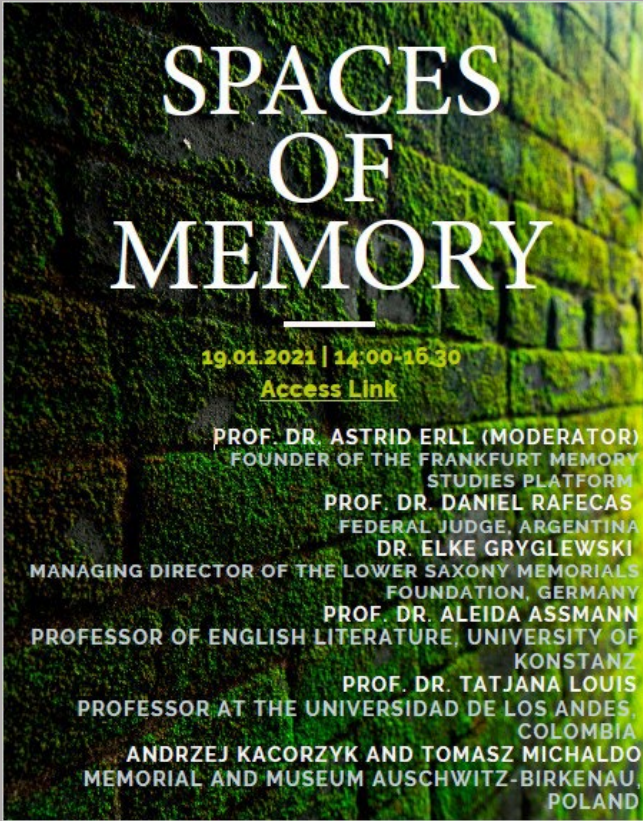


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**SPACES
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ELISABETH KÄSEMANN STIFTUNG

FOREWORD

2021 was another year for the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* to expand its activities and networks. We strengthened our cooperation with institutional partners and intensified contacts with German and Latin American organizations. Despite the more difficult situation caused by the pandemic, last year the Foundation launched an important long-term project in the field of dealing with autocratic and conflictual pasts, organized two international discussion events, awarded a scholarship in the master's program *Conflict, Memory and Peace*, and laid the foundations for a 2022 scholarship project with *Engagement Global* of the German *Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development*. Various face-to-face events, including an exhibition project in Berlin in cooperation with the *Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany* and a symposium at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*, had to be postponed for another year, but are now being planned and prepared for 2022 since last year.

EVENTS

“Spaces of Memory”

The kick-off for 2021 was an interdisciplinary discussion event with international experts from the fields of law, history and didactics. They discussed various country-specific approaches to coming to terms with crimes against humanity and how to communicate them. With this event, the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* provided insights into how other countries are dealing with past experiences of violence for both experts and the interested public.

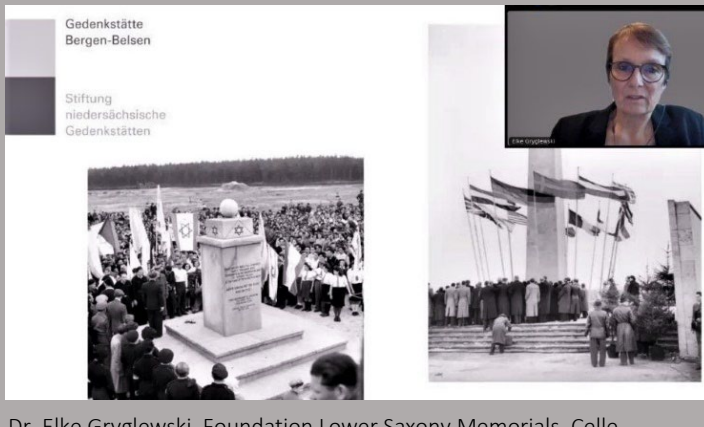


Prof. Dr. Daniel Rafecas, Federal Judge, Argentina

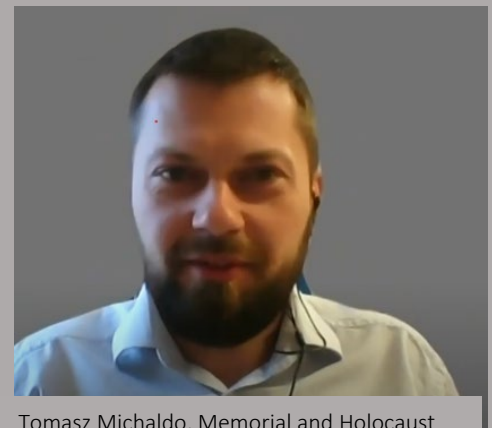


**Women in Belarus:
We don't forgive and we don't forget**

Introductory lecture: Prof. Dr. Aleida Assmann, Konstanz, Germany



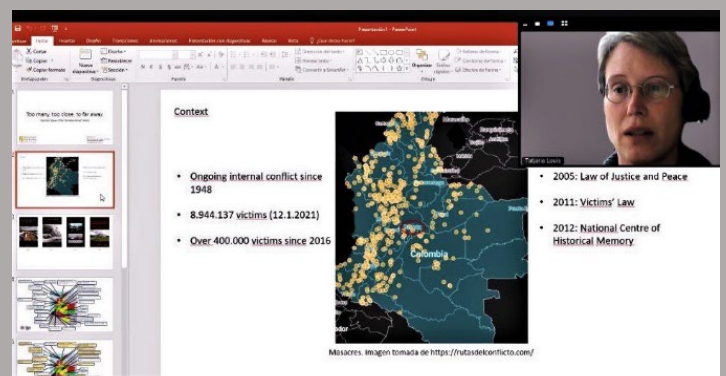
Dr. Elke Gryglewski, Foundation Lower Saxony Memorials, Celle, Germany



Tomasz Michaldo, Memorial and Holocaust Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland



Prof. Dr. Astrid Erll, Frankfurt Memory Studies Platform, Germany



Prof. Dr. Tatjana Louis, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

“Memory Culture and Germany’s Latin America Policy during the Cold War”

The round table, organized by the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* in cooperation with the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*, focused on the foreign policy strategies of the “Bonn Republic” regarding the Chilean dictatorship and the German “Colonia Dignidad” in Chile as well as the question whether the Federal German approach to the Nazi past had influenced government action. The round table, which was aimed at both academics and a broad audience, was particularly impressive as high-ranking institutional representatives and contemporary witnesses like the former Federal Minister of Justice Prof. Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin and the President of the *Federal Agency for Civic Education* were discussing the latest findings on the history of “Colonia Dignidad” with renowned historians. The round table was moderated by political scientist Prof. Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach. Spanish dubbing enables Latin American experts to evaluate the exchange, which was packed with information.

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Round Table
**Erinnerungskultur und
bundesdeutsche
Lateinamerikapolitik im Kalten Krieg**

Moderation **Sabine Kurtenbach**
Politikwissenschaftlerin
German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg

Gäste **Herta Däubler-Gmelin**
Bundesministerin für Justiz a.D.

Friedrich Kießling
Historiker, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Thomas Krüger
Präsident der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung

Holger Meding
Historiker, Universität zu Köln

Link to the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CieW64P8OI>



Prof. Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin, former Federal Minister of Justice, Germany



Prof. Dr. Friedrich Kießling, Bonn, Germany



Thomas Krüger, President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education, Germany



Prof. Dr. Holger Meding, Köln, Germany



Prof. Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, Hamburg, Germany

MEMORIA platform

In 2021, the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation initiated a relevant long-term project in the field of German and Latin American memory culture. German and Latin American memorial directors and

scholars exchange experiences, challenges and goals of their work at regular meetings. The founding participants include Dr. Elke Gryglewski, managing director of the *Lower Saxony Memorials Foundation*, and Dr. Jens-Christian Wagner, director of the *Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation*, on the German side and, from Argentina, Alejandra Naftal, director of the *Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA*, and the renowned sociologist Dr. Elizabeth Jelin. The platform is headed by the chairman of the board of trustees of the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation*, Prof. Dr. Thomas Fischer, holder of the chair of Latin American History at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*. The group will gradually expand its numbers by inviting selected experts to join.



Elizabeth Jelin
Dr. Elizabeth Jelin, Argentina



Elke Gryglewski
Dr. Elke Gryglewski



Ale Naftal-MuseoSitio ESMA
Alejandra Naftal



Jens-Chr. Wagner
Dr. Jens-Christian Wagner

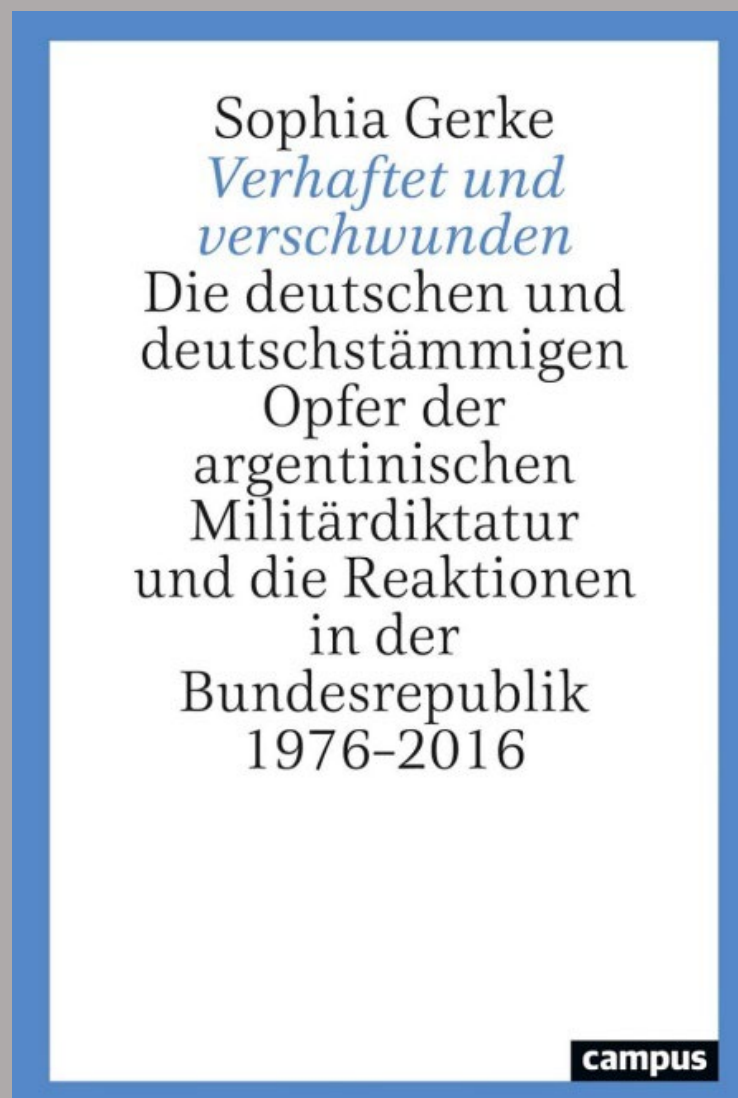


Thomas Fischer
Prof. Dr. Thomas Fischer

PUBLICATION

“Verhaftet und verschwunden” (“Arrested and disappeared”)

Our scholarship recipient Sophia Gerke has completed her dissertation on the German and German-born victims of the Argentinian military dictatorship with top marks and has published it with *Campus Verlag*. In her comprehensive collective biography, which is a relevant source for further research projects in the field of migration studies, she has investigated the lives of 86 men and women who were victims of the civil-military dictatorship in Argentina.



RESEARCH

Archive

The new premises created in 2020 allowed the Foundation to begin archiving the files and bequests collected and taken over in recent years to deal with the cases of German victims of the Argentinian military dictatorship in Argentina and in Germany. They will be available for research projects from 2022.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt: Master's program *Conflict, Memory and Peace*

Last year's *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* scholarship at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt* went to Sara Alejandra Pérez González from Colombia. She is completing an internship at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá as part of a collaborative project with the *Special Jurisdiction for Peace* (JEP), which collects and systematizes data on victims and perpetrators of the armed conflict in Colombia based on reports from the state and civil society organizations. In addition, as part of her studies, she accompanied one of the reintegration projects for former guerrilla fighters who are trying to build an economic existence for themselves and their descendants by establishing service sectors and producing various products for sale.



Sara Alejandra Pérez González

PROJECT PREPARATION

Berlin

In preparation for the international exhibition project “Stolen Children” 2022, Dr. Dorothee Weitbrecht met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina H.E. Pedro Raúl Villagra Delgado and the Managing Director of the *Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany* Dr. Anna Kaminsky in Berlin.



S.E. Pedro Raúl Villagra Delgado und Dr. Dorothee Weitbrecht

NETWORKING

Buenos Aires

The *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* is in regular contact with the organization of the survivors and relatives of the secret detention and torture camp “El Vesubio”, *Comisión Vesubio* y

Puente 12. The Foundation supports the organization in its efforts to create a place of remembrance and commemoration on the grounds of the detention camp.



Comisión Vesubio y Puente 12

Stuttgart

The “International Working Group” of the Stiftungsnetzwerk Region Stuttgart e. V., of which the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation is a member, meets twice a year. In the fall, the working group met at the AEB Foundation, which has founded a school in Brazil.



REMEMBRANCE

To mark the anniversary of the Argentinian military coup on March 24, 1976, Argentinian organizations last year called for a tree to be planted as a symbol that the victims of the dictatorship live on in memory.

The *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* participated from Germany and planted a tree in its garden.



From left top right: Heike Bosien, Stefan Drößler, Dorothee Weitbrecht, Bertram Käsemann

For more information on current activities of the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation go to NEWS on the foundation's homepage:

<http://elisabeth-kaesemann-stiftung.com/news.html>

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