

**INVITATION**

**„HEIMAT“ AND PLACE**

REMARKS CONCERNING  
TRANSCENDENCE AND  
COMMON SENSE

MAY 31, 2012, LECTURE  
JUNE 1, 2012, WORKSHOP

TU DRESDEN



**Venue**

Dresden University of Technology  
Von-Gerber-Bau, Room 052  
Bergstraße 53, 01062 Dresden

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In cooperation with the Collaborative  
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"Transcendence and Common Sense"  
and also the Catholic University of  
Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Chair of  
Philosophy.

**Registration**

Please register for the lecture and the  
seminar. There is no entrance fee for  
the lecture as well as the seminar.

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In the public lecture, Edward S. Casey will address the question of the effective reality of international borders with particular reference to the U.S.-Mexico border, often referred to as "La Frontera." Special attention will be paid to the specificities of the massive wall that has been built to demarcate and to protect this border. To analyze the circumstance more adequately, Professor Casey will make use of a basic distinction between "border" and "boundary," which enables us to gain a fresh understanding of the dynamics now occurring at La Frontera. The paradoxes of being an invisible but fateful borderline will be investigated. The entire situation will also be discussed from the standpoint of transcendence and common sense – terms that have an unusual ability to illuminate this complex situation more adequately. Audience discussion and participation will be encouraged.

On the following day we will discuss at length Casey's book "The Fate of Place - A Philosophical History." In this book he shows that place, which is a basic concept of "Heimat," long reigned as the supreme term in Western thought. In the modern age the natural scientific method relegates places to mere positions in space. However, the starting point of interpreting the world is not abstract space but "our own lived body." In structure and function, our body is oriented, and so are all perception and consciousness. "We are never anywhere, anywhen, but in place." One might say that the meeting point of the anthropological relations of place, time, and community (*Gemeinschaft*) could be called "Heimat." Heimat always has boundaries which one has to transcend but no borders. While boundaries invite being transcended, and in this way open Heimat, the closure by borders would destroy it.

You are kindly invited to discuss these questions during the public lecture as well as the workshop.

Dr. Joachim Klose  
Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation for the Free State of Saxony, Head of the Project Group "Heimat"

## PUBLIC LECTURE

May 31, 2012 | 7 pm  
TU Dresden | Von-Gerber-Bau | Room 052

### Welcome and Introduction

*Dr. Joachim Klose, Dresden*  
*Prof. Dr. Werner Patzelt, Dresden*

## BORDER AND BOUNDARY AT LA FRONTERA

REFLECTIONS ON BORDERLINES  
AND SEPARATION WALLS WITH A  
CONSIDERATION OF THE DIMENSI-  
ONS OF COMMON SENSE AND  
TRANSCENDENCE

*Prof. Dr. Edward S. Casey, New York*

## WORKSHOP

June 1, 2012 | 10 am to 6 pm  
TU Dresden | Von-Gerber-Bau | Room 052

### Welcome and Introduction

*Dr. Joachim Klose, Dresden*  
*Dr. Annika Schlitte, Eichstätt*

## THE FATE OF PLACE

*Prof. Dr. Edward S. Casey, New York*

(Introductory statements of the different sections will be held by members of the workgroup of the University of Eichstätt.)

**Edward S. Casey** is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at SUNY, Stony Brook. He has also taught at Yale University and the University of California at Santa Barbara. His books include a series of four volumes that treat the importance of place in people's lives – most notably, "*Getting Back into Place*" and "*The Fate of Place*;" two books that offer a phenomenological study of imagination and memory; and a recent book that provides a new view of perception, "*The World at a Glance*." He is currently completing a book to be entitled "*The World on Edge*," which will examine the complex role of edges in the human lifeworld. Professor Casey's lecture and seminar will draw on material he plans to elaborate in this newest publication.

On the following presentation  
"Heimat and Place" of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

- May 31, 2012, 7 pm, at the TU Dresden  
Public Lecture "Border and Boundary at la Frontera"
- June 1, 2012, 10 am-6 pm at the Deutsche Hygienemuseum  
Workshop "The Fate of Place"
- I would like to take part. I will be accompanied by  persons.
- Please send me further information on the activities of the  
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