



# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

## Emeritus Professors in Columbia

### EPIC Fall Programs Begin October 6

First Thursday Graduate Student Talk October 6 – Tuesday Talk October 11

#### First Thursday Graduate Student Talk October 6

Please join us Thursday, October 6, as Dr. Marceline Saibou, Ph.D. 2016, presents research findings from her dissertation, "Creativity under Authoritarian Rule: Popular Music and State Power in Postcolonial Togo," at the first First Thursday talk of the academic year.

First Thursday Graduate Student Talks are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. They provide advanced Ph.D. candidates and recent graduates an opportunity to make a generalist presentation on their research to a cross-disciplinary audience ready to listen carefully and ask good questions. EPIC members help give the Ph.D. students a useful learning experience and at the same time learn about something that may be well beyond their own scholarly interests.

A sandwich lunch is provided.

[RSVP to ensure an appropriate catering order.](#)



**Time: 12:15-2:00 p.m.**

**Ward H. Dennis Room,**

**602 Lewisohn Hall**

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*Photo: Marceline Saibou with defense committee members Prof. George Lewis, Alessandra Ciucci and Aaron Fox (copyright Columbia University Department of Music)*

#### "Between Hitler and Adenauer: Journalists and the 'Moral Reconstruction' of West Germany after 1945"

**Tuesday Talk October 11**

Volker Berghahn will present the first Alternate Tuesdays Talk of the academic year, "Between Hitler and Adenauer: Journalists and the 'Moral Reconstruction' of West Germany after 1945" on October 11.

Berghahn, Seth Low Emeritus Professor of History, explains that when Hitler seized power in Germany in 1933, all Germans were confronted with four choices. They could decide to go into exile (and many were even forced to leave); they could go underground, risking capture and in many cases



Alternate Tuesday Talks address topics across the academic spectrum as well as issues of particular importance to the retired academic community.

Attendees can continue their discussions in the Faculty Club, at a special EPIC reduced rate.

execution; they could make their peace with the Nazis and join the Party; fourthly, they could, as did anti-Nazis before and after 1933, retreat into "inner emigration." This talk is about this fourth position. It uses the example of three journalists who survived and became very prominent after 1945, wrestling, on the one hand, with how to interpret in their influential papers what had ended in 1945 and, on the other, with how to rebuild West German society's moral and ethical foundations that a criminal regime had so completely destroyed. Having lived through twelve years of un-freedom, one of their main causes was to re-establish freedom of expression—a struggle in the course of which they repeatedly ran up against the autocratic government of Konrad Adenauer. Hence, Berghahn explains, the title "Between Hitler and Adenauer". But there were other key issues that Berghahn will also broach.

Guests are welcome.

## [RSVP](#)

**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Faculty House Ivy Lounge**

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Parking may be requested up by October 4 by [email to EPIC](#) (fee associated)

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## Hold the Dates for Future Talks

### First Thursdays in the Fall Semester

**November 3:** "A Transit System Hiding in Plain Sight," Eric Goldwyn, Ph.D. candidate, School of Architecture and Urban Planning

**December 1:** "Replacing Guns with Pens: How Education Became a Reward for Military Service in the United States," Masako Hattori, Ph.D candidate, Department of History

### Alternate Tuesdays in the Fall Semester:

**October 25:** Professor Philip Genty (Law), Chair of the University Senate Structure and Operations Committee, will discuss retiree representation in the senate.

**November 15:** Speaker and topic to be announced.

**December 6:** Speaker and topic to be announced.

**December 20:** Speaker and topic to be announced.

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