

REAF Highlight: Roundtable with Dr. Jennifer Reimer

On Thursday, 28 June 2018, REAF hosted a roundtable with Dr. Jennifer Reimer (University of Graz, Lise-Meitner Fellow) titled “Academic Freedom? The Politics and Practice of Transnational American Studies in Turkey and around the Globe.” In an engaging and critical manner, Dr. Reimer spoke from a biographical perspective about her experiences as an American Studies scholar in Turkey during the political upheavals specifically during and after the mid-2013 Gezi Park protests that spread from Istanbul throughout the nation. Answering questions by participants about on-site experiences and offering insights into the intricacies and challenges of teaching American Studies transnationally, Dr. Reimer provided an exclusive and intriguing glimpse into the endangered academic freedoms that American Studies as a discipline may often be too sure of. REAF thanks Dr. Reimer for bringing her experiences, both professional as well as personal, to Regensburg and framing them in a manner that went to the crux of entanglements between politics and academia.