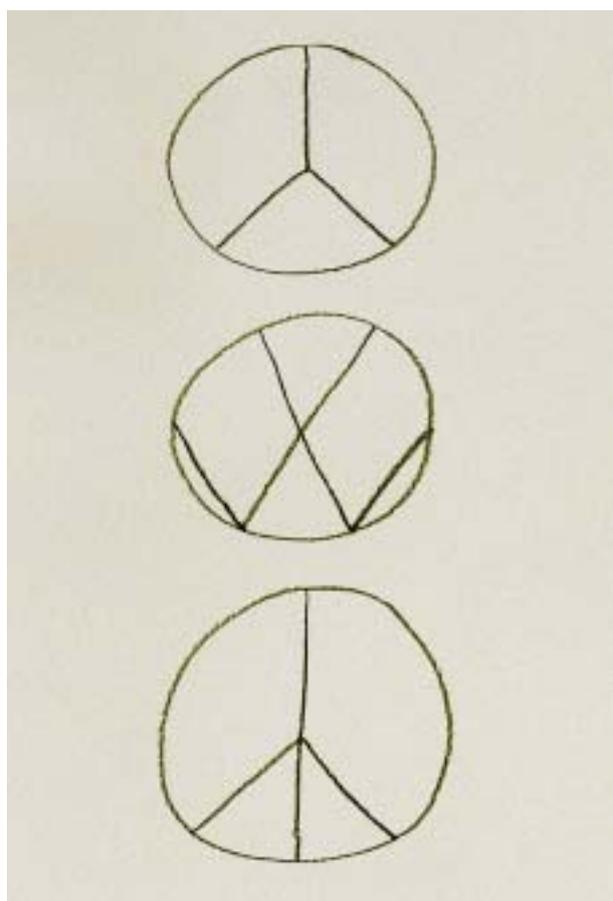
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# PLACES OF REMEMBRANCE

- Fewer than 100 Jews were allowed to work as independent craftsmen. November 12, 1938
- Aryans and non-Aryans (Jews) were not allowed to play together. September 15, 1938
- Jewish authors and publishers have all literary activities in Germany. March 10, 1938
- Balls and rackets courts are closed to Jews. November 1, 1938
- Jews are not permitted to leave their apartments after 10 p.m. if they are staying for the night. November 1, 1938
- Attendance at a cinema, club, or restaurant is prohibited for Jews. November 1, 1938

- Jews are prohibited from entering the Reichstag building. November 1, 1938
- Cigarettes and lighters are no longer sold to Jews. May 1, 1938
- Jewish children are prohibited from attending Jewish schools. November 1, 1938
- BANK** Jewish banks are prohibited from operating in Germany. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from wearing red shoes. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from using spoons and bowls. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from using saws. November 1, 1938
- At Reichsbank Platz, Jews may sit only on red roofs. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from climbing mountains. November 1, 1938
- DR** Jews are prohibited from entering the Reichstag building. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from wearing chains. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from reading books. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from entering the Reichstag building. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from eating bread. November 1, 1938



- Jews are prohibited from wearing hats. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from entering the Reichstag building. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from eating pie. November 1, 1938
- Jews are prohibited from traveling. November 1, 1938
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2003



**Private buildings**  
In small residential buildings in Berlin, the design of the interior and exterior is integrated.

**Light**  
A series of light fixtures designed for the interior of a house.

**USA**  
All services for the design of a house in the USA.

**Olympics**  
Interior design for the Olympic stadium in Athens.

**Dog**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a dog's house.

**Chess**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a chess table.

**Graduation**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a graduation ceremony.

**Music**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a music room.

**Shoemaker**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a shoemaker's shop.

**Church**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a church.

**Footprints**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a walkway.

**Knife**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a kitchen.

**Werder**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a sports club.

**Hand**  
A series of light fixtures designed for a hand.



**1993**

**Interior design for a house in Berlin**  
The design of the interior of a house in Berlin, including the layout of the rooms and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a house in the USA**  
The design of the interior of a house in the USA, including the layout of the rooms and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for the Olympic stadium in Athens**  
The design of the interior of the Olympic stadium in Athens, including the layout of the seating and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a dog's house**  
The design of the interior of a dog's house, including the layout of the sleeping area and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a chess table**  
The design of the interior of a chess table, including the layout of the playing area and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a graduation ceremony**  
The design of the interior of a graduation ceremony, including the layout of the stage and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a music room**  
The design of the interior of a music room, including the layout of the instruments and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a shoemaker's shop**  
The design of the interior of a shoemaker's shop, including the layout of the work area and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a church**  
The design of the interior of a church, including the layout of the altar and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a walkway**  
The design of the interior of a walkway, including the layout of the path and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a kitchen**  
The design of the interior of a kitchen, including the layout of the cabinets and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a sports club**  
The design of the interior of a sports club, including the layout of the gym and the choice of materials.

**Interior design for a hand**  
The design of the interior of a hand, including the layout of the fingers and the choice of materials.

**Architectural design for a house in Berlin**  
The design of the exterior of a house in Berlin, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.

**Architectural design for a house in the USA**  
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**Architectural design for a graduation ceremony**  
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**Architectural design for a music room**  
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**Architectural design for a church**  
The design of the exterior of a church, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.

**Architectural design for a walkway**  
The design of the exterior of a walkway, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.

**Architectural design for a kitchen**  
The design of the exterior of a kitchen, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.

**Architectural design for a sports club**  
The design of the exterior of a sports club, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.

**Architectural design for a hand**  
The design of the exterior of a hand, including the choice of materials and the layout of the facade.





**Places of Remembrance in the Bavarian Quarter / Orte des Erinnerns im Bayerischen Viertel, Memorial in Berlin-Schöneberg 1993**

An installation consisting of eighty signs bearing stylized images on one side and the texts of Nazi laws and decrees on the other. The memorial is located in a formally Jewish neighborhood, where Albert Einstein, among others, once lived. It is meant to show that the destruction of the German Jews was not a sudden, irreversible occurrence, but rather a slow process consisting of dozens of rules and laws which culminated, after a number of years, in the deportation and murder of thousands of people.

**No Place for a Wreath**

*On two projects of Renata Stih and Frieder Schnock*<sup>1</sup>

The main function of memorials has always been remembrance.<sup>2</sup> The traditional purpose of commemorating is to formulate a binding concept of history with monumental means and pass it on to present and future generations as a valid model and example. Up until the mid-20th century, memorial sites functioned as venues for rallies, parades and public festivals, such as the victory celebrations on Sedan Day. After 1945, however, remembrance

in conjunction with a memorial became a static and unclear concept. Static in its claim to permanently demonstrate sorrow, grief and remorse; unclear because the historical facts, reasons and effects of National Socialism or individual fates are usually not expressed at the official memorials. Historical information is instead transferred to exhibitions and historical museums, so that in front of memorials one can remain silent and lay wreaths.

In the last years, Renata Stih and Frieder Schnock have been preoccupied with this form of commemoration which is increasingly deemed noncom-



- Bench: At Bayerischer Platz, Jews may sit only on yellow park benches. *Eye-witness reports, 1939*
- Ashtray: Cigarettes and cigars are no longer sold to Jews. *June 11, 1942*
- Factory: All Jews are obliged to do hard labor. *March 4, 1941*  
Organized arrests at the place of work for deportation. *March 26, 1943*
- Shirt: All Jews over the age of 6 must wear a yellow star with the word "Jew" on it. *Sept. 1, 1941*
- House: Jews may inherit only when the national socialist morals are upheld. *July 31, 1938*



mittal and empty. In order to fill what has become an unclear concept of remembrance with content, they dealt with historical documents and urban function in their Memorial for the Bayerische Viertel (Bavarian quarter) in Berlin (1993).<sup>3</sup> In memory of the Jewish population that once lived in this quarter, the artists mounted eighty metal plaques on lamp-posts along several streets. On the one side of the plaques, mounted about as high as street signs, one can see picture motifs, on the other side, short texts.

The texts are, for the most part, excerpts from decrees that, starting in 1933, gradually restricted

Jewish citizens in their everyday life, then deprived them of their rights, and finally led to their extermination. The images are simple, color pictograms: swimming trunks for the decree: "Baths and swimming pools in Berlin are closed to Jews. December 3, 1938"; a pearl necklace for: "Jewelry, items made of gold, silver or platinum and pearls belonging to Jews are to be turned to the State. February 21, 1939"; a black surface for the decree banning Jews from emigrating, imposed in 1941. The pictograms do not make use of historical designs, but could stem from a game of memory or from language textbooks that make it easier to learn vocabulary



with the help of colorful pictures. And just as these pictures are meant to help pupils better memorize the new word, the images in the Bayerische Viertel do not simply serve as eye-catchers but are simultaneously mnemonics inscribing the historical information in one's mind. Moreover, the seemingly harmless casualness with which the plaques are dispersed throughout the quarter becomes a metaphor of the creeping, daily deprivation of the rights of Jews during that period, and is thus an image of the omnipresent banality of evil.

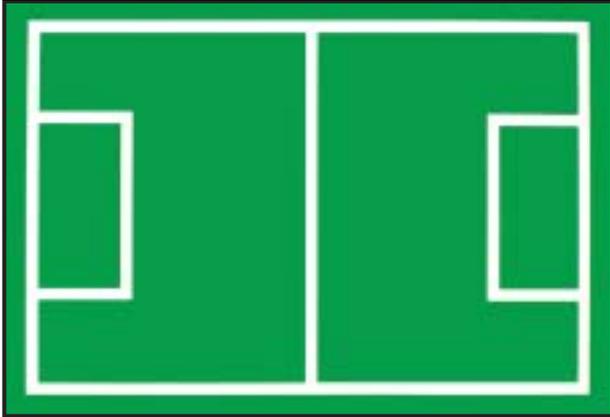


Jews are no longer allowed to have household pets. February 15, 1942

- Playing field: Jews are excluded from sports groups. *April 25, 1933*
- Thermometer: Jewish doctors may no longer practice. *July 25, 1938*
- Musical score: Jews are expelled from all choral groups. *August 16, 1933*
- Blond pigtail: The subjects "Genetic Heredity" and "Race" are examination fields at all schools. *September 13, 1933*
- Rubber stamp: Jewish civil servants may no longer serve the State. *April 7, 1933*
- File (back): All files dealing with anti-Semitic activities are to be destroyed. *February 16, 1945*

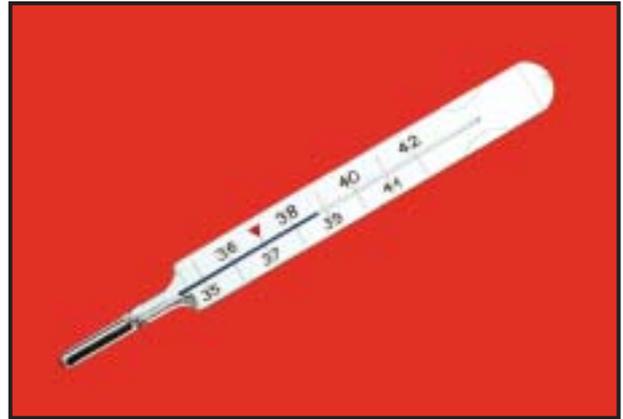
In addition, the memorial in the Bayerische Viertel intervenes in the cityscape to trigger communication. Since the signs are distributed all over the quarter, the project is aimed at direct, step-by-step discovery and thus offers the opportunity to enter into a dialog going beyond the information conveyed: the passerby will first search for explanations, and it is hard to imagine that people will wait for the bus or chat below such a sign without talking about the quarter's Jewish past.

(continued on page 12)



Juden werden  
aus Sport- und  
Turnvereinen  
ausgeschlossen.

25.4.1933



Jüdische Ärzte  
dürfen nicht mehr  
praktizieren.

25.7.1938



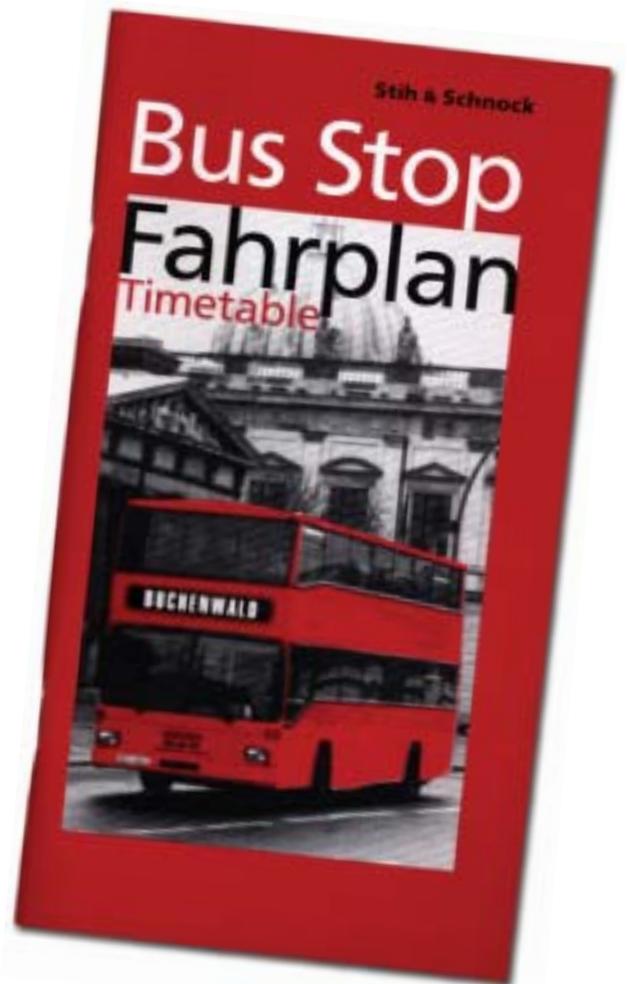
**Juden werden aus  
Gesangsvereinen  
ausgeschlossen.**

16.8.1933



**Vererbungslehre und  
Rassenkunde werden  
an allen Schulen als  
Prüfungsgebiete  
eingeführt.**

13.9.1933



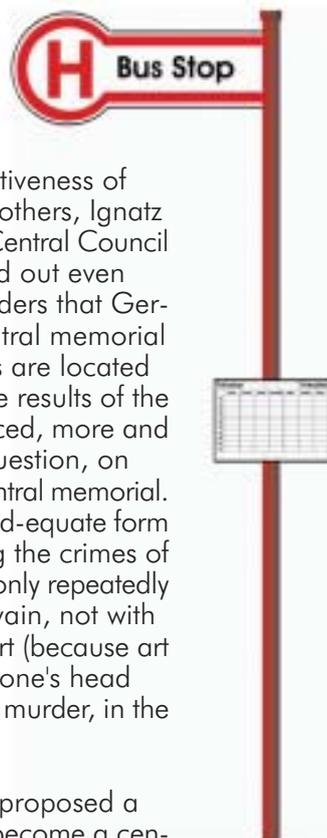


**BUS STOP / Bushaltestelle, Berlin 1994/95**  
Concept for a "Memorial to the Murdered Jews in Europe"



Renata Stih and Frieder Schnock also combined information and communication in their design for the Berlin Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. At the center of the site that was otherwise covered only with greenery, they planned a bus stop from which buses would depart several times a day to the authentic locations of the persecution of the Jews: in Berlin, for example, to the villa of the Wannsee Conference; the former Jewish quarter, the "Scheunenviertel"; the "Topography of Terror" exhibition; and, outside the city, to the concentration camps Sachsenhausen, Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz. The proposal of the two artists met jury resistance. For the central and official memorial of the Federal Republic, the jury instead wanted a traditional form that, with monumental means, "has an effect for many centuries."<sup>4</sup> Stih and Schnock's design, however, is quite different to the traditional concept of a memorial. Not a place where one stands in silence, no place for a wreath; instead, a means of transportation reminiscent of bowling-club outings and bus trips to buy cheap goods, of recreation and leisure time. But here the buses would travel to the most burdened places in German history. The use of these vehicles reveals a purposeful mode of thought that takes seriously remembrance, for which a memorial is intended, and is concerned with the effectiveness of remembering.<sup>5</sup> Like many others, Ignatz Bubis, the president of the Central Council of Jews at the time, pointed out even before the invitation of tenders that Germany does not need a central memorial because the authentic sites are located here. Immediately after the results of the competition were announced, more and more people called into question, on principle, the project of a central memorial. "For Germans, there is no adequate form of public action concerning the crimes of the Third Reich... One can only repeatedly try to find such a form, in vain, not with the triumphant gesture of art (because art always triumphs), but with one's head bowed, at the sites of mass murder, in the camps."<sup>6</sup>

Stih and Schnock's design proposed a memorial that could have become a cen-



Fahrplan <i>Timetable</i>				Bushaltestelle <i>Bus Stop</i>		
MO	DI	MI	DO	FR	SA	SO
Sachsenhausen	Stettin	Mittelbau-Sa	Sachsenhausen	Tallinn	Auschwitz	Vught
Riga	Kaiserhof	Rosenberg	Großajca	Trawniki	Buchenwald	Sachsenhausen
Lichtenburg	Buchenwald	Lublin	Melk	Gauschwitz	Gurs	Ablau
Bremen-Tage	Pirna	Hildesheim	Geislingen	Auschwitz	Lodz	Mauthausen
Plaszow	Drancy	Bergen-Bel	Majdanek	Abisko/MS	Gusen	Westerbark
Drutze	Prajka	Litauen	Zabi Jar	Mauthausen	Trostenez	NS-Tal
Landsberg	Haidau	Mauthausen	Buchenwald	Lodz	Belzec	Buchenwald
Buchenwald	Mauthausen	Flossenbürg	Kemna	Ebenau	Ullrich	Dachau
Hersbruck	Wernberg	Sandbühl	Munich	Litauen	Gurs	Trochow
Jawisch	Buchenwald	Sachsenhausen	Lidice	Mogilev	Ustka	Westerbark
Kaufering	Haidau	Trostenez	Vilnius	Mauthausen	Kaufering	Vilnius

tral site for the authentic locations. The artists put their project at the service of historical information and intended to link different places that are usually difficult to access, because their history prevents them being developed in urban or touristic terms. As opposed to the central memorial, this project would not have spared us the authentic sites: It would have made it clear how close to us they are.

Stih and Schnock's proposal stands in the tradition of Joseph Beuys's "social sculpture". His "Spülfeldprojekt - Gesamtkunstwerk Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg" (1983/84), which was never realized, or "7000 Oak Trees" (1983-87) were not concerned with superficial landscaping but with creating and expanding ecological awareness. This shaping of awareness can indeed be compared with the moral mission of a Holocaust memorial. Beuys's concepts are based on a visionary conception of man; he presupposes the responsibility of the individual for the community as part of his "social sculpture". The audience is therefore more than just a group of passive viewers. The projects of Stih and Schnock are more pragmatic. The artists aim to convey historical knowledge and create a functioning tool to this end. As passers-by, or participants on the bus trips, the viewers also become an integral part of the artwork. The memorial does not function without them, they are given the task of further conveying the memory.

By taking up the achievements of Joseph Beuys, the proposals of Stih and Schnock lead to a fundamentally altered memorial. In the sense of an "expanded concept of art", their aim is to trigger collective processes. Here, remembrance means that people gain information, learn things and talk

with each other. Identification and consensus are not delegated, but acquired anew time and again through each individual's participation and active behavior. The "triumphant gesture of art" can do no more than initiate a process, during the course of which the artist steps back behind his or her project. The artist delivers an idea and chooses the material according to its usefulness and not its permanence; the artist refrains from personal imprint that would make him or her visible as the inventor. The focus is on historical authenticity toward which the implementation is to be oriented. New forms of memorials, like those of Stih & Schnock, thus stand for a kind of art that doesn't even attempt to come up with an ultimate binding image, a form that "has an



effect for many centuries." These memorials are not meant to impress, overwhelm or move the viewer, but to condense history and keep it alive. Therein lies the humility adequate to the topic.

Christoph Heinrich



1) This text is a slightly revised excerpt of the essay *Denkmal als Soziale Plastik* published in: Kai-Uwe Hemken (ed.), *Gedächtnisbilder, Vergessen und Erinnern in der Gegenwartskunst*, Leipzig: Reclam, 1996, p. 344-354.

(2) Cf. Hans-Ernst Mittig, *Das Denkmal*, in: Werner Busch and Peter Schmoock (eds.), *Kunst. Die Geschichte ihrer Funktion*, Weinheim and Berlin 1987, p. 457 ff. James E. Young (ed.), *Mahnmale des Holocaust. Motive, Rituale und Stätten des Gedenkens*, Munich 1994; Christoph Heinrich, *Strategien des Erinnerns. Der veränderte Denkmalbegriff in der Kunst der achtziger Jahre*, Munich 1993.

(3) Cf. Renata Stih and Frieder Schnock, *Arbeitsbuch für ein Denkmal in Berlin. Orte des Erinnerns im Bayerischen Viertel*, Berlin 1993.

(4) The governing mayor of Berlin, Eberhard Diepgen, in a conversation with Helmut Kohl, cited from a dpa report from 7/1/1995.

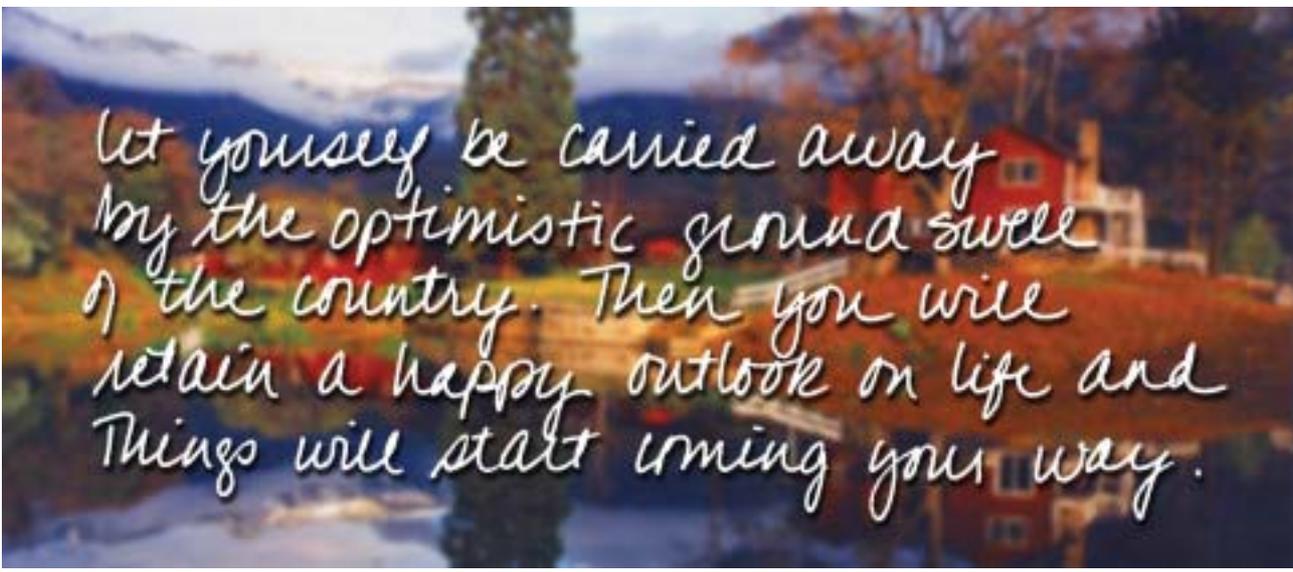
(5) "The points of departure are simple circumstances: How do I get to Sachsenhausen? Do I take the subway or tram? Coming from Berlin, you have to switch trains three times and then walk quite a distance. That's why we find it absolutely logical to say, then there is a bus." Frieder Schnock in a conversation with Renata Stih and Harald Fricke, *Ein Objekt, nichts weiter*, in: *die tageszeitung*, March 28, 1995.

(6) Jens Jessen, *Die Bewältigungsprofis*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 3/20/1995.

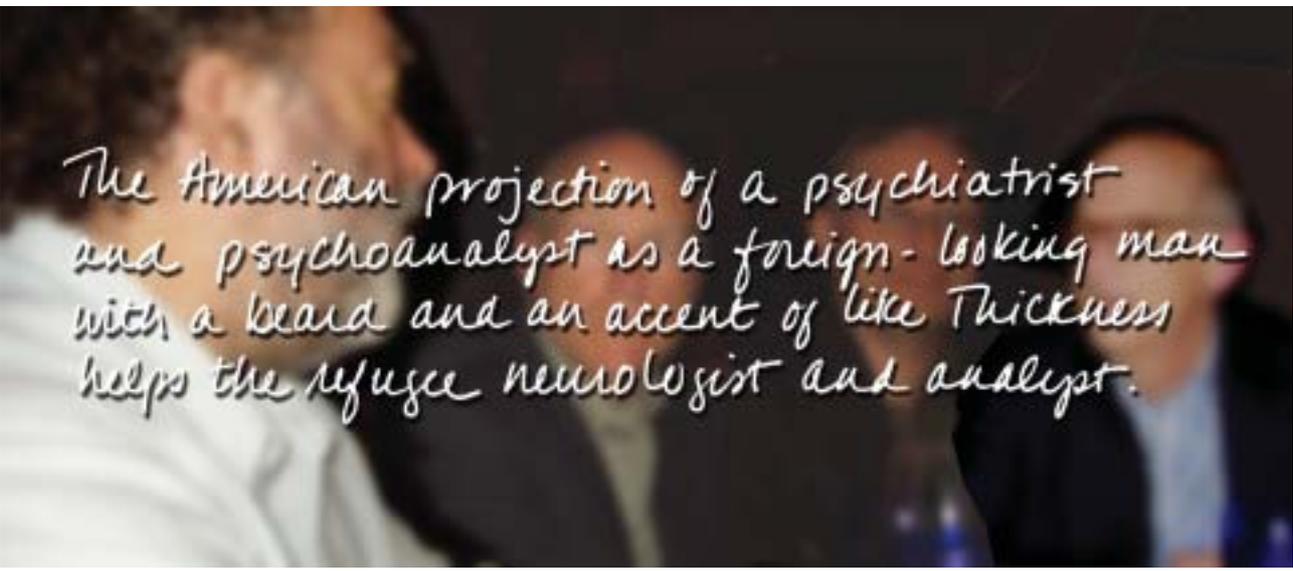
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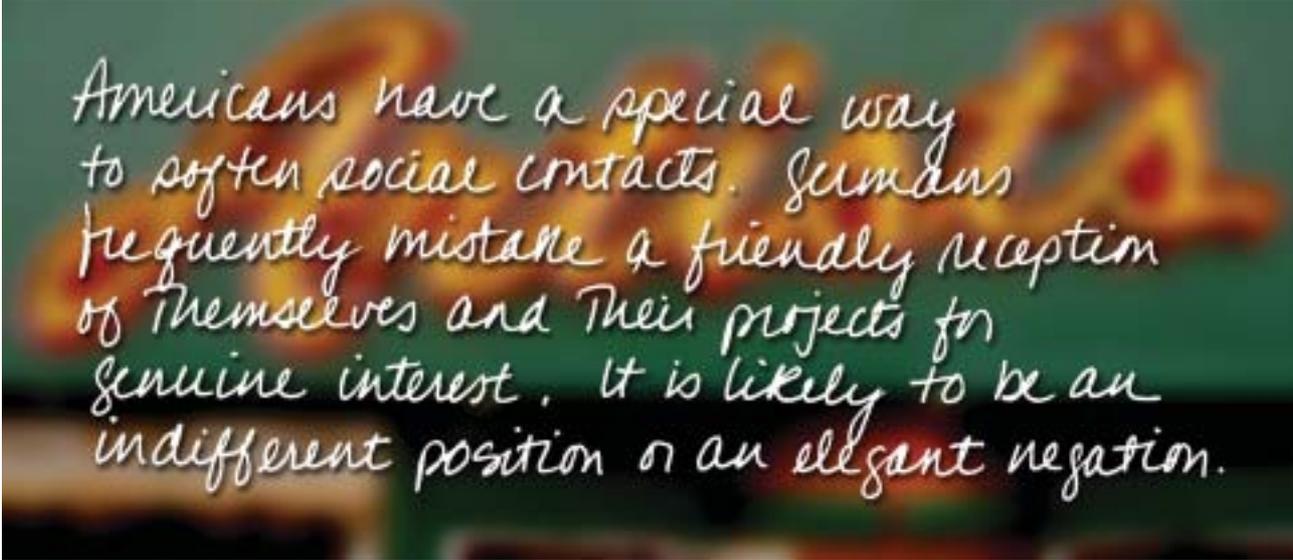
The newcomer should try to understand first and criticize either never or very late.



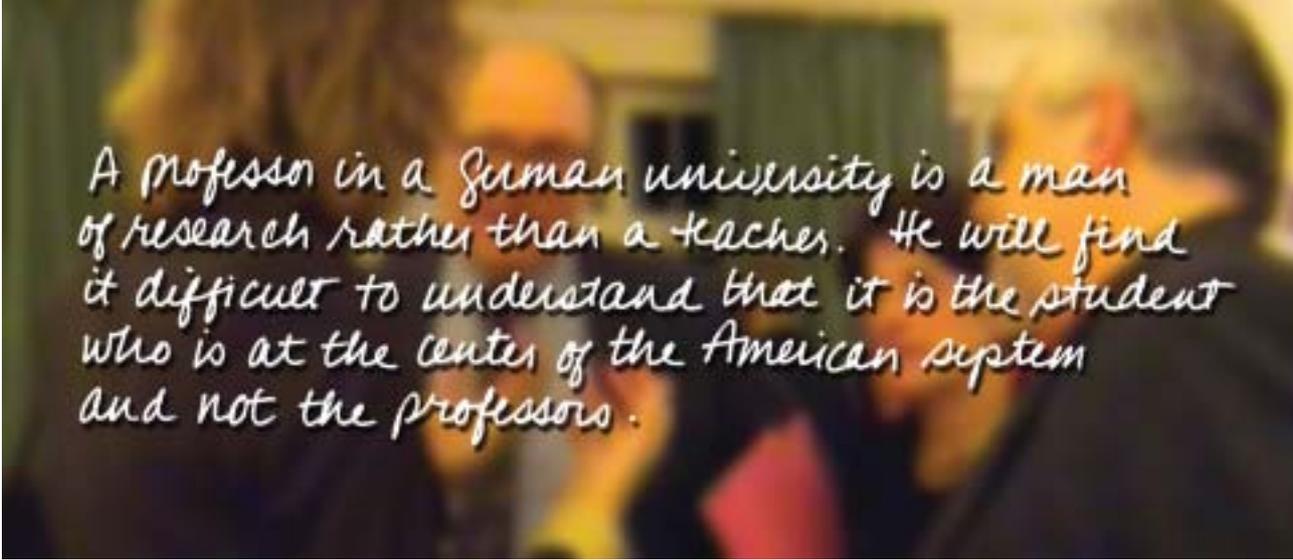
Let yourself be carried away by the optimistic ground swell of the country. Then you will retain a happy outlook on life and things will start coming your way.



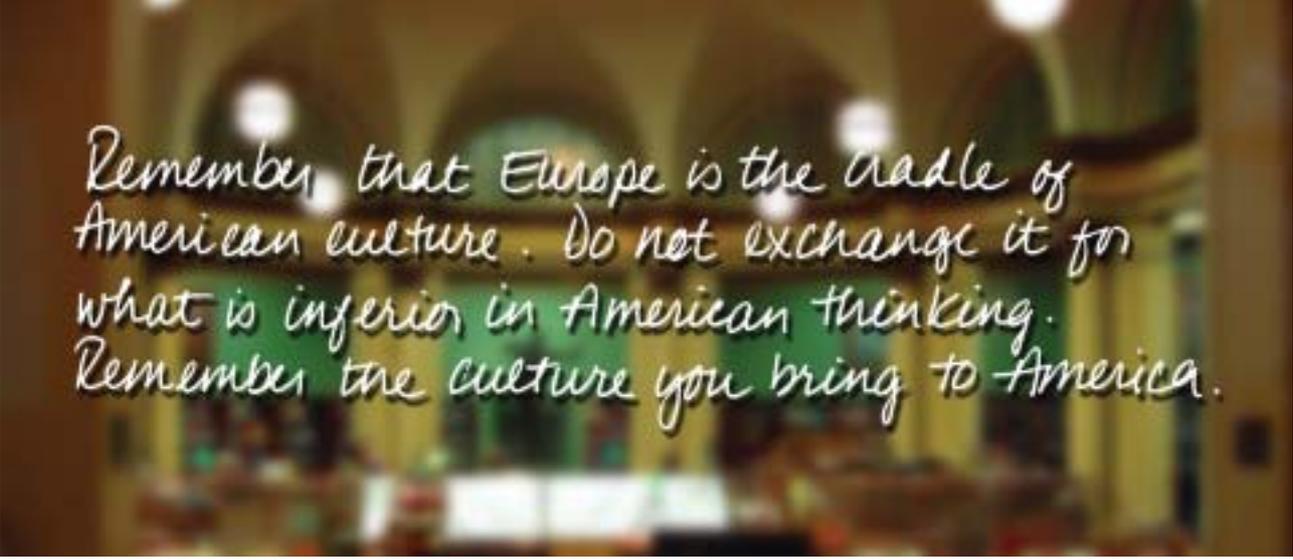
The American projection of a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst as a foreign-looking man with a beard and an accent of like Thickness helps the refugee neurologist and analyst.



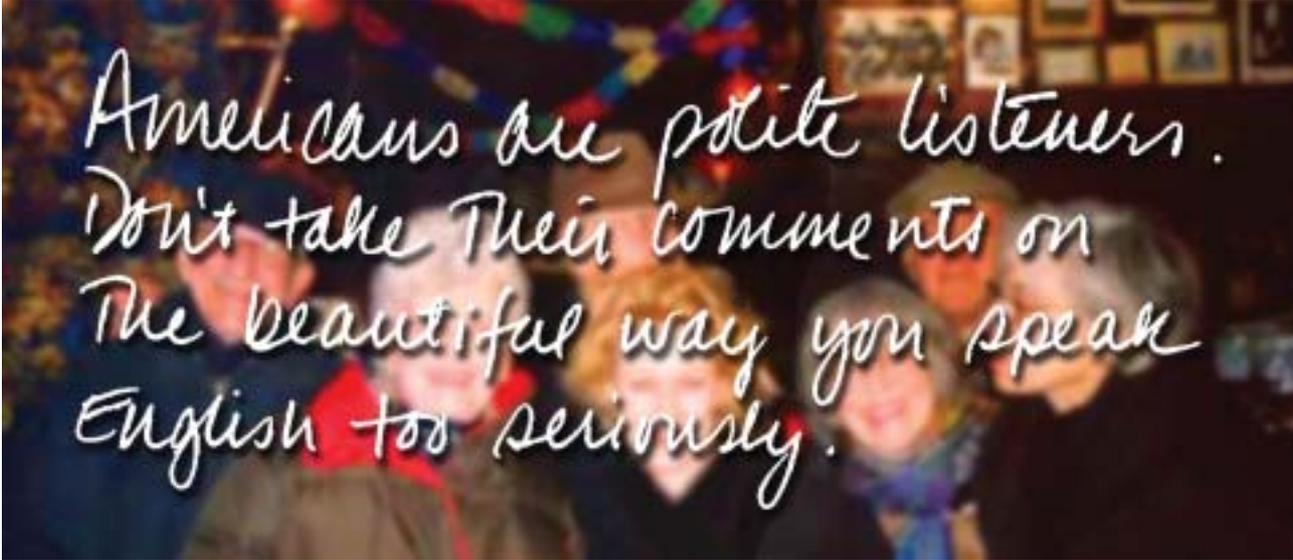
Americans have a special way to soften social contacts. Germans frequently mistake a friendly reception of themselves and their projects for genuine interest. It is likely to be an indifferent position or an elegant negation.



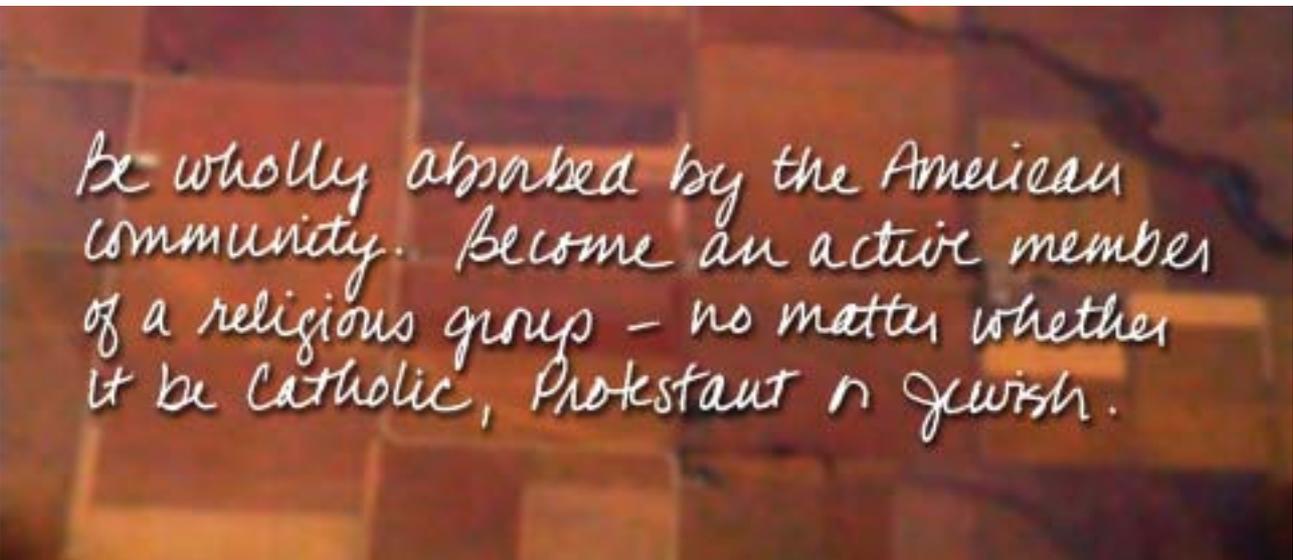
A professor in a German university is a man of research rather than a teacher. He will find it difficult to understand that it is the student who is at the center of the American system and not the professors.



Remember that Europe is the cradle of American culture. Do not exchange it for what is inferior in American thinking. Remember the culture you bring to America.



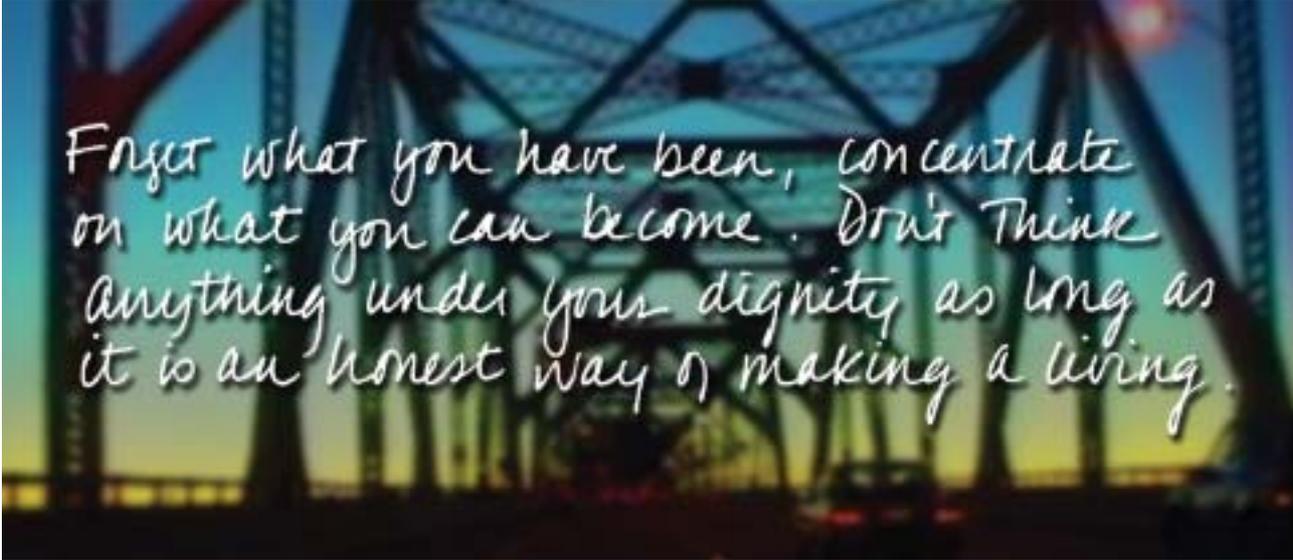
Americans are polite listeners.  
Don't take their comments on  
the beautiful way you speak  
English too seriously.



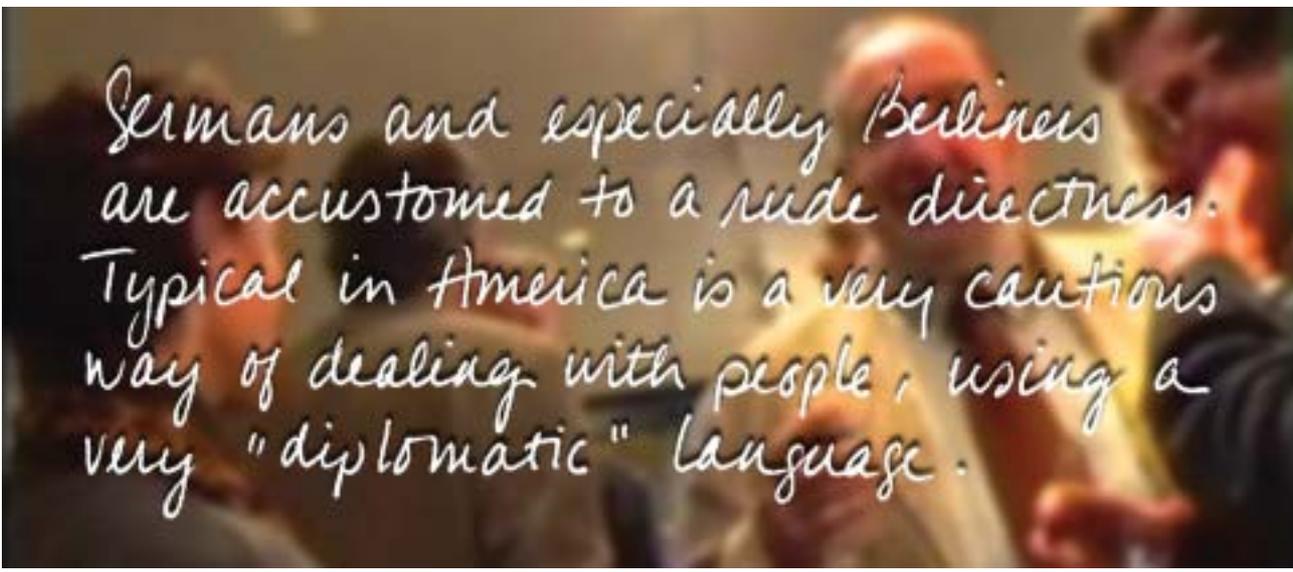
Be wholly absorbed by the American  
community. Become an active member  
of a religious group - no matter whether  
it be Catholic, Protestant or Jewish.



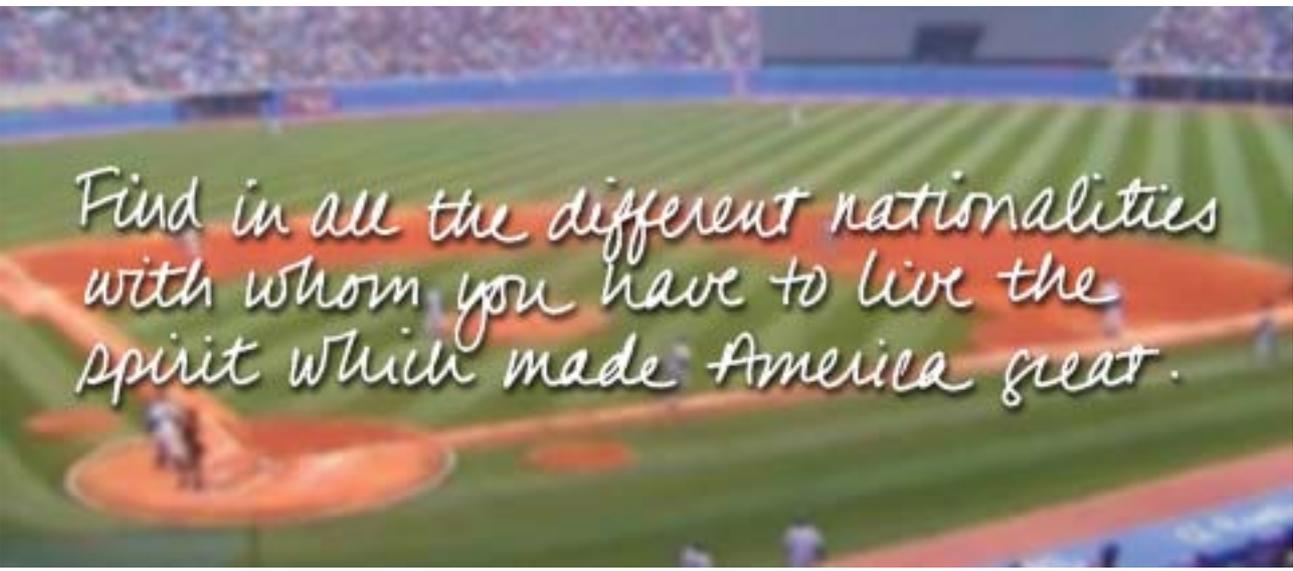
Often the employment of the wife made  
possible the retraining of her husband.  
While the emigrant went to school  
she earned the money for the family.



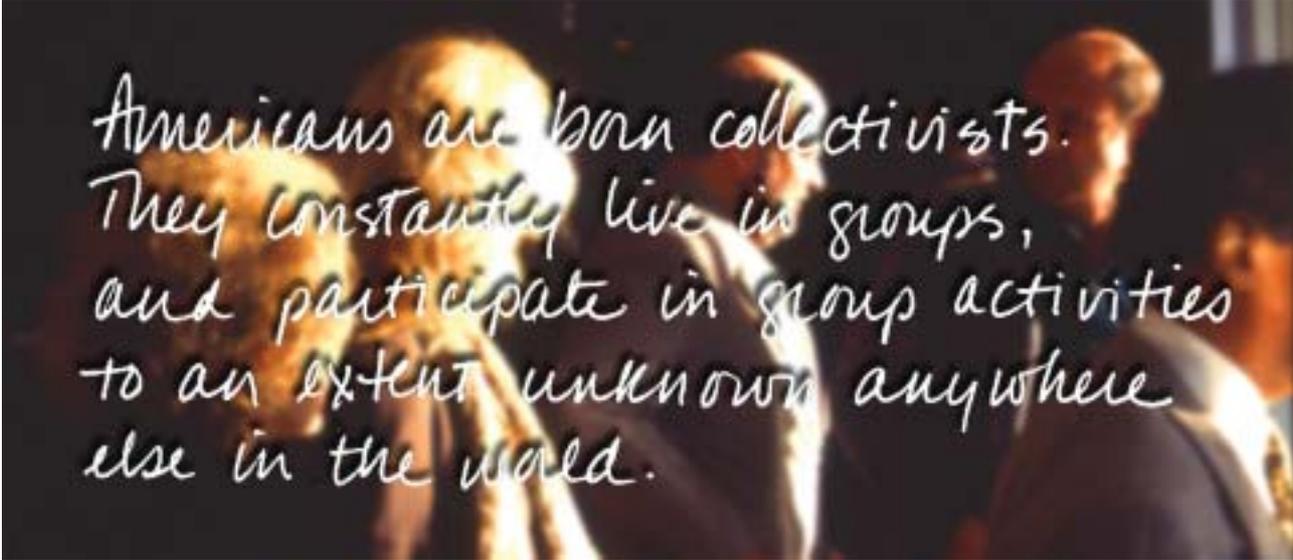
Forget what you have been, concentrate on what you can become. Don't think anything under your dignity, as long as it is an honest way of making a living.



Germans and especially Berliners are accustomed to a rude directness. Typical in America is a very cautious way of dealing with people, using a very "diplomatic" language.



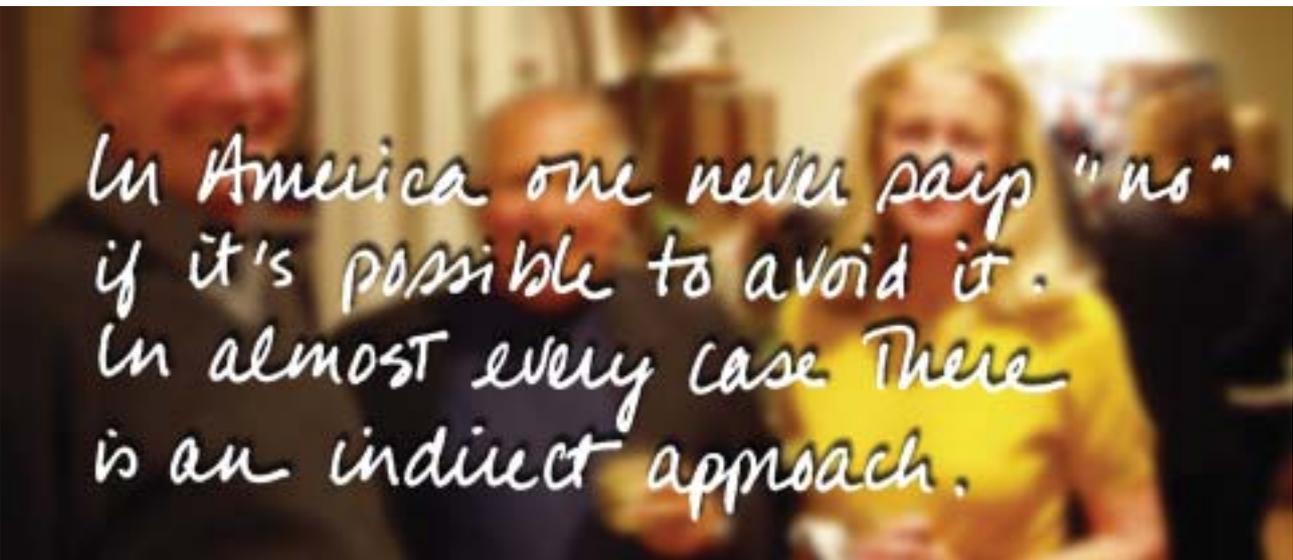
Find in all the different nationalities with whom you have to live the spirit which made America great.



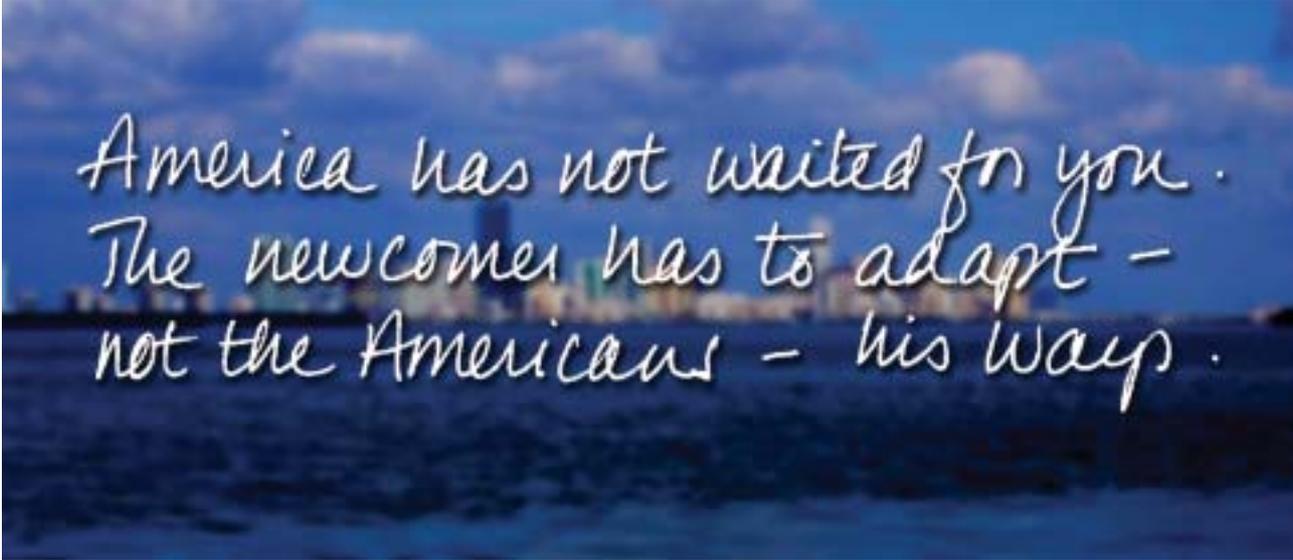
Americans are born collectivists. They constantly live in groups, and participate in group activities to an extent unknown anywhere else in the world.



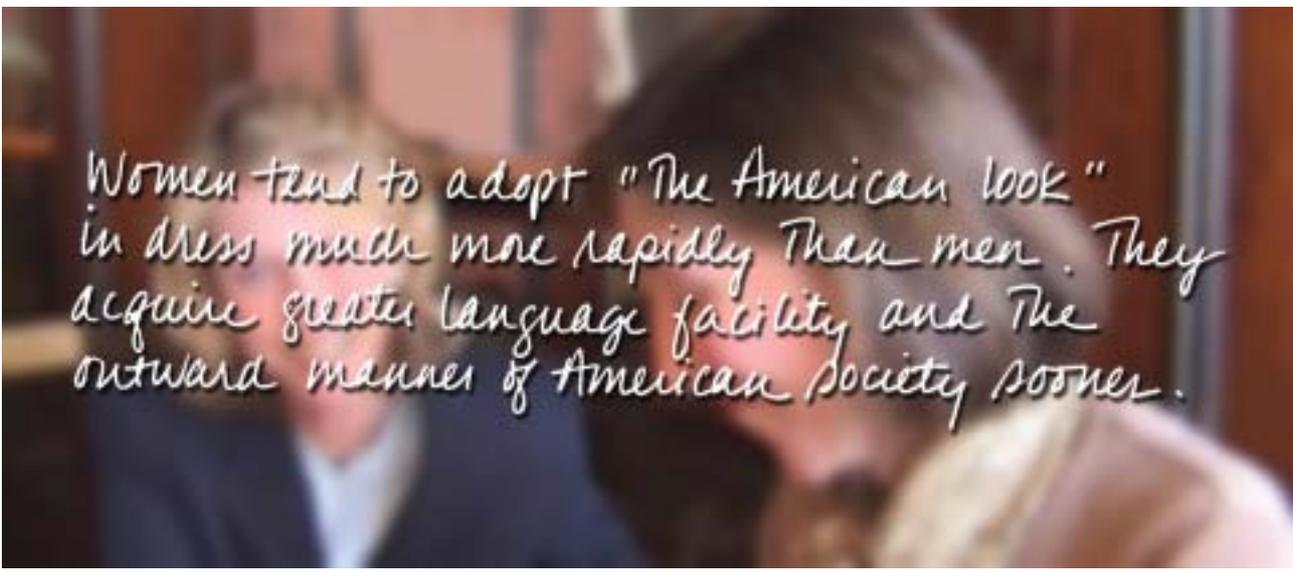
Don't isolate yourself in little foreign language communities. Do everything possible to speed up the process of Americanization and integration.



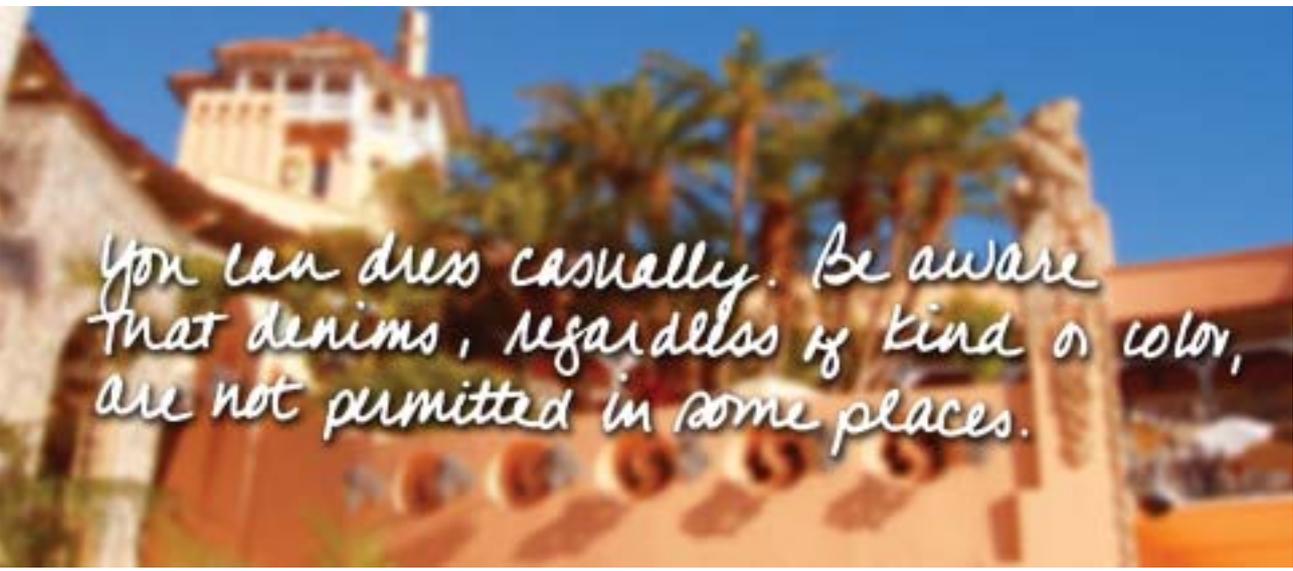
In America one never says "no" if it's possible to avoid it. In almost every case there is an indirect approach.



America has not waited for you.  
The newcomer has to adapt -  
not the Americans - his ways.



Women tend to adopt "The American look"  
in dress much more rapidly than men. They  
acquire greater language facility and the  
outward manner of American society sooner.



You can dress casually. Be aware  
that denims, regardless of kind or color,  
are not permitted in some places.

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT



'THAT'S A FABULOUS IDEA'

I'LL BURY YOUR SKULL OFF



"VERY INTERESTING"

ISN'T SHE FAT

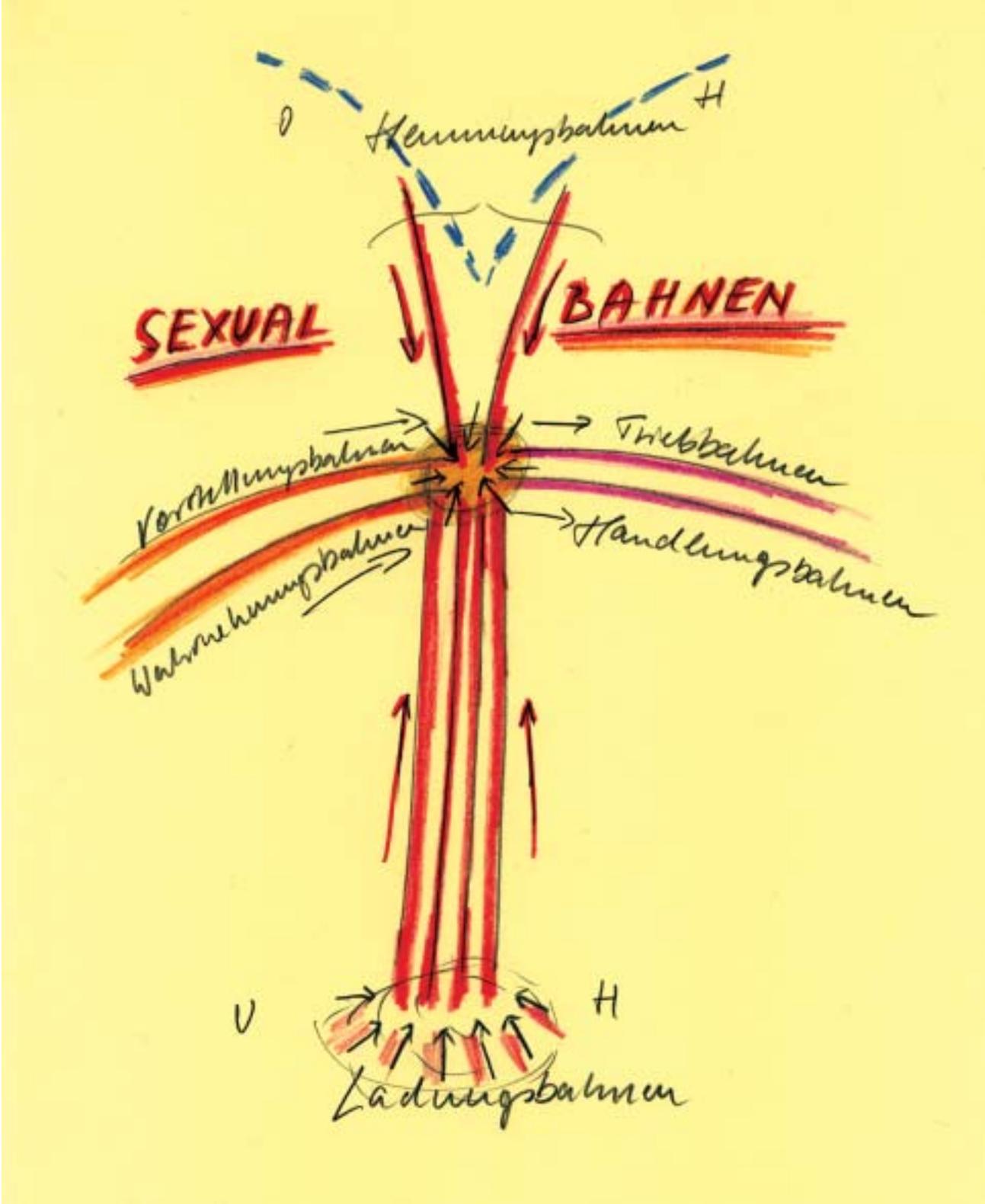


"WHAT A NICE DRESS"

WHAT A SLIMBELOO



'GREAT TO SEE YOU'





**Who Needs Art, We Need Potatoes / Was brauchen wir Kunst, wir brauchen Kartoffeln, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, 1998**

Two potato beds, a red carpet on the stairs leading up to the entrance and three electronic displays in between the columns.

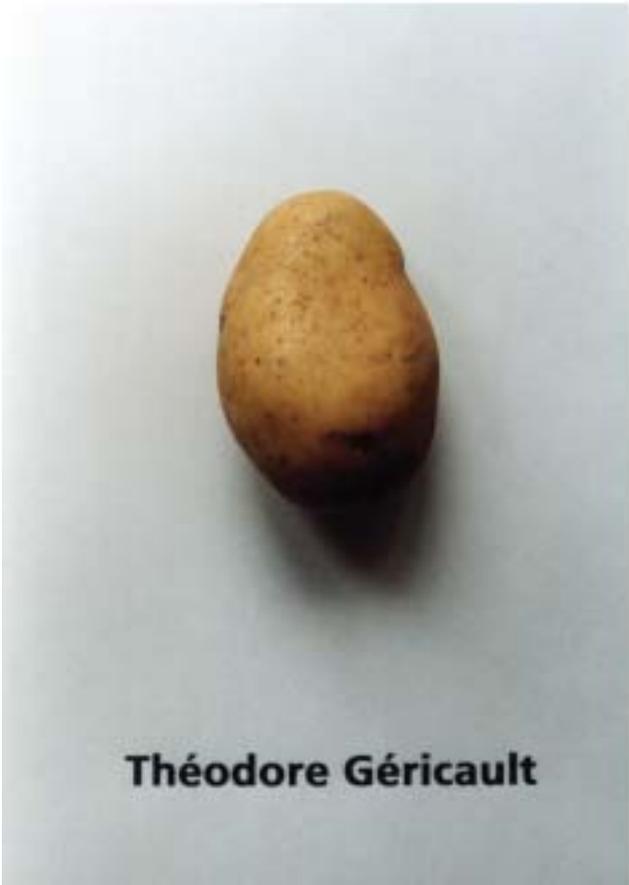
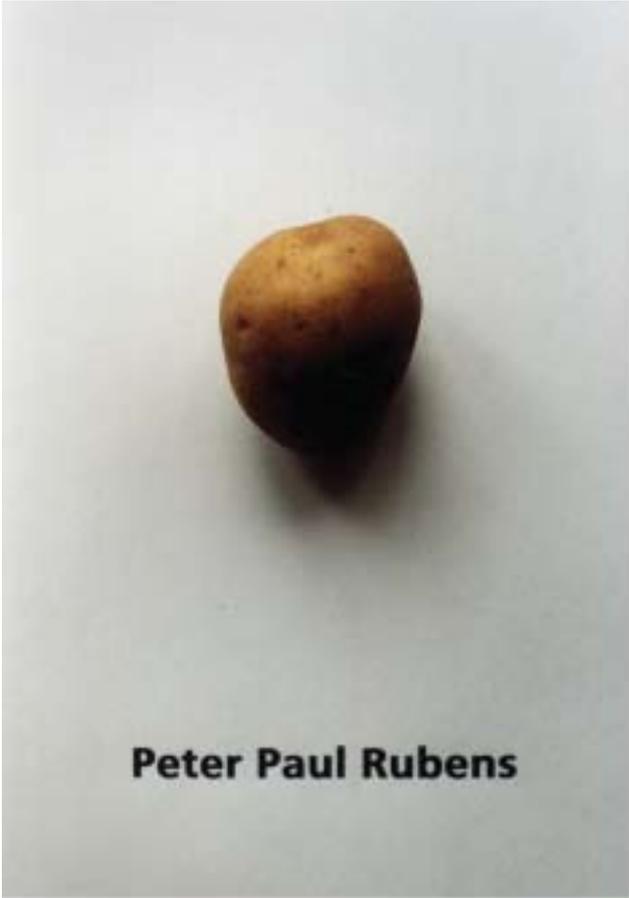
*Our piece seeks to address passer-bys and the visitors away from James Stirling's postmodern extension, back to it's classicist entryway. It's Cour d'Honneur is dedicated to Wilhelm I, King of Württemberg. His equestrian statue on a high pedestal stands in a central position on the green in front of the building.*

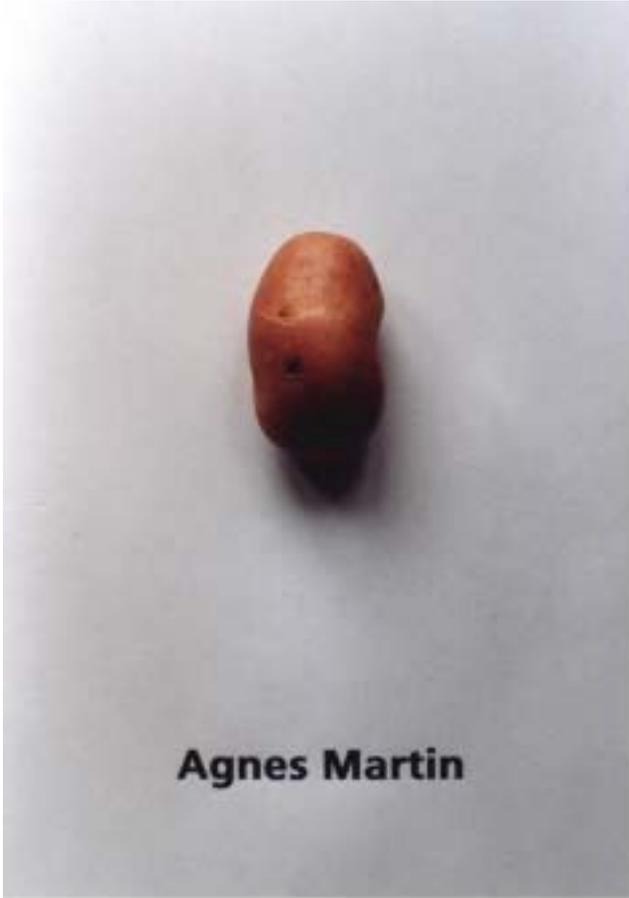
*Commissioned as a centerpiece for that space, our work links history, with the values, possessions and tasks of a museum. Our work evokes questions about art and life, the role of art as catalyst for social and cultural developments, our tolerance and capacity for new visions and insights. The result fits this space like a glove, combining the existing traditional artifacts with unobtrusive additions and the use of electronics, resulting in a dialogue between art, nature and technology.*



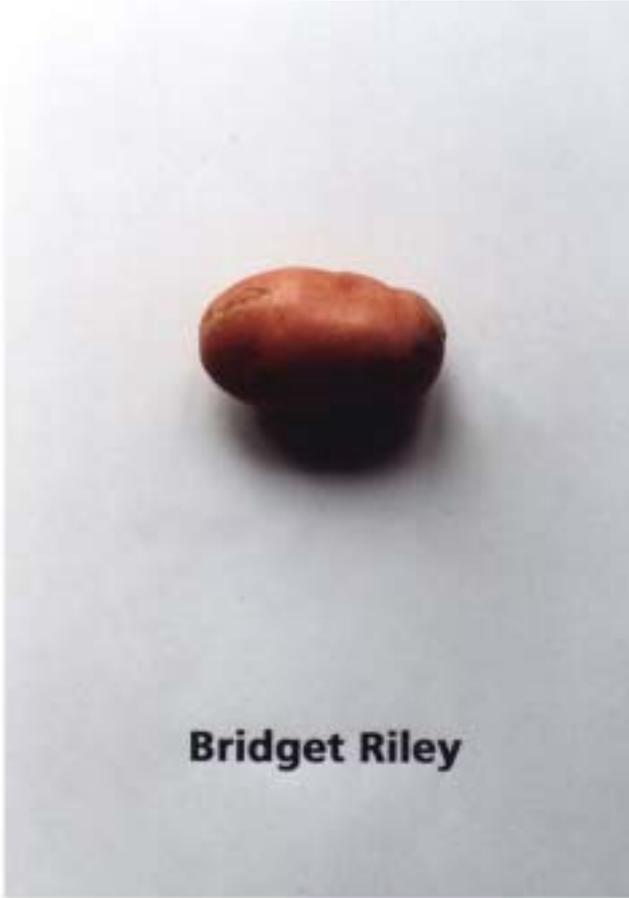


**Marcel Duchamp**





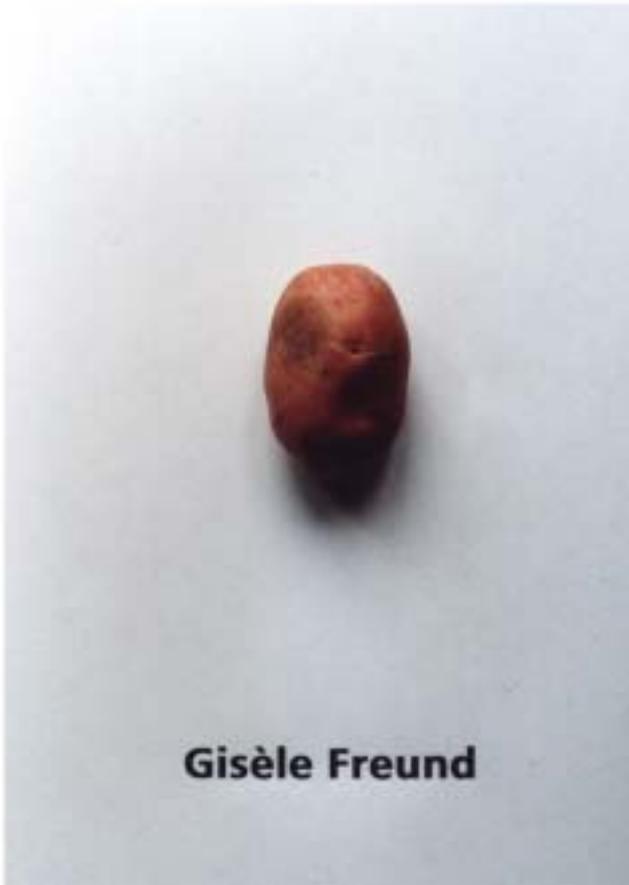
**Agnes Martin**



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**Rosalba Carriera**



**Gisèle Freund**

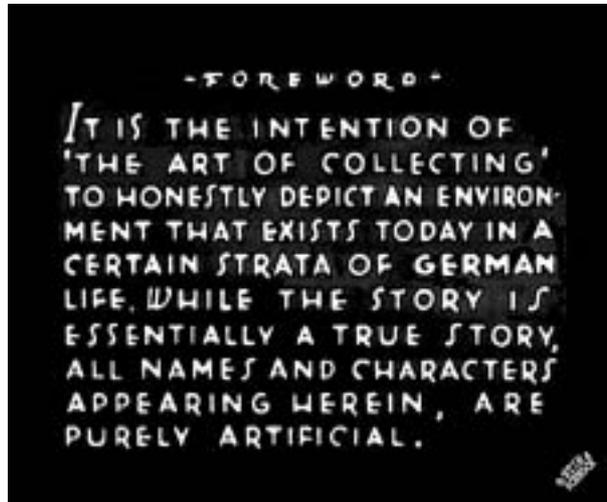


Panel discussion at the Akademie der Künste, Berlin, on September 25, 2004, Introduction (abbr.) by Renata Stih:

*Ladies and Gentlemen,* Perhaps you have seen the posters in the immediate vicinity of the Hamburger Bahnhof. One of them looks like an upside-down German flag and is titled: "We demand: Free admission for former slave workers". On the other you can see a floating zeppelin with the inscription: "F.C. Flick Collection". The text is: "Tax evaders, show your treasures". The mobile version drove through the city all week long.

Our project "The Art of Collecting" deals, roughly speaking, with the *eroticism of money*. Mr. Flick says he stands in front of the art to protect it from harm. But who protects the art from Mr. Flick, when he makes art an instrument to add a brighter side to the Nazi past of his gloomy family history? The size and mass of the Collection are incessantly mentioned as features of quality, although it was built up intensively only starting around 1996. And by extending the basement rooms it even surpassed the documenta in Kassel by a few square meters! The raving comments on the length of the former storage facilities are reminiscent of games of pubescent boys fiddling around with a measuring tape.

## The Art of Collecting Flick in Berlin



Indeed, it fits together like chalk and cheese, when the Chancellor demands that tax evaders be ostracized, while on the other hand heartily congratulating the tax-saving Swiss-by-choice Friedrich Christian Flick at the exhibition opening of the seven-year loan by his mailbox company and ennobling him through an invitation to the Chancellor's office.

Yes, you heard correctly. The Collection is named after Friedrich Christian Flick; it doesn't belong to him, however, but to a mailbox company on the island of Guernsey, a so-called tax haven in the English Channel – and the collection is now hanging in a public museum.

Friedrich Christian Flick, the collector and businessman, can be glad that he doesn't have to build and maintain a museum of his own now, as was planned in Zurich. In Berlin, the maintenance of the collection, consuming approx. 7 million euros in 7 years, will be financed by the taxpayers of a bankrupt city.

After seven years of good behavior, one will then see how things proceed; no gifts were made on the occasion of the opening.

Very interesting is the resolution that Zurich's town council passed in March, 2001.

I quote: "In an official statement, the town council made it clear that in regard to the compensation fund, it would have come to a different deci-



sion. Apart from that, the city president, in a personal conversation with Friedrich Christian Flick, pointed out that large parts of the Zurich population would welcome the participation of the Flick family in the compensation fund of the German industry. This would be a visible sign that Friedrich Christian Flick takes into account the historical responsibility of the Flick family.”

Even though it was about establishing a private museum, the inhabitants of Zurich attached to it the demand for compensating the slave workers.

In January, 2003, the director of the Berlin State Museums then announced the coup made with Friedrich Christian Flick. One was faced with a fait accompli, the contract was signed, discussions were not desired. A wall was built to fend off criticism.

If you would like to read an authentic interview with Friedrich Christian Flick, we recommend the one in the Neue Züricher Zeitung from April 27, 2003, which is reprinted in our publication “The Art of Collecting”. In it, Friedrich Christian Flick makes it clear that he sees no reason to give money to former forced laborers, since some former Flick companies paid disproportionate amounts into the compensation fund. On the contrary, Hungarian forced laborers each received a compensation amounting to 2000 marks from the Deutsche Bank, after it had acquired the Flick consortium.

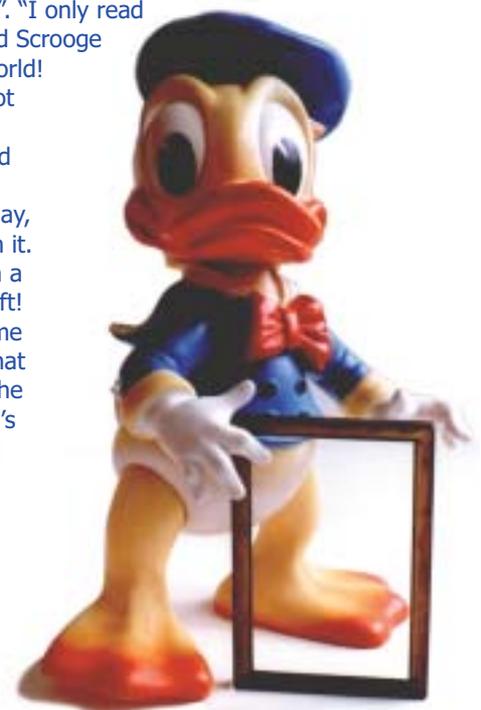
Instead of making compensation payments, Friedrich Christian Flick established a foundation against racism and xenophobia in Potsdam. “Wouldn’t the last surviving slave laborers have deserved the money more than radical right-wing youths in Brandenburg?” asked the press.

In his article, “The Purging of the Past”, the former director of the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Tom Freudenheim, describes the origin of the Frick Collection residing in a plush mansion on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in New York and states: “When we view a work of art, the former owner rarely plays a role in our aesthetic perception, but the collector is always present in the background. Such collectors and their collections convey the impression of an elegant masquerade – an attempt to raise oneself above the profane, lowly spheres of everyday life. Perhaps it is time for art museums to adopt a new trademark taken from the iconography of the Western world: the image of Pilate washing his hands in innocence.”



“I’m the richest man in the world and still, no one in Duckburg invites me”, said Uncle Scrooge. “You must show your money”, said Donald. “Collect fancy art and people will love you”. “I only read figures on bills!” said Scrooge McDuck. “A crazy world!

A man’s wealth is not what he’s got but what he spends” and he started buying works of art every day, spending millions on it. He hated to be such a dogged spendthrift! One day he saw some abstract paintings that looked exactly like the pattern of his family’s quilt from Scotland. That was it! He started painting himself, moved to Berlin, became real famous and made it to documenta.





Der Führer kommt



POST



ZUCKER



KOHLE

MAGDEBURGER PLATZ 4

Ich soll bei  
schon grüßen von  
Walter Benjamin

[Empty nameplate]

HEINICH

Udo Müller

Lange/Roske

WILHELM  
ZIMMER

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V. Doulgen

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G. und S. Knöbe

H. Yavas

Kraft

Chasin

Forghien

Thiele - Jäger

Hackelbrucht

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### Projects in Public Space (selection)

- 1992-3 *Places of Remembrance*, Memorial in the Bavarian Quarter, Berlin-Schöneberg
- 1994-5 *Bus Stop*, Concept for a "Memorial to the Murdered Jews in Europe", Berlin-Mitte
- 1995-7 *Image Spheres*, 24 hour program for a campus, University of Applied Sciences Esslingen
- 1998 *Invitation*, Advertising self help groups, Berlin-Alexanderplatz
- 1998 *Who Needs Art, We Need Potatoes*, Environment, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
- 1999 *Hänsel and Gretel and the Gold in the Reichsbank*, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- 2001-2 *Mind Maps / Heart, Hand and Mouth*, light sculptures in München-Riem
- 2003-4 *Signs from Berlin*, The Jewish Museum New York
- 2004 *The Art of Collecting - Flick in Berlin*, NGBK / Akademie der Künste, Berlin-Brandenburg
- 2005 *Berlin Messages*, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale

### Group Shows (selection)

- 1996-7 *Deutschlandbilder*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 2002 *CTRL SPACE*, ZKM, Karlsruhe
- 2004 *The Ten Commandments*, Hygiene Museum, Dresden
- 2005 *RAF, KunstWerke*, Berlin

### Lectures (selection)

- 2005 *The Art of Collecting - Flick in Berlin*, Schule für Kunst und Mediendesign, Zürich/CH.
- 2004 *Like James Bond - Art with an Assignment*, School of the Art Institute, Chicago/USA.  
*Public Art and Social Sculpture*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst/USA.  
*Public Space and Memory*, Princeton University, Princeton/USA.
- 2003 *Signs from Berlin*, Goethe Institut, New York/USA.
- 2002 *Kunst für alle Fälle - Art for All Purposes*, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, München.
- 2001 *Public Art and Social Sculpture*, University of Chicago/USA.  
*Dark Sides of Berlin*, Visiting Artists, School of the Art Institute, Chicago/USA.  
*Art and Politics*, Bard College, NY/USA.
- 2000 *Social Sculpture*, GSD, Rouse Visiting Artist Progr., Harvard University, Cambridge/USA.
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