BLACK GENOCIDE
Protest Movements and Social Memories of Mass Murder in the United States and West Germany of the 1960s and 1970s

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CONCE CENTER, ROOM 112

with Dr. Thomas Pegelow Kaplan
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Pegelow Kaplan’s talk examines how political movements in West Germany and the United States—in particular the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Black Panther Party, Black Panther Solidarity Committees in Germany, and antiwar US soldiers—created transnational spaces and networks where they disseminated new analyses and languages of genocide.

These men and women contributed significantly to changes in the ways that many West Germans and Americans remembered past and present mass crimes. These groups often encountered considerable resistance and government- and police-engineered opposition, especially around their allegations of an ongoing black genocide.

The presentation, based on Dr. Pegelow Kaplan’s current book project, demonstrates how the words and images of certain West German and American groups interacted, bridged cultural divides, and shaped an increasingly transnational movement that still informs the ways in which we grasp and organize against the ongoing crime of genocide today.

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