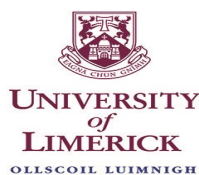


LIMERICK HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINARS - SPRING 2016-17



Series Title: *Encountering the Past as Contemporary*

13 February: Professor Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland

From Anti-fascism to anti-Zionism to Undeclared Wars with Israel: East Germany and the West German Far Left during the Cold War

(NOTE: This is a joint History/FAHSS Distinguished Lecture)

VENUE: Kemmy Business School - KBG16 - 6pm

Jeffrey C. Herf is an internationally renowned scholar and Distinguished University Professor of modern European, in particular modern German, history at the University of Maryland, College Park. He graduated in history from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1969 and received his PhD in sociology from Brandeis University in 1980. Before joining the faculty at the University of Maryland, he taught at Harvard University and Ohio University. He has held a number of fellowships including at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, the German Historical Institute in Washington, the Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies in Tel Aviv, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC and at the American Academy in Berlin in 2007.

Herf's first monograph, *Reactionary Modernism: Technology, Culture and Politics in Weimar and the Third Reich* (1984), in which he coined the term "reactionary modernism", focused on the thinking of ideologues of Weimar's "conservative revolution" and of currents in the Nazi Party and Nazi regime. His subsequent books examine the political culture of West Germany before and during the battle over the Pershing missiles in the 1980s: *War By Other Means: Soviet Power, West German Resistance and the Battle of the Euromissiles* (1991); memory and politics regarding the Holocaust in East and West Germany: *Divided Memory: The Nazi Past in the Two Germanys* (1997); Nazi Germany's domestic anti-Semitic propaganda *The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda During World War II and the Holocaust* (2006); and *Nazi Germany's propaganda aimed at North Africa and the Middle East Nazi Propaganda for the Arab World* (2009). His most recent book and the subject of his lecture is: *Undeclared Wars with Israel: East Germany and the West German Far Left, 1967-1989* (2015). An edited collection (with Anthony McElligott) *Antisemitism before and since the Holocaust: Altered Contexts and Recent Developments* will be published by Palgrave this spring. Professor Herf is a regular contributor to *The American Interest*, *Commentary*, *Die Welt*, *Die Zeit*, *Partisan Review*, *The Times of Israel*, and *The New Republic*.