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PREFACE



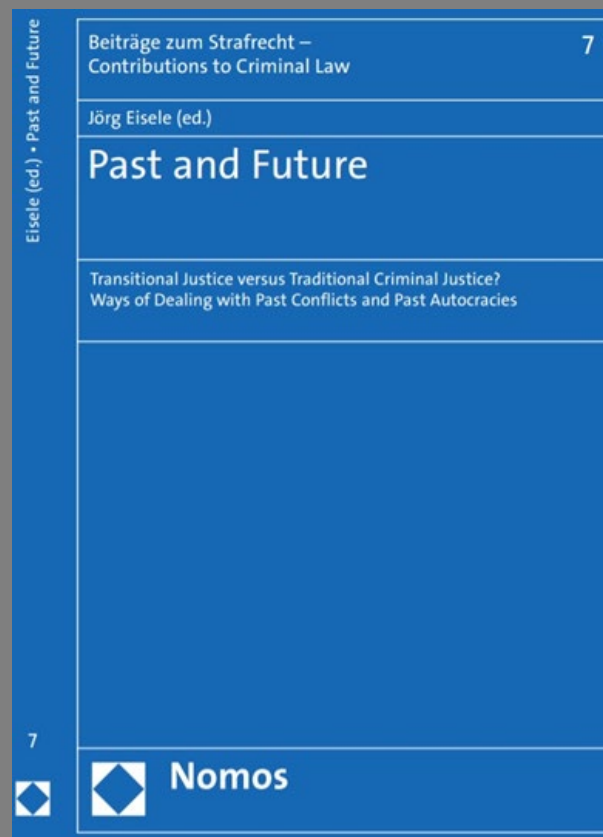
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Due to the pandemic, the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation has postponed all face-to-face events planned for 2020 until the following year or 2022. The freed-up capacities have been used to significantly increase the virtual communication with institutions and partners in Latin America. New ideas and project plans have been developed, the fruits of which will become visible in the coming years. Many Zoom conferences have encouraged an intensified intercultural exchange on the academic and cultural approach of coming to terms with an authoritarian and conflictual past. In the long term, we will maintain the virtual exchange of knowledge and opinions as a complementary communication level and adapt it to new technical developments.

PUBLICATION

In autumn 2020, the conference proceedings *Past and Future* presenting the results of the *3rd Elisabeth Käsemann Symposium 2019* at the University of Buenos Aires was published by the renowned Nomos Verlag. With this volume, the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation, in cooperation with the Chair of Prof. Dr. Jörg Eisele at the Faculty of Law of the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, is presenting new perspectives on the international reappraisal of state crimes against humanity to both a specialist audience and an interested public.

Starting from the question as to whether there can be a model for coming to terms with a conflictual and autocratic past, Argentinian, German and Colombian experts analyze the criminal proceedings in Argentina and their history, the efforts of coming to terms with the National Socialist past in Germany, the peace process in Colombia, truth commissions and leniency programs.



<https://www.nomos-shop.de/nomos/titel/past-and-future-id-88226/>

FUNDING

The Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation has made a further financial contribution to Lina Gómez Núñez's research project *The event that changed my life: Second Generation Memory in sons and daughters of displaced families in Colombia*, which deals with the effects of the experience of violence on the next generation.



Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and University of St Andrews, Scotland

Much to our regret, the **Scholarship Program of the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation** for students of the binational Master's program **Conflict, Memory and Peace** at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá and the **Elisabeth Käsemann Scholarship** at the University of St Andrews could not be awarded in 2020 due to a lack of candidates caused by the restrictions on international travel and Great Britain leaving the European Union.

EDUCATION

By allocating an internship to David Roth – a student of social sciences at the University of Stuttgart in his 8th semester – the Foundation took on an educational role for the first time. David Roth's task, among others, was to compile three biographical dossiers as part of the project *German Victims of the Secret Detention and Torture Camp "El Vesubio"*. Based on various sources, including interviews with contemporary witnesses, David Roth outlines the lives and personal histories of Héctor Oesterheld, Juan Thanhauser and Federico Tatter. The dossier will soon be presented to the public.



NEW OFFICE

An important step towards expanding the radius of action of the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation was the move to a new office with its own archive following a long period of renovation.

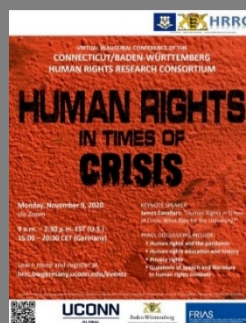


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The modernized and newly designed rooms now offer the possibility to accommodate interns and to organize small-scale events. As well as more space, there is also the technical equipment for virtual meetings and hybrid conferences available for Board of Trustees and Advisory Board meetings.

PARTICIPATION

On 9 November 2020, the *Human Rights Research Consortium Connecticut/Baden-Württemberg* (HRRC) was launched with the support of the Minister of Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg, Theresia Bauer. The Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation participates in current global human rights discourses as part of the HRRC's working group *Human Rights Education and Solidarity*.



<https://hrrc.bwgermany.uconn.edu/>

At the end of the school year 2020, we had the pleasure to accompany the awarding of the *Elisabeth Käsemann Prize* at the Wildermuth Gymnasium for the first time. Each year, the prize is awarded by the Board of Trustees of the *Elisabeth Käsemann Prize* chaired by Prof. Dr. Herta Däubler-Gmelin, former Federal Minister of Justice, to students who have made a special contribution to the community, either inside or outside of school.



EXCHANGE

2020 was a successful year for the consolidation of the Foundation's German–Latin American network with the aim of scholarly and cultural examination of past violence and autocratic systems. In the course of event planning and project support and development, trust with existing partners was deepened and further cooperation envisaged.



International Working Group of the Stiftungsnetzwerk Region Stuttgart e. V. (foundation network of the Stuttgart region, <https://stuttgarter-stiftungen.de/>), 21 January 2020.

We exchanged views on the cooperation with South American partners with the Württemberg-based *Hoffnungsträger Stiftung* <https://hoffnungstraeger.de/wer-sind-wir/ueber-uns/stiftung/>.



Zoom meeting with Memoria Abierta <http://memoriaabierta.org.ar/wp/en/inicio/a> in Buenos Aires, 19 June 2020

Memoria Abierta is one of the important organizations in Argentina dedicated to coming to terms with the Argentinian dictatorship by maintaining an extensive historical archive and providing professional support for the efforts of victims' organizations and state institutions to preserve and reconstruct places where crimes against humanity were committed. They informed us about the complex development regarding the initiative to preserve the structural remains of the El Vesubio detention and torture camp. The project is supported by the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation.



Exchange with Dr. Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director of the European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC Foundation, <https://eulacfoundation.org/en>) in Hamburg, 25 August 2020.



In 2020 we have started to plan various projects with Alejandra Naftal, director of one of the most important places of commemoration and education in Argentina "Sitio de Memoria ESMA" <http://www.museositiosma.gov.ar/> and her staff. Foto: 11 May 2021



23rd Stuttgart Foundation Day, 27 November 2020

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

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