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**Conference in Commemoration
of Friedrich Katz
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**An Intellectual between Spaces
Un intelectual entre espacios**

**December 12, 2011
10 am to 6 pm
Rüdesheimer Str. 54-56
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10:00 - 10:30
Welcome/ Bienvenida

10:30 - 13:30
Life and Work between Spaces/ Vida y obra entre espacios

Marianne Braig (Lateinamerika-Institut):
Friedrich Katz' Importance for Latin American Studies in Berlin and World-wide

John Coatsworth (Columbia University):
Homage

Enrique Semo (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México):
Life and Work between East-Germany and Mexico

Javier Garciadiego (El Colegio de México):
Friedrich Katz y la historiografía mexicana

Claudio Lomnitz (Columbia University) :
On the Improbable Popularity of Friedrich Katz

Stephanie Schütze (Lateinamerika- Institut):
Friedrich Katz as Political Thinker:
Mexican Migrant Organizations in Chicago

15:30 - 18:00
Friedrich Katz and the Writing of Latin American History/ Friedrich Katz y la investigación histórica sobre América Latina

Stefan Rinke (Lateinamerika-Institut):
Germany and Latin America: Friedrich Katz' Contribution

Emilio Kouri (University of Chicago):
Friedrich Katz' Agrarian Mexico

Walther Bernecker (Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg):
Los alemanes en México: un tema recurrente en la historiografía de Friedrich Katz

Hans-Jürgen Puhle (Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt):
Friedrich Katz and Latin American Studies in the Two Germanys

Hans Werner Tobler (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich):
Revolting Peasants in Mexico...and elsewhere: a Recurrent Theme in the Work of Friedrich Katz

18:00
Tapas y vino

Friedrich Katz, one of the world's leading scholars of Latin American history and the foremost scholar of Mexican history of his time, died on October 16, 2010. As professor of history at the University of Chicago for forty years, he received – along with many other international awards and recognitions – a doctorate honoris causa by the Freie Universität Berlin in 2002.

Both during his time at the Humboldt University of Berlin (1956-68) and later when he taught at Chicago, Katz' work has been a great inspiration for younger German historians and students of Latin American affairs, or those interested in comparing revolutions, peasant uprisings or other social movements, not to speak of pre-Columbian cultures and, of course, of Mexican politics and society.

His books that covered a wide range of topics have served as eye-openers in crucial moments of debate and fascinated more than one scientific community: The path-breaking dissertation *Die sozioökonomischen Verhältnisse bei den Azteken*; the comparative *Ancient American Civilizations*; the seminal Berliner Habilitationsschrift *Deutschland, Díaz und die mexikanische Revolution* (and the many articles in German that accompanied it); the magisterial *Secret War in Mexico*; the indispensable volume on *Riot, Rebellion, and Revolution*, and finally the incomparable *The Life and Times of Pancho Villa*.

