

**Science, Suspects, and Surveillance in American Detective Fiction:  
A Workshop on Metta Fuller Victor, *The Dead Letter* (1866),  
and Anna Katharine Green, *The Leavenworth Case* (1878)**

The European Study Group of Nineteenth-Century American Literature  
Universität Erfurt/IBZ Michaelisstr. 38  
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10.00 am Welcome

10.30-12.30 **Laura Saltz** (Colby College, USA):  
“Between Science and Sentimentality: Looking, Reading, Feeling, Detecting”

Round Table Discussion

12.30 pm Lunch Break

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2-3.30 pm **Kathie Birat** (Université de Lorraine, France):  
“The Hound and the Mole: The Verbal and the Visual in *The Leavenworth Case*”

**Stéphanie Durrans** (Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France):  
“Metta Fuller Victor’s Visual Poetics in *The Dead Letter* and *The Figure Eight*: From  
‘The Talking Oak’ to ‘The Lady of Shalott’”

Round Table Discussion

3.30-4 pm Coffee Break

4-5 pm Discussion Prompts:  
“Theater and Theatricality” (**Ilka Saal**, Universität Erfurt, Germany)  
“Sensation” (**Daniela Daniele**, University of Udine, Italy)  
“Clairvoyance” (**Julia Nitz**, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg,  
Germany)

Round Table Discussion

6.30 pm Dinner (Restaurant *Wenigemarkt 13*)

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10-11.30 am **Mareike Dolata** (Universität Jena, Germany)  
“The Case of the Forgotten Author and Her Female Detectives: Anna Katharine Green and Early American Detective Fiction“

**Mariana Net** (Romanian Academy, Romania)  
“Neglected Aspects of the Detective Novel: Searching for the Murderer and Finding Ideology”

Round Table Discussion

12 noon Lunch Break

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2-3.30 pm Student Paper Presentation: **Maria Erdmann** (Universität Erfurt, Germany)  
“Female Reactions and Connections to Crime in Fuller Victor’s *The Dead Letter*”

**Verena Laschinger** (Universität Erfurt, Germany)  
“Over His Dead Body: Thoughts on (De-)Composition and *The Dead Letter*”

Round Table Discussion

3.30-4 pm Coffee Break

4-5.30 pm **Ralph J. Poole** (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria):  
“The Natural Instincts of Gentlemen: Infatuated Detectives in the Novels of Metta Fuller Victor and Anna Katherine Green”

Final Round Table Discussion

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9 pm Sightseeing Tour: Erfurt by Night