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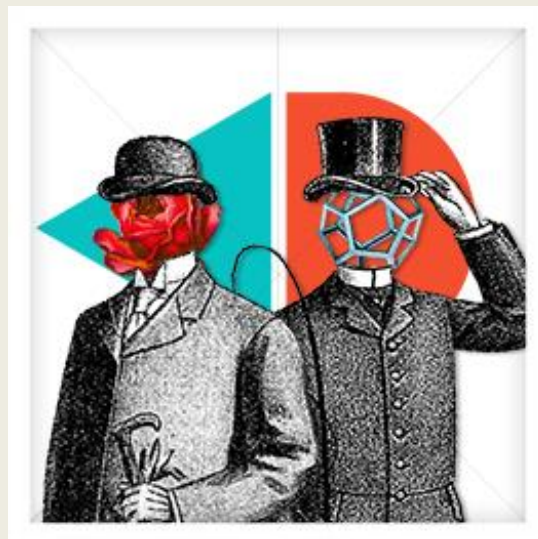
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**“The Formation of the German Humanities  
as a Thing of Boundaries”**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm, ER153**

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How did the German humanities come about as a meaningful distinction in the academic world in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century? Julian Hamann reconstructs boundary-work strategies scattered in the programmatic manifestos, lectures, and introductions found in neo-Kantianism, historicism, Dilthey’s work, and not least in the Naturwissenschaften, showing how these brought about the ‘Geisteswissenschaften’ as a stable and robust social entity – a thing of boundaries. The analysis foregrounds the importance of symbolic boundaries as discursive effects that constitute new entities cumulatively from local negotiations.

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