

Semester Opening 2016/2017

On 18 October 2016, the Regensburg American Studies Department was happy to welcome its new cohort in the American Studies and European-American Studies Master programs. The first-year Master students from regional, national, as well as international backgrounds from North America to different parts of Europe were warmly welcomed at the University of Regensburg by Prof. Dr. Timo Müller (Chair) and Prof. Dr. Volker Depkat (Board REAF). This was followed by a further welcome by two current Master's students, Julia Bienek (entry year 2014) and Leslie Southard (entry year 2015), who presented their humorous and helpful guidebook to "surviving the Master's" to an amused and eager crowd of new Master's students. They also introduced the Grad Student Forum, an online platform for establishing a network of young American Studies scholars associated with the University of Regensburg hosted on the REAF homepage. In a Roundtable Discussion, four further current Master students, Sandra Bartol (entry year 2015), Jack Matlack (entry year 2015), Sandra Schlecht (entry year 2015), and Bettina Huber (entry year 2014), talked about their experiences as MAS/MEAS students both at Regensburg and abroad, which has lead them, for research stays or internships, to places ranging from Duke University in Durham, NC, over the American Consulate General in Munich, to a position in Regensburg's old town translating archival, medieval manuscripts. The fruitful and open discussion was continued during an informal reception during which the students had the opportunity to get to know the Regensburg American Studies department as well as their fellow first-year students. Florian Weinzierl (REAF Assist. Coordinator) chaired the event.

REAF wishes all new and returning MA students an exciting academic year 2016/2017