

CARL SCHMITT IN WEIMAR
Workshop on Interwar German Political and Constitutional Theory

Guest Speakers:

Peter C. Caldwell, Rice University

John P. McCormick, University of Chicago

Saturday, November 13, 2010

IMU Distinguished Alumni Room

Schedule:

9:00: Welcome and introduction

9:15: Peter C. Caldwell: "Hugo Preuss, the Volk, and the Paradoxes of Democracy"

10:45: Coffee break

**11:00: John P. McCormick: "Theological, Post-Enlightenment Sources of Authority:
The Schmitt-Strauss Exchange Reconsidered"**

12:30: Lunch for seminar students and guest speakers

2:30: Panel discussion with audience: Caldwell, McCormick, Bill Scheuerman

4:00: Final debriefing between seminar students and guest speakers

The revolution of November, 1918, led to the popular election of a National Assembly to write a new constitution for the postwar German Republic. The ensuing lively discussion among proponents of various forms of liberal-democracy and democratic-socialism can be profitably filtered through the attempts by Carl Schmitt to establish and elaborate some fundamental definitions of national sovereignty, political unity, the public and the private, political representation, the nature of constitutions, the rule of law and the legal order, liberalism, and democracy (classical and modern). Professors Caldwell and McCormick will deliver talks on Hugo Preuss (primary architect of the Weimar constitution) and Schmitt's exchange with the young Leo Strauss on liberalism and the idea of the political. The afternoon roundtable session, conducted by Professor William Scheuerman of the IU Political Science Department will comment on and continue the morning's papers and discussion.

Designed as part of the Germanic Studies seminar "Carl Schmitt in Weimar," conducted by Professor William Rasch, this event is open to the public.