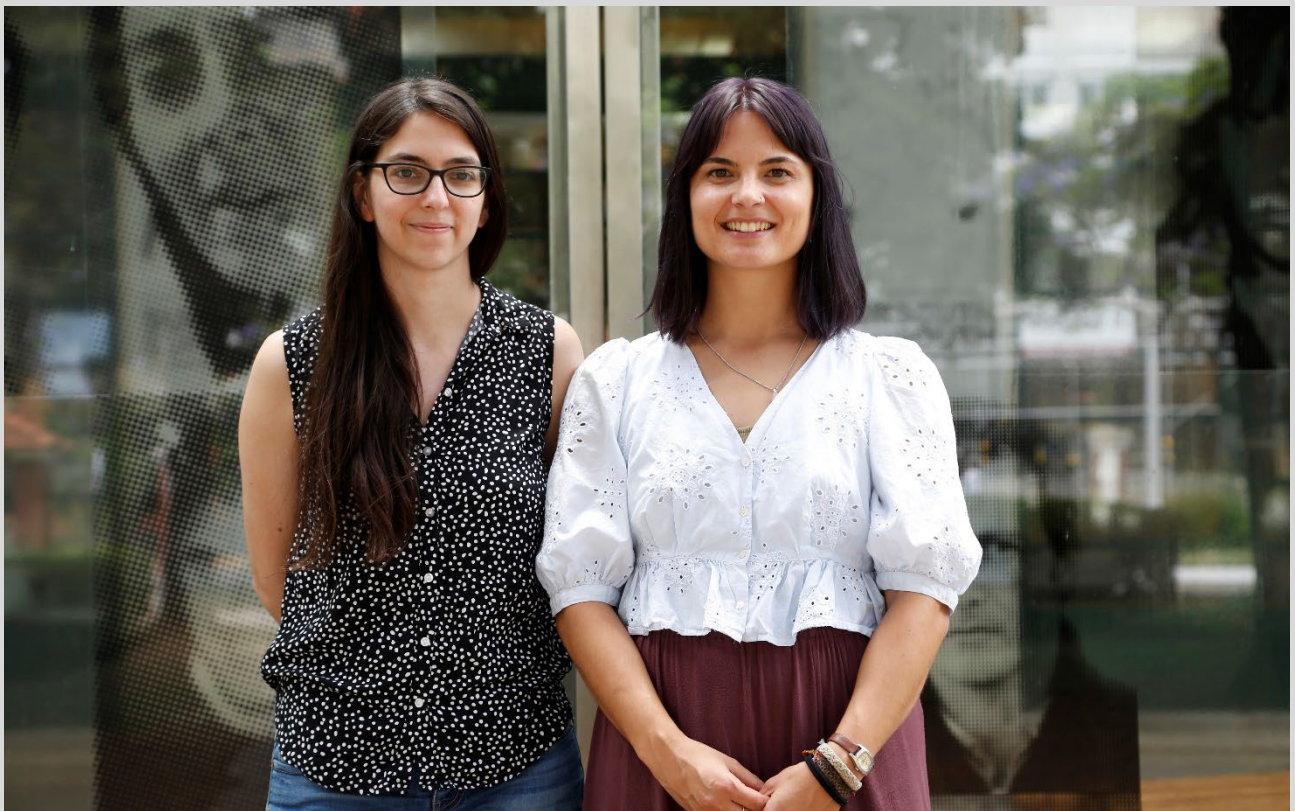


ANNUAL REPORT

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ELISABETH KÄSEMANN FOUNDATION



FOREWORD

2022 was a busy and challenging year for the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation. In the first year after the pandemic, many of the previously planned projects have been implemented. The fact that all projects could be realized is also due to the expertise and team spirit of the board of trustees and the advisory board.



On the photo: Ramiro Vera-Fluixá, Thomas Fischer, Heike Bosien, Mona Hafez, Dorothee Weitbrecht, Stefan Drößler.

In particular, we would like to thank Thomas Fischer, chairman of our board of trustees, his assistant Christiane Hoth, the *Center for Latin American Studies (ZILAS)* and the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt* for hosting the 5th Symposium of the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation in June 2022.

5th SYMPOSIUM OF THE ELISABETH KÄSEMANN FOUNDATION

The symposium entitled "*Colonia Dignidad – a German-Chilean History from the Perspective of Science, Legal Processing and Public Staging*" was held at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt* from 22 to 24 June 2022. More than 30 participants from academia, politics and journalism from Latin American countries and Germany were invited to exchange ideas on a highly complex and sensitive topic.



Participants of the 5th Symposium: scholars, representative of the German Foreign Ministry and of the Chilean Embassy in Germany, hosts, organizers and guests.

The international symposium, funded by the *German Research Foundation* (DFG), aimed to bring together the research that has been advanced in recent years, to promote transnational dialog among the researchers and to better situate this important topic in Chilean, German and international history.

A detailed conference report can be found at: <http://www.elisabeth-kaesemann-stiftung.com/ek-symposium-june-2022.html>

MEMORIA

With the *MEMORIA Legal Working Group* (since 2022) and the *MEMORIA Grupo de Trabajo Sitios de Memoria* (since 2021), the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* is running two important transnational working groups on the legal and historical processing and on the analysis and pedagogical communication of past crimes against humanity.



The German and Latin American experts and scholars from the fields of justice, history, sociology, memorial work and archive studies not only exchange ideas at the regular virtual meetings but also cooperate within the framework of conferences, publications and seminars.

More information can be found on: <http://www.elisabeth-kaesemann-stiftung.com/memoria-en.html>



Members of MEMORIA Legal Working Group and the MEMORIA Grupo de Trabajo Sitios de Memoria.

TRILOGY DEALING WITH CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

In collaboration with the *Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA* in Buenos Aires and the *Global Diplomacy Lab* in Berlin, the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* organized three public online sessions in March, April and June 2022 on (1) "Denialism", (2) "Genocide as a Legal Term", (3) "Memorial Sites". These topics are at the center of current debates on remembrance and coming to terms with the past. The

trilogy offered the audience the opportunity to hear different viewpoints from renowned experts and to discuss with them afterward.

DENIALISM (17/03/2022)

Julia Geneuss

University of Potsdam, Germany

Ricardo Izquierdo

International Academy of the Nuremberg Principles, Germany

Andrea Pochak

Secretary of Human Rights of Argentina

Alejandro Alagia

Department of Criminal Law, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

https://youtu.be/zXN78z5_Wms



GENOCIDE AS A LEGAL TERM (28/04/2022)

Natalia Barbero

Counselor in International Criminal Law and Internat. Human Rights Law, Buenos Aires, Arg.

Daniel Feierstein

School of Social Science, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Kristin Platt

Institute for Diaspora Research and Genocide Studies, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Eduardo Toledo

Institute de Estudios del proceso Penal Acusatorio, Mexico City, Mexico

<https://youtu.be/fEoQHIXm6t0>



MEMORIAL SITES (09/06/2022)

Tomasz Michaldo

Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland

Eloy Coly

Maison des Esclaves and Île de Gorée, Senegal

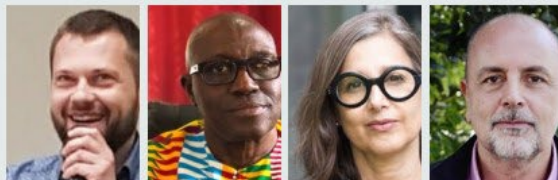
Mayki Gorosito

ESMA Museum and Memorial Site, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mauricio Cohen Salam

ESMA Museum and Memorial Site, Buenos Aires, Argentina

https://youtu.be/U0d_9PqR5-0



This series of online sessions was realized as a collaboration of Museum Memorial Site ESMA, the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation and the Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL). The sessions were moderated by **Vivian Valencia**, Wageningen University, Netherlands, member of the Global Diplomacy Lab.



DISCUSSION EVENT ON THE TOPIC OF SPORT AND POLITICS



Fotos: S. Kavgić

Stefan Drößler, member of the advisory board of the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation, was invited to Saarbrücken by the Heinrich Böll Foundation to discuss questions about the responsibility of politics and sports in the awarding of major events.


NEWSLETTER OF THE *COALITION AGAINST DISAPPEARANCES*

This is the second year we are sponsoring the newsletter of the *Koalition gegen Verschwindenlassen* – "Wo sind sie?" (Coalition against Disappearances – "Where are they?"). With its website and newsletter, the *Koalition gegen Verschwindenlassen* operates the most important German information platform on historical and current cases of disappearances. Already used in the National Socialist dictatorship, systematized in the dictatorships of Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s, disappearances are today one of the most frequently used methods worldwide to silence oppositional and critical voices forever.

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Datenbank mit wegweisender Rechtsprechung und internationalen Standards über gewaltsames Verschwindenlassen

Seit den 1970er Jahren kämpfen Angehörige von Verschwundenen, zunächst besonders aus Lateinamerika, auf regionaler und internationaler Ebene für Gerechtigkeit und Wahrheit. Anfänglich ging es darum, Unterstützung bei der Suche nach Verschwundenen zu finden und auch das Verschwinden sichtbar zu machen und als Menschenrechtsverletzung anzuerkennen. Denn als in den lateinamerikanischen Diktaturen der 1970er und 1980er Jahre systematisch Menschen „verschwinden gelassen“ wurden, existierte das „gewaltsame Verschwindenlassen“ weder als Begriff noch als eigenständige Menschenrechtsverletzung.


MEHR LESEN



Gewaltsames Verschwindenlassen im Libanon: Das Recht auf Wahrheit inmitten von Krisen

Während der Libanon eine der schlimmsten globalen Krisen und eine völlige Vernachlässigung der Menschenrechte erlebt, jagen die Familien der gewaltsam Verschwundenen noch immer einem Hoffnungsschimmer hinterher – so wie sie es seit 1997 tun. Es ist schwierig, Antworten auf die Frage des Verschwindenlassens von Personen im Libanon zu finden, wenn die Regierung es versäumt, auf grundlegende Bedürfnisse einzugehen.

MEHR LESEN



Wie erinnert man an die Verschwundenen? Advocacy-Quilts in Nepal

Das gewaltsame Verschwindenlassen wird als eine der schlimmsten Menschenrechtsverletzungen angesehen, da es nicht nur die verschundene Person jeglichen Rechtsschutzes beraubt, sondern auch die Angehörigen in einen oft unerträglichen Zustand der Unsicherheit versetzt. So geht es auch den Familien in Nepal, die seit dem Bürgerkrieg, der von 1996 bis 2006 andauerte, ihre verschwunden Angehörigen suchen und bis heute auf Antworten auf ihre Fragen nach deren Verbleib warten.

MEHR LESEN

Website of the Coalition against Disappearances: <https://gewaltsames-verschwindenlassen.de/>

The *United Nations* incorporated the crime of enforced disappearance into international law with the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance*, which entered into force in 2010.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ASA PROGRAM

In 2022, the exhibition project "German and Victims of German descent of the Secret Detention and Torture Camp ESMA" in Argentina, which the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* is realizing in cooperation with the *Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA*, was funded by *Engagement Global* on behalf of the *German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development*.



Miriam Blaimer and Marcia Perez interviewing Esteban Cuya from the *Koalition gegen Straflosigkeit (Coalition against Impunity)*

As participants in the *ASA program* conducted by *Engagement Global*, and through the additional financial support of the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation*, Miriam Blaimer from Munich and Marcia Perez from Buenos Aires were given the opportunity to work together on the exhibition project for three months in Stuttgart at the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation* and for three months in Buenos Aires at the *Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA*. They researched the history of the victims and the

historical context in German and Argentine archives, conducted interviews with contemporary witnesses in both countries and deepened their knowledge of exhibition pedagogy. The introduction to the work of the Nazi memorial sites Dachau and Bergen-Belsen and the visit to the *House of the Wannsee Conference* gave both scholarship holders an insight into the memorial culture in Germany. The opening of the exhibition "German and Victims of German descent of the Secret Detention and Torture Camp" at the *Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA* in Buenos Aires is planned for June 2023.

ST ANDREWS SCHOLARSHIP

For the first time we were able to award a scholarship at the Scottish *University of St Andrews*. Ana-Feliz Sindermann from Hamburg received the grant for her studies in "International Relations, Management and Philosophy".



AWARDING OF THE ELISABETH KÄSEMANN PRIZE

The annual *Elisabeth Käsemann Prize* at Tübingen's *Wildermuth High School* was awarded this year to Manoah Kunze for his outstanding involvement in politics and society. It is always a pleasure for

us to present this award to young people from the Wildermuth High School – the very same school Elisabeth Käsemann attended.



HISTORICAL MILESTONES IN ARGENTINA

JUDGEMENT VESUBIO III

On 1 April 2022, the verdicts were announced in the *Vesubio III* trial. Six members of the Argentine Penitentiary Service and two army officers received prison sentences ranging from three and a half years to life for crimes against humanity committed against nearly 400 people, among them Elisabeth Käsemann. The Argentine judiciary deserves international recognition for its consistent prosecution of crimes committed by the dictatorship, which continues to this day.



The sentencing was broadcast live and can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ_IDF0D9T8HISTORISCHE MEILENSTEINE IN ARGENTINIEN

EL VESUBIO: EDUCATIONAL AND MEMORIAL SITE

After years of negotiations and efforts on the part of various human rights and victims' organizations and institutions, among them the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation, and in the presence of representatives of these organizations, of the Argentine judiciary, of the head of the *Department for Human Rights and Politics of the German Embassy* in Buenos Aires, Philipp Herzog, and of our member of the board of trustees, Luisa Wettengel, the representatives of the company *Mercado Central* and the *State Human Rights Secretariat*, Nahuel Levaggi and Horacio Pietragalla Corti, signed an agreement on 19 September 2022 on the use of the site where the secret detention and torture camp *El Vesubio* was located. This was a first step toward the creation of a place of learning and remembrance.



Right: Nahuel Levaggi, middle: Horacio Pietragalla Corti
Photo: Dirección Nacional de Sitios y Espacios de Memoria

OFFICIAL MEMORIAL SITES: BOULEVARD BUENOS AIRES 1151 AND CEMENTERIO IN MONTE GRANDE

In 2022, the Argentine government declared the Monte Grande cemetery and the house with the address 1151 Boulevard Buenos Aires, where Elisabeth Käsemann and 15 other people were

murdered, as official memorial sites. The designation was the result of the efforts of the victims' organization *Comisión Vesubio y Puente 12*, the *Colectivo de Educación por la Memoria, la Verdad y la Justicia de Esteban Echeverría* (educational collective for memory, truth and justice of the municipality of Esteban Echeverría) and the *Mesa de Derechos Humanos de Esteban Echeverría y Ezeiza* (human rights group of the municipality of Esteban Echeverría and Ezeiza).



Designation of the *Casa de la Masacre*, Bvd. Buenos Aires 1151, Monte Grande, 25 June 2022.
Photo: Dirección Nacional de Sitios y Espacios de Memoria

The initiative was supported by the *Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation*. The state representative for human rights in Argentina, Horacio Pietragalla Corti, and the chargé d'affaires of the German Embassy in Buenos Aires, Ralf Horlemann, took part in the inauguration of the commemorative plaque in front of the house at 1151 Boulevard.



Commemorative plaque in front of the cemetery of Monte Grande.

CONFERENCE OF THE *CONNECTICUT/BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (HRR)*

For the first time since its foundation in 2019, the plenary assembly of the HRR was able to meet face to face in addition to the regular virtual meetings. From 11 to 12 May, researchers met at the *University of Connecticut* to discuss the topic "Human Rights and Global Challenges: Geopolitics, Environment, Migration". The international conference is an important forum for sharing the latest research approaches in the field of human rights.



Members of the Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg Human Rights Research Consortium, Connecticut 2022

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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