

We are mourning the death of our dear colleague
Dr. Marietta Messmer

She was a wonderfully kind, cheerful, and caring person, a great teacher and scholar, a team player, and an exceptionally supportive mentor. Many of those who took her classes at Göttingen continue to think of them as game changers for how they thought about American culture, politics, and literature.

Dr. Marietta Messmer was an associate professor for American Studies at the University of Groningen, working on inter-American cultural and political relations with a special focus on migration studies. She co-founded the International Association for InterAmerican Studies (IAS) as well as the European Network for the Study of Minor Mobilities in the Americas (ENMMA). Dr. Messmer served in leadership roles in a variety of international scholarly organizations and was editor-in-chief of the book series *Interamericana*. At Göttingen, she coordinated the interdisciplinary project "Developing a Model for an Internationally Perspectivized History of American Literature" between 1997 and 2001 and co-organized the international conference "Do the Americas Have a Common Literary History?" in 1999.

She continued to collaborate with colleagues from our department, working on *Interamericana* with Prof. Dr. Barbara Buchenau and editing *The International Turn in American Studies* with our professor emeritus Prof. Dr. Armin Paul Frank in 2015.

We were lucky to be in her presence and will miss her sorely.
Our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

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