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## Georg Büchner 1813-2013

**A CONFERENCE ON THE 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUTHOR'S BIRTH.  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH  
THE KARL ANATOL CENTER, 8:30AM - 5PM  
THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2013**

In spite of a short life (17 October 1813 – 19 February 1837) and a brief scientific, political, and literary career, Georg Büchner is widely known today as one of the most enduring revolutionary thinkers of the early 19th century. As is evident in Georg Herwegh's 1841 poem, "Zum Andenken an Georg Büchner, den Verfasser von Dantons Tod" (In Memory of Georg Büchner, the Author of Danton's Death), his early death left a void: "Der Jugend fehlt ein Führer in der Schlacht" (The youth are missing a leader in battle). Karl Gutzkow wrote in his 1837 obituary that Büchner was "[e]in Kind der neuen Zeit" [a child of the new age]. His revolutionary works went on to influence important writers (Karl Emil Franzos, Frank Wedekind, Bertolt Brecht, Arnold Zweig, and Thomas Mann), composers (Alban Berg, Paul Dessau, and Wolfgang Rihm), and filmmakers (Werner Herzog, Georg C. Klaren). What is it about Büchner's biography and few works written in such a short period, which are nonetheless so different from each other, that continue to resonate today? In addition to the fourteen presentations of papers at the conference, the event features two movie screenings: Georg C. Klaren's *Wozzeck* (1947) on 10/17 at 6pm at MM100 with an introduction by Carrie Collenberg-Gonzalez from Longwood University, and Werner Herzog's *Woyzeck* (1979) on 10/19 at 5pm at MM100, as well as a stage production of *Woyzeck* directed by Matthew Straus on 10/18 at 5:30pm at THEA 24/26.

**The conference is free and open to the public.**

**The speakers are:**

Adeline Bauder (CSU Long Beach) • Sophia Clark (Vanderbilt University) • Carrie Collenberg-Gonzalez (Longwood University) • Bernd Fischer (Ohio State University) • Harald Friedl (CSU Long Beach) • Margaret Govoni (University of New Mexico) • Jeffrey L. High (CSU Long Beach) • Wolf Kittler (UC Santa Barbara) • John Lyon (University of Pittsburgh) • Adam Merki (CSU Long Beach) • William Peightal (CSU Long Beach) • Christine Richter-Nilsson (Vanderbilt University) • Tara Rensch (CSU Long Beach) • Matthew Straus (CSU Long Beach) • Bryce Thomson (CSU Long Beach)

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