

THE GLOBAL SALON



1917 U.S. government anti-German propaganda poster

The launch in January 2018 of **The Global Salon** earned enthusiastic response—both from English native-speakers and from Germans, as the two *Thüringer Allgemeine* articles posted at www.roots.TRACES.org attest. Fifteen people attended our trial-run meeting—over half of whom began with a non-denominational meditation at 11 o'clock, after which those present shared what they experienced during the silence. At 12:30, the rest arrived; the food everyone brought was delicious! At 14:00, we watched a Power Point presentation, *The White Cancer: America and its Ku Klux Klan*, followed by a lively discussion. In February, the host will show *Kickin' the 'Krauts: Anti-German Hysteria in the American Heartland during World War I*, which will document the beginning of the end of German culture in the United States, despite every fifth American alive today having German ancestry.

The next meeting will be a 3-part event on Sunday, February 25th in Erfurt.

Hi! I'm Michael, a farmboy from the Iowa prairies, and pleased to invite all English-native-speakers/their partners to attend *The Global Salon*, a multi-faceted event on **Sunday, February 25th** in Erfurt's Elisabethstr. (a 10-min. walk from Hptbhf; follow the Flutgraben west; at Puschkinstr. go right under the bridge, then left).

Every month a member of the group has the chance to present a topic of general interest—the March 25th meeting will be held at Jeremy Bird's home (contact him at jerbird@gmail.com); who would like to offer the March Salon topic/presentation and facilitate the group discussion following the presentation?

We look forward to this becoming a stable date (the last Sunday of every month) and space (at first in homes, later in a public place) where Anglo-aculturated migrants or sojourners in Thüringen can find exchange, support and inspiration, from which to live better here. For those who wish to utilize it, the meditation is a chance to charge inner batteries, while the salon will ignite intellectual ones. Both—in conjunction with sharing over food—build stronger community bonds.



As a caption, the source of this photo wrote "burning German books in 1918 in front of the [Baptist] Cedar Valley Seminary" in Osage, Iowa — birthplace of the host's maternal grandfather, Elmer Alvin Thrams.

Feel free to take part in one, two or all three components of this Big Event:

11:00 - a meditative spiritual circle:

non-denominational, but based loosely on Quaker non-clerical, mystical traditions; after circa 45 minutes of "centering" there'll be time for personal sharing

12:30 - a potluck (British = "bring & share"):

where each brings food/drink to share; social time will follow

14:00 - an introductory round:

where each can share what they wish, including pitching one's own projects or favorite things to do in Thüringen; an in-house presentation, followed by discussion

To get the house number and reserve a place (sorry, limited to 30 adults; until we've grown into a larger meeting place, space is limited and unable to accommodate children): ☺ MichaelLuickThrams@gmail.com ☎ 0176.34 38 70 65 🌐 www.roots.TRACES.com