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**Theodor W. Adorno** (1903–69), the renowned critical theorist, spent the Second World War in the United States and then returned to Germany. Two of his lectures on the experience and meaning of emigration, and on the differences between U.S. and German culture, are translated into English for the first time in this issue of *Social Text*.

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