Time and Temporality in Theme Parks
September 18-20, 2014 – Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

Thursday, 18 September 2014
04:00 P.M. Participants’ Arrival and Registration
05:00 P.M. Conference Opening

Keynote I: The Theme Park Is Dead, Long Live the Theme Park!
Scott A. Lukas (Lake Tahoe Community College, USA)

07:00 P.M. Conference Warming

Friday, 19 September 2014
09:00 A.M. Panel I: Theme Parks and the U.S.
Revisiting Past Futures at the 1939 New York World’s Fair
Astrid Böger (U Hamburg, Germany)
It’s a Small World After All: Theme Parks and New Urbanism in the American Imaginary
Markus Reisenleitner (York U, Canada)
Coney Island Films and Non-Teleological Temporalities
Simon Dickel (Ruhr U, Germany)
11:00 A.M. Coffee Break
11:30 A.M. Panel II: Theme Park Theory
Introducing Theme Park Theory
David Younger (U of Lincoln, UK)
Theme Park Time: Leisure as Distraction and Boredom
Hai Ren (U of Arizona)
12:30 P.M. Lunch Break
12:30 P.M. Panel III: Past/Times I
Changing Concepts of Temporality: From Age to Pastness in Heritage and Theme Parks
Cornelius Holtorf (Linnaeus U, Sweden)
XVIII Century Attractions: The Multitemporality of the Museum-Reserve “Tsaritsyno”
Natalia Samutina & Boris Stepanov (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia)
Creating a Model City for the Future by Referring to the Past: Aspects of Temporality at Huis Ten Bosch
Michiko Uike-Bohrmann (U of Freiburg, Germany)
03:30 P.M. Coffee Break
04:00 P.M. Panel IV: Designing the Park
Temporality as Storyline, in the Design of Themed Environments
Gordon S. Grice (Forrec Ltd., Canada)
TBA
Ariane Schwarz (JGU Mainz, Germany)
07:00 P.M. Conference Dinner
09:00 A.M.  **Keynote II:**  Here You Leave Time  
*Mark Gottdiener (U at Buffalo, USA)*

10:15 A.M.  **Coffee Break**

10:30 A.M.  **Panel V: Past/Times II**  
Theme parks, Nostalgia, Retro  
*Susan Ingram (York U, Canada)*
Et in Chronotopia Ego: Main Street-architecture as a Rhetorical Device at Theme Parks and Outlet Villages  
*Per Strömberg (Telemark U, Norway)*
Mini Israel and the Subversive Present  
*Michael Feige (Ben-Gurion U, Israel)*

12:00 P.M.  **Coffee Break**

12:30 P.M.  **Panel VI: Situating the Theme Park**  
Künstliche Erlebniswelten: die Kathedralen des 21. Jahrhundert  
*Ulrich Reinhardt (Stiftung für Zukunftsfragen Hamburg, Germany)*
TBA  
*Priscilla Hobbs (JGU Mainz, Germany)*

01:30 P.M.  **Lunch**

03:00 P.M.  **Participants’ Departure**