In April 1966, with support from the Ford Foundation, Gruppe 47 traveled to the United States. They were invited to meet at Princeton University from April 22-24 by the German Department. At the same time, a major gathering was held at Princeton called What’s Happening: The Arts 1966, attended by Tom Wolfe, Susan Sontag, Duke Ellington, and Allen Ginsberg, among others.

Gruppe 47 was the leading group of West German writers and critics from its founding in 1947 until its dissolution in 1967. Members included, alongside its founder and organizer Hans Werner Richter, authors such as Günter Grass, Heinrich Böll (both later Nobel laureates), Uwe Johnson, Hans Magnus Enzensberger, Peter Weiss and Ingeborg Bachmann. The German Department at Princeton digitized the audio recordings of the legendary meeting of 1966 online.

Thursday, April 21
4:30 East Pyne 205
Reception will follow

This event sponsored by the Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach, the Goethe Institute, and the Department of German is in GERMAN and is free and open to the public.