



## **"Volksgemeinschaft" ("The People's Community") – The Community of Exclusion. Post-1933 Radicalisation in Germany**

**4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Holocaust Research**

**A conference sponsored by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education in cooperation with the University of Flensburg and the Humboldt University of Berlin**

**27 – 29 January 2013, dbb forum Berlin, Friedrichstrasse 169/170**

If you view the social reality of the “Third Reich” through the prism of the Holocaust, everyday life under the Nazi regime appears to have been consistently brutal and totalitarian. The mass killings that took place, however, resulted from a tremendously accelerated process of social transformation that had been in place at the time for just eight short years. This process occurred in a society that was not uniform, but instead thoroughly heterogeneous and functionally differentiated. If you attempt to reconstruct why people acted as they did within the reference frame of the “Third Reich”, then you must first trace the process of “Nazification”, disentangling the melange of what was introduced to German social praxis after the Nazis seized power from that which – after January 30<sup>th</sup> of 1933 – simply remained as it had always been.

Parallel Practical Forums at the conference will seek to address this central topic and its relevance for today’s life-worlds, as well as introduce the latest academic approaches for its mediation in civic education. In tandem, concrete concepts and models that focus on translating these interdependencies in schools and extracurricular activities will be on exhibit at the conference’s ‘project exchange’.

## Programme (Status on: 23/01/2013)

27 January 2013

**From 9.30 a.m. Registration**

- 11:00 a.m. Opening Comments**  
**Thomas Krüger**, President of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education
- 11:15 a.m. Opening Address**  
**Dr. Hans-Peter Friedrich**, German Federal Minister of the Interior
- 11:45 a.m. Opening Keynote Address**  
**Norbert Frei**, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena
- 12:30 p.m. Snack**
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction: Harald Welzer**, University of Flensburg & **Michael Wildt**, Humboldt University Berlin
- 2:15 p.m. Reformatting Social Affairs: “Volksgemeinschaft” – The Community of Exclusion, Part I**
- “Volksgemeinschaft” as a cultural practice  
**Hans Dieter Schäfer**, Akademy of Science and Literature, Mainz
- “Women and the ‘Volksgemeinschaft’”  
**Elizabeth Harvey**, University of Nottingham
- Discussion**
- Moderation: Michaela Christ**, University of Flensburg
- 4:15 p.m. Coffee break**
- 4:45 p.m. Reformatting Social Affairs: “Volksgemeinschaft” – The Community of Exclusion, Part II**
- “Soldier Communities”  
**Sönke Neitzel**, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
- “Emotions and Community”  
**Uffa Jensen**, Max Planck Institute, Berlin
- Discussion**
- Moderation: Susanne Beer**, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin
- Followed by a talk with **Christian Gudehus** and israelian writer **Nir Baram**, author of the book “Good People”
- 7:15 p.m. Reception**

## 28 January 2013

### **9:30 a.m. Social Dynamics and Daily Culture**

„Good Times, Close Friends and a Bright Future: The Attractiveness of Nazism for Young Austrian Women“

**Elissa Mailänder**, Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, Paris

“Disgust - The Film 'Jud Süß' ('Jew Süß', 1940)\* in Nazi-Germany“

**Daniel Wildmann**, DW, Queen Mary, University of London

\*Film rights: Friedrich-Wilhelm-Murnau-Stiftung

#### **Discussion**

**Moderation: Michaela Christ**, University of Flensburg

### **11:30 a.m. Coffee break**

**12:00 a.m.** “Is anyone a spectator in a genocidal society?”

**Daniel Feierstein**, National University of Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires

#### **Discussion**

**Moderation: Susanne Beer**, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

**1:00 p.m. Lunch Break** (*Lunch will be offered on your own expense*)

**2:30 p.m.** „Music and Film, the Media that Bind“

Lecture with film extracts and discussion

**Rainer Rother**, Deutsche Kinemathek Foundation, Berlin

#### **Discussion**

**Moderation: Susanne Beer**, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

**3:30 p.m. Coffee Break**

**4:00 –**

### **6:00 p.m. Practical Forums with Parallel Workshops**

The practical forums are aimed at linking academic results and methods with content from civic education. In the workshops, conference participants will have the opportunity to learn more about both content-related and method-related aspects of the relevant issues.

#### **Workshop 1:**

The exclusion experience – perspectives from victims and outcasts

**Michael Wildt**, Humboldt University Berlin

**Wolf Kaiser**, Memorial and Educational Site House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin

**Bernd Körte-Braun**, Free University of Berlin

**Moderation: Ulla Kux**, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future, Berlin

**Workshop 2:**

Caught between the pressure to conform and exclusion – the circumstances of young people in sports and leisure

**Barbara Kirschbaum**, EL-DE Haus, Köln

**Jan Krebs**, Gesicht Zeigen, Berlin

**Veronika Nahm**, Anne Frank Zentrum, Berlin

**Julian Nejkow**, Dresden

**Moderation: Franziska Ehricht**, Berlin

**Workshop 3:**

Consolidating the economy – “Aryanization” as an instrument for exclusion and suppression

**Benno Nietzel**, Bielefeld University

**Christoph Kreutzmüller**, Humboldt University Berlin

**Moderation: Ulrich Baumann**, Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe, Berlin

**Workshop 4:**

From the first reasonable radios to social sites: mass media – forming communities – resistance

**Janosch Steuwer**, Ruhr University Bochum

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**Moderation: Christian Gudehus**, University of Flensburg

**Workshop 5:**

Iron Cross and “Mother Cross” – early gender-role training with young people to lay the groundwork for their social behaviour as adults

**Meike Günther**, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin

**Tatjana Volpert**, Verdi Jugendbildungsstätte Berlin-Konradshöhe, Berlin

**Juliane Lang**, Dissens, Berlin

**Moderation: Angelika Meyer**, Memorial Site Ravensbrück

**Workshop 6:**

Antisemitism as a basis for Nazi principles

**Juliane Wetzel**, Center for Research on Antisemitism Berlin

**Elke Gryglewski**, Memorial and Educational Site, House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin

**Ahmad Mansour**, Heroes, Berlin

**Moderation: Martin Schellenberg**, Memorial Site and Museum Sachsenhausen, Oranienburg

**Workshop 7:**

Excluding the disabled – one path to the “Volksgemeinschaft” under the Nazis. And what about today?

**Mark Zaurov**, University of Hamburg

**Uta George**, Bad Homburg

**Christine Bischatka**, Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, Berlin

**Judith Feige**, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin

**Moderation: Christina Härtel**, totgeschwiegen e.V., Berlin

**29 January 2013**

**9:30 a.m. Practical Forums continue** (Workshops 1-7 will be repeated)

**11:30 a.m. Consolidation of Results  
Final Discussion**

**Elke Gryglewski**, Memorial and Educational Site, House of the Wannsee Conference,  
Berlin

**Harald Welzer**, University Flensburg

**Michael Wildt**, Humboldt University Berlin

**Moderation: Thomas Krüger**, President of the German Federal Agency for Civic  
Education

**Closing Comments**

**1:00 p.m. Snack**

***German-English simultaneous translation as well as sign language interpreting will be available at the conference.***