

# Call for Papers

## Glaubenssysteme/Belief-Systems

Annual Conference of the  
Austrian Studies Association

**May 2-5, 2013**

**University of Waterloo**  
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Belief-systems, be they a world-view, a philosophy, a religion, an ideology, or concepts of what is natural and what is not, shape our cultures at their most fundamental levels. Whether they are aimed at personal enlightenment, group membership, political power, religious salvation, or structures of class, ethnicity and gender, belief-systems guide the way people think, organize, and interact.

This conference will seek to explore the variety of belief-systems that have shaped Austrian culture both past and present through literature, film, theatre, and music, but also in natural and medical sciences, history, politics and society.

Due to the broadness of the conference's topic interdisciplinary approaches as well as submission from colleagues in related fields are especially encouraged.

Conference Organizer: Michael Boehringer, Germanic and Slavic Studies,  
University of Waterloo

Proposal Deadline: **Oct. 15, 2012**

Please send abstract (max. 300 words, MS-Word or rtf-format) and one-paragraph bio to: **glaubenssysteme@gmail.com**

<<The publication of a volume of selected and refereed essays based on the conference is planned, pending budgetary approval >>