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From Berlusconi to Meloni

Italy's path to post-fascism

Is Italy a pioneer of the right in Europe?

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"tageszeitung"*



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In 2022, Italy elected Giorgia Meloni to power. The great success of the new far-right leader, who never said a bad word about Mussolini and propagated a new "Italian pride", did not come out of nowhere. The shady media tycoon and politician Silvio Berlusconi had been paving Italy's consistent path to post-fascism for over 30 years. The popularity of hard-right politicians grew and remains unbroken to this day. How can this be explained? What does it mean for Italian democracy? What are the implications for the future of Europe?

Meloni explained that she made it to the top as an 'underdog', alluding to her radical right-wing roots. But she has never been an underdog. However, the majority of Italian voters were convinced earlier than in other Western European countries that the 'establishment' was the real opponent. In the EU's second-largest industrialised nation, the economy and productivity have been stagnating for years, real incomes are falling and young people are losing hope. Will Meloni get them back with the motto 'God, country, family!'?

Michael Braun, born in 1957, holds a doctorate in political science and has lived in Rome since 1996. He is the Italy correspondent for the German newspaper "taz" and a research associate at the Rome office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation. Book publications: "Italiens politische Zukunft" (1994) and "Mutti. Angela Merkel spiegata agli italiani" (2015).

Martin Hecht

The Smooth Self

The self-exhibiting society

Critical view on social presentation strategies

Vivid, entertaining and with a dose of sarcasm



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We are all masters of disguise. This is not necessarily something to be condemned. But what happens when the climate in an open society becomes harsher? Everyone is pitted against everyone else. Our forms of social transformation often become mere strategies for gaining more power and influence. »Social smoothness« is the new capital and the key virtue of our time. Those who possess it achieve success, while those who do not are left behind.

Martin Hecht, a journalist and political scientist, has analyzed today's methods of self-marketing, which often determine individual destinies. In our hybrid success society, personal presentation and exhibition are on the rise. It's not just about showing who or how you are, but about securing tangible economic advantages. There has never been a bigger stage for this than today.

Martin Hecht, born in 1964, holds a doctorate in political science and lives as a freelance author and journalist in Mainz. He has published numerous books, the latest "The loneliness of modern people" in 2021. www.martinhecht.net

Thomas Greven

International Radical Right Networks

Democracy under attack in the US and Europe

Current research results from the US

Author is a renowned expert on populism



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Across the US and Europe, right-wing populists, extremists, and radical conservatives forge powerful transnational networks in order to drive their ideologies across borders. Their goal is to undermine Western democracies and impose an authoritarian, anti-liberal, and hostile agenda. Thomas Greven demonstrates how these international networks systematically disseminate their ideas—such as the concepts of »true people« and forced »remigration«—into the mainstream or how they organize a global fight against »the elites«. This is how conspiracy theories like the »Great Replacement« are propagated across transatlantic and European networks.

Using highly effective and technologically refined communication strategies, the radical right continually shifts the boundaries of what can be said and done further from the political center to the right. Their success is particularly evident in the fact that the »firewall« of traditional conservative parties is crumbling and radicalized conservatives are adopting the rhetoric and policies of extremists. To counter this frontal attack of »right-wing internationalism« entering liberal societies, democratic forces must also expand their transnational networking, share strategies, and organize collaborative actions.

Thomas Greven, born 1966, expert on the USA and populism, political scientist at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at the Free University of Berlin, author and political consultant. Since 2002, he has been turning the tables and organizing an international network against right-wing extremism and populism with partners from North America and Europe.

Joanna Beata Michlic

Through the eyes of the children

Family, war, identity, and nationality: How the Holocaust shaped polish jewish child and adolescent survivors

About the lifes of the children of the holocaust

New view in shoa-research

Gives the children a voice

Touching, insightful



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Publication Date: November 2023

What did the Holocaust bring about in children and young people who survived it? Polish historian Joanna Beata Michlic tries to find answers. She devotes herself to that group often overlooked by researchers and presents an "intimate social history" of the youngest survivors during and after the Holocaust. Her focus is on the subjective view of the surviving children from Poland and Western Europe, the consequences of their traumatic experiences for themselves, their families and their further lives.

The Holocaust did not end for the persecuted children in 1945. They had to find their way under changed conditions, rebuild their social identities and relationships with adults and peers. The author questions portrayals that exaggerate the children's struggle to survive, praise their emotional strength, and celebrate their successful postwar lives. Reality was more fragile. In this volume, through autobiographical texts and documents, we learn much about how the children learned to deal with the immediate reality after the war, their memories of genocide, and the challenges of postwar societies.

Joanna Beata Michlic, social and cultural historian with polish roots, has taught and researched in Israel, the US and the UK. Currently a visiting professor of Holocaust and contemporary history at Lund University, Sweden. She is founder and first director of the HDI Project on Families, Children and the Holocaust at Brandeis University. Associate editor of *Genealogy Journal*. Recipient of numerous academic awards and fellowships, most recently the 2017-2021 Gerda Henkel Fellowship. Author and editor of several books on Jewish-Polish relations and Jewish history. Michlic lives in London.

Peter Rudolf

World on Alert

The Return of Nuclear Deterrence

We need a new rearmament debate!

- Media focal point
- A book for the changing times



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Publication Date: June 2022

Nuclear deterrence was never really gone; it just faded into the background. In an era of new conflicts between major powers – such as Russia’s war against Ukraine to be specific – this topic has attained new meaning. However, NATO member Germany has a tendency of striving to avoid the military and political problems, as well as the moral dilemma, presented by nuclear deterrence. One thing must be crystal clear though: A new debate over the legitimacy of nuclear deterrence is absolutely necessary!

The use of atomic weapons is treated here as a hypothetical possibility. Nevertheless, the paradoxical nature of deterrence logic is rooted in the threat and willingness to deploy horrifying weapons in an effort to prevent, on an ongoing basis, war from breaking out between two governments with nuclear capabilities. The supporters of this approach see it as a guarantor of “nuclear peace”. And yet confidence in the deterrence system is rooted in problematic assumptions. Already during the Cold War, the application of mutual vulnerability as the basis for strategic stability was precarious at best. Both sides lived in constant fear of the other side’s “first strike” and of technological advancements that could threaten future strategic stability. How are we supposed to live with this today?

Peter Rudolf, born in 1958, holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and works at the *Wissenschaft und Politik Foundation* in Berlin. Recent publication: *On the Legitimacy of Political Violence* (publication series of the *Federal Agency for Civic Education*).

Sebastian Sons

The new rulers in the Gulf

and their quest for global influence

Overall portrait of the new global power center

Author is a long-standing political analyst on the gulf states



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Publication Date: October 2023

The Gulf states of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman have used their oil and gas wealth to exert increasing influence worldwide - in politics, business and sports. Their ambitious rulers compete for power and pursue their own political and economic interests without compromise. This increasingly dominant role of authoritarian monarchies poses fundamental challenges for the international community.

Sebastian Sons describes the complexity and multi-layered nature of Gulf Arab societies, which are undergoing major changes in search of a new identity. The Gulf monarchies are simultaneously pursuing an independent policy toward the West and intensifying cooperation with authoritarian powers such as China and Russia. They disregard human rights, but also push for social and economic change. German and European foreign policy must counter this contradiction with a long-term strategy.

Sebastian Sons, born 1981, PhD, holds a doctorate in Islamic studies and political science and conducts research on the foreign, development, sports and social policies of the Arab Gulf monarchies. He is a researcher at the research institute CARPO - Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient and has worked at the German Council on Foreign Relations and the German Society for International Cooperation. He has already published several books on these topics.

Niklas Frank

Ready to exterminate again?

We German anti-Semites

Bestselling author: a „seismograph against hypocrisy“

Provocatively clear



ca. 120 pages, Dietz Publ., ca. 16.00 €
Publication Date: October 2023

Whether terrorism as in the cities of Halle and Hagen, whether attacks on synagogues or violence against Jewish people: we must finally acknowledge what exists within us. Anti-Semitism is currently crawling out of all holes in German society again because we non-Jewish Germans have never seen it as part of us and fought against it. In 2022 alone, there were more than 1,500 criminal acts against Jews and Jewish institutions - more than 5 per day!

Niklas Frank collects evidence, interviews people and gives vent to his bewilderment: we Germans are still valiant anti-Semites, and Germany is once again a country where Jews have to fear for life and limb. Let us finally admit this! Because otherwise we will never manage to really change this terrible side in us. It must not be that 90 years after the "seizure of power" Jews are still the scapegoats of our crises, fears and aggressions. The following people have their say: Jaron Engelmayer, Felix Klein, Jörg Lauster, Meron Mendel, Robert Schindel, Volker Schlöndorff, Eva Umlauf and Michael Wolfssohn.

Niklas Frank, born 1939, is the son of the NS-mass murderer Hans Frank. Niklas Frank was a reporter for the magazine STERN for more than two decades and, after two books against his parents ("The father" and "My German mother"), with "Brother Norman!" completed an unsparing trilogy about his family, which rose thanks to Hitler. In the bestseller "Dark soul, coward mouth," he dealt with denazification. In "Off to dictatorship!" he drew frightening parallels in the behavior and rhetoric of today's politicians to the Nazi era. In "My Family and its executioner" he published the unique correspondence between Hans Frank, who was sentenced to death in the Nuremberg trials, and his family - with his usual biting commentary.

Aleksei Bobrovnikov

Bloody alliances

Death and betrayal in the russian-ukrainian war

Spy-novel based on facts

Author is a well-known ukrainian journalist

Thriller and documentary in one



ca. 360 pages, Dietz Publ., ca. 26.00 €
Publication Date: March 2024

Journalist Aleksei Bobrovnikov reports on money laundering and heroin smuggling in Donbass for the Kiev TV station 1+1. He travels to the Ukrainian-Russian war zone, where he wants to meet Andrei, an informant. But a few hours before they can talk, Andrei is blown to pieces by a mine. It is the prelude to a series of murders to which several corruption investigators commissioned by the government fall victim. Who are the people behind it? Who are the traitors? Who is where in this war? The investigation becomes a hunt. Bobrovnikov is the game. But as a reporter with heart and soul, newly separated from the love of his life, he has nothing to lose. He wants to bring the truth to light. In the process, he gets deeper and deeper into the deadly grey area of espionage, greed for power and deceit.

"Bloody Alliances" is a gripping spy novel based entirely on fact, a breathtaking journey through the dark abysses of disloyalty and the pursuit of profit in times of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. With the cold precision of a chronicler, Bobrovnikov tells his own story between irregulars, smugglers and warlords. At the same time, this is the story of a love and a family that survives between the annexation of Crimea and the Maidan protests in a totalitarian empire. The second part of the novel is in progress.

Aleksei Bobrovnikov, born 1979 in Kiev, is an award-winning Ukrainian print and television journalist. He has been focussing on the conflicts in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbass since 2014. In 2015, he uncovered smuggling routes and the intrigue of a Ukrainian elite unit. After receiving several death threats, Bobrovnikov fled to Germany in 2016. From January 2017 to February 2018, he was a guest of the Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People and from 2018 to 2021, he was a fellow of the German PEN's Writers-in-Exile programme.

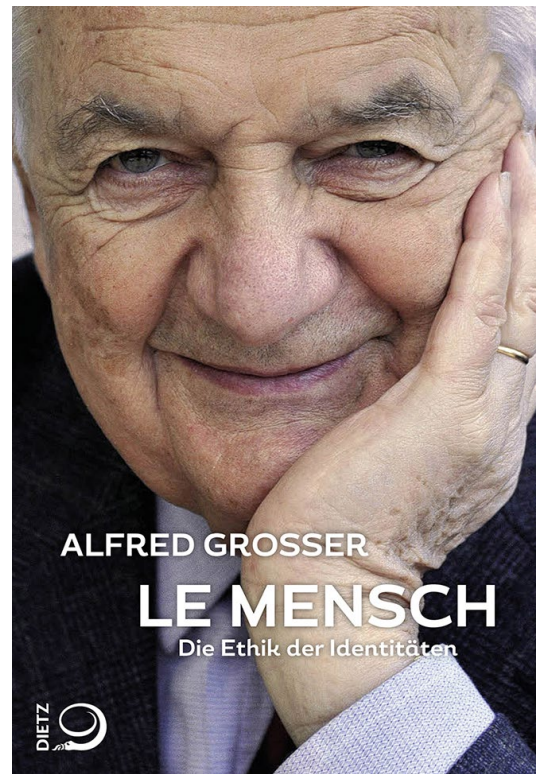
Alfred Grosser

Le Mensch

The ethics of identities

Never lose your humanity

- THE Franco-German bridge builder
- His last, bestselling book



288 pages, Dietz Publ., 24.90 €
Publication Date: Feb 2017

Who determines what a person is: as an individual or as an Official, as a member of a group, religion or ethnic group? The great European Alfred Grosser writes about the emergence and morality of social identity in a multifaceted way and with many personal retrospectives. In doing so, he fights against an old fundamental evil that is more relevant than ever - the finger that points at others, the "bad THEM": THE Muslims, THE women, THE Jews, THE Germans, THE refugees. A great book that calls on us to never lose our humanity, even in difficult times.

Clear in language and concrete in substance Grosser scrutinises humanity in all areas of social life: culture, politics and education, gender, history and religion, money and national myths - and of course our identity in a Europe with or without refugees. Urgently he warns against contempt for politics and takes stock of "becoming human in the midst of despair at world events". His credo: "Penser juste, donc à la fois avec justesse et avec justice - thinking right means thinking with correctness and with justice. That may not sound so good in German, but it says the essentials."

Alfred Grosser, born in Frankfurt am Main in 1925, fled to France during the Second World War to escape persecution by the National Socialists and has rendered outstanding services to Franco-German reconciliation.

He has been a French citizen since 1937. He was Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and a journalist. Author of numerous publications and a "mediator between French and Germans, non-believers and believers, Europeans and people from other continents". He received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, the Grand Cross of Merit with Star and Shoulder Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Wilhelm Leuschner Medal 2004 and many other honours and awards. He died in February 2024 in Paris.

Mathias Brüggmann

**1001 Power. Soccer, Liquid Gas,
Financial Empire**

*Qatar's fairytale rise from desert nation to
global player*

**Small country, big politics: Qatar's
global goals**

- Media focal point
- Informative look behind the curtains
- Where Qatar invests its gas billions
- International correspondent for the *Handelsblatt*



200 pages, Dietz Publ., 20.00 €
Publication Date: October 2022

The World Cup and natural gas are currently putting Qatar in the global spotlight. But what do we know about this emirate on the Persian Gulf and its key players? Mathias Brüggmann has spent the past few decades reporting on the Middle East. He describes the rise of the nation from a backwater peninsula to the world's largest exporter of natural gas and one of the wealthiest countries in the world. From a pirate's nest in the shadow of Saudi Arabia and a pawn trapped between the Ottoman and British empires to an international hub for sports business and international diplomacy.

The World Cup in November and December 2022 will finally put the small desert nation of Qatar onto the international stage. Added to this are the billions Qatar has invested in the West as well as accusations of terrorist financing.

Brüggmann takes a differentiated look at these issues, in addition to those of corruption, FIFA, and the exploitation of guest workers. He describes the transformation and provides commentaries from decision-makers in the Qatar political realm, representatives from domestic and foreign companies and international organizations. A controversial and extremely fact-filled book that goes beyond clichés and prejudices.

Mathias Brüggmann, born in 1965, is an international correspondent for the *Handelsblatt* and commentator on Arabic TV channels. Since the 1990s, he has regularly spent time in the Middle East. He followed the Arab Spring in Cairo's Tahrir Square, before quickly moving on to Bahrain, Iran and Tunisia. He has been a repeat visitor to Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Brüggmann currently lives in Berlin.

Gerhard Stahl

China – Model for the Future or Nightmare?

Europe Between Partnership and Confrontation

Partner or rival?

A proven expert on the Chinese economy

China without prejudice

Top press title



220 pages, Dietz Publ., 22.00 €
Publication Date: April 2022

How we deal with a rising China will determine our future. There are two directions: technological isolation, political and military confrontation or cooperation. Europe needs to decide. This book provides information and analyses.

This book describes the changes in the complex Chinese society with its contradictions: developing country and affluent society, traditional agriculture and high-tech location, socialism and market economy, cosmopolitan and nationalist. The book outlines Chinese understanding of history, the economic and political everyday life, as well as ideas of Chinese interlocutors about modern-day China. The geopolitical conflict with the USA is highlighted. Recommendations are derived for business and politics in Germany as well as at the European level.

Gerhard Stahl was born in 1950, and has worked in the policy department of the German Federal Ministry of Finance and in various European institutions, including the role of Deputy Head of Cabinet for the European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs. He has been a university lecturer at the Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen since 2014, and is also a member and advisor to EDUI, a Chinese environmental NGO. He lives in Brussels, Shenzhen and Berlin.

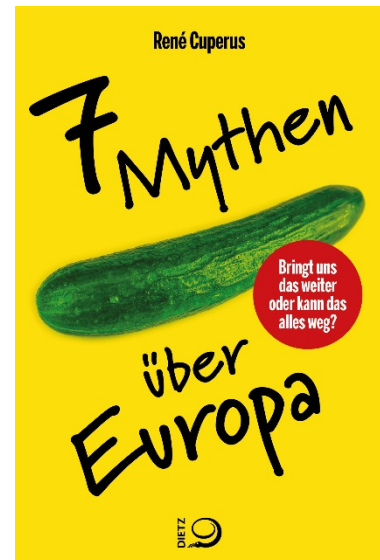
René Cuperus

7 Myths about Europe

**Does this bring us any farther, or
can it all go away?**

*What we have to understand in order to
save Europe*

Written by an insider with critical sympathy



144 pages, Dietz Verlag, 16.90 €
Publication Date: September 2020
English Sample available

Europe is helplessly facing the geopolitical struggle between the US and China, Brexit developments, the refugee crisis, the Corona pandemic, and a recession. Nationalistic solo actions are undermining the great European peace project. The EU is threatening to fracture, and is divided between winners and losers, the rich and the poor, the well-educated and the disengaged. How can Europe continue to convince its voters of the EU's continuing validity? With honesty!

The Dutch historian René Cuperus has served as an advisor to numerous governments. He dispels seven central myths tied to utopian pro-EU federalists as well as xenophobic anti-EU populists. Cuperus provides a realistic overview of the EU's strengths and weaknesses, and makes one single demand: The European cooperative experiment must be reconceptualized! An intensive search for the right balance between the EU and its democratic member nations must stand at the center of this effort.

René Cuperus, born in 1960, works as a Senior Associate Fellow at the Dutch think tank *Clingendael* and as a Research Fellow at the Duitsland Instituut at the University of Amsterdam. He is also a political columnist for the news network RTLZ.

**Andreas Audretsch
& Claudia Gatzka (Ed.)**

**Slinking Into Power
How the New Right is Instrumentalizing History to Gain Interpretational Sovereignty over Our Future**

The New Right's culture war

A European perspective from renowned experts - Contributions from Andreas Audretsch, Claudia Gatzka, Paul Jürgensen, Jürgen Kocka, Markus Linden, Stephan Ozsváth, Hedwig Richter



Publication Date: July 2020

English Sample available

120 pages, Dietz Verlag, 14.90 €

The New Right is striving for power within Europe. One of its strongest strategies: the instrumentalizing of history to secure its perspective in the minds of people. Myths about nations, their heroes and their struggles for independence are being leveraged to make nationalism and ethnocentric thinking socially acceptable again. What this indicates is that we need to battle for the past so that the liberal basis of our society can have a future.

In Germany, the Alternative for Germany party evokes over a millenia of glorious German culture. Matteo Salvini in Italy is stylizing himself in the tradition of his country's freedom fighters. Hungary's Viktor Orbán wants to lead his nation back to its "historical greatness". And even in the midst of the Corona crisis, the New Right is promoting the concept of a nationalistic renaissance as a solution. The populist illusion of "pure" homogenous societies is supposed to emerge as the future's political consensus. This book analyzes the New Right's strategies across Europe and also functions as a call to politicians and scholars, teachers and civil servants, to stand up to the misuse of the historical narrative.

Dr. **Andreas Audretsch**, born in 1984, political scientist, initially entered the work force as a radio journalist. He subsequently worked in the German Parliament, the Federal Ministry for Economics and Energy, the Office of the Federal President, and the Federal Ministry for Families. He is also a Policy Fellow with *Das Progressive Zentrum* think tank.

Dr. **Claudia Christiane Gatzka**, born in 1985, teaches on the faculty of Western European Modern and Recent History at Albert Ludwigs University in Freiburg. Prior to this, she taught at Humboldt University in Berlin. She received the *Tiburtius Prize for Berlin Universities* for her dissertation on democracy in Germany and Italy.

Erik Flügge**Egoism****How to Escape the Urge to Hurt Others****“Individualism isn’t a contradiction to the social order.”****“The drive to improve one’s own well-being must be transformed into a drive for the common good.”***A SPIEGEL bestselling author with over 70,000 social media subscribers**A plea for socially-minded action*

112 pages, Dietz Verlag, 10 €

Publication Date: September 2020

English Sample available

Egoism is a natural human characteristic, just as much as public spirit. Both must be in balance for a society to thrive. For many people, this balance no longer exists, and they are dominated by ruthless inconsiderateness. Front-line workers are attacked while on duty, people push to the front, thinking first and often solely of themselves. All of this is the result of the social order we have created.

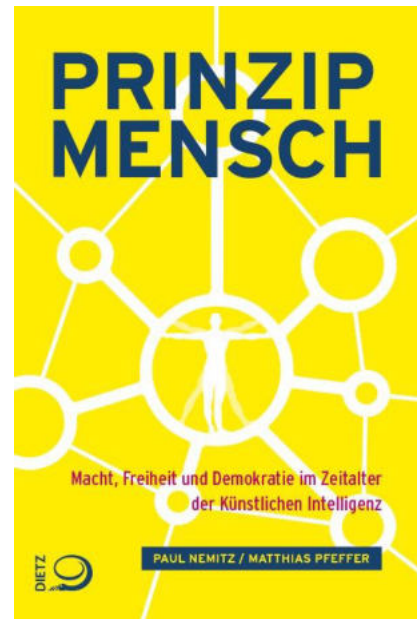
This situation can be changed. We can alter our laws so that people in teams gain more than those who only think of themselves. In concrete terms: Those who care for others should have tax advantages. Those who work in social and other welfare jobs should receive more governmental support and have increased vacation benefits. Those who devote their time to others should profit in terms of their retirement benefits too. Policies like these would go far in bringing egoism and public spirit back into balance.

Erik Flügge, born in 1986, is a political strategist, lecturer and expert on the participatory process, as well as the executive director of the *Squirrel & Nuts Society for Strategic Consulting*. His books *The Jargon of Dismay* and *A Church for the Many Instead of the Holy Remnant* were SPIEGEL bestsellers. He is also the author of the ZEIT series “Jacob’s Work and Flügge’s Contribution”. Erik Flügge lives in Cologne.

Paul Nemitz and Matthias Pfeffer

Concept: Human

**– Power, Freedom and Democracy
in an Era of Artificial Intelligence**



400 pages, Dietz Verlag, 26 €
Publication Date: March 2020

Human or algorithm - who is calling the shots for our future in this age of Artificial Intelligence? The power that digital corporations in Silicon Valley exert is astronomical, and this poses a serious threat to democracy and independence as we know them. Paul Nemitz and Matthias Pfeffer present an impressive analysis of how current attempts to implement an ethical regulation of Artificial Intelligence are too short-sighted and limited.

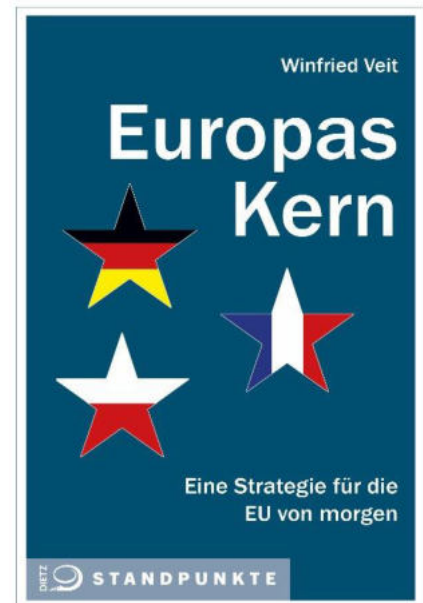
The authors provide a detailed examination of this topic, concentrating specifically on the role being played by the public sphere and the threats posed against journalism in the digital age. They call for a strict regulation of Artificial Intelligence and a reconceptualization of the principles that define humanity, which must be defended against the principles of the machine.

Paul Nemitz, born in 1962, now lives in Brussels. He is a principal advisor to the EU Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. As the EU Commission's Director for Fundamental Rights, he was responsible for the introduction of the EU basic data protection regulations, the NSA Snowden inquiry, and the negotiation of the EU-US Privacy Shield.

Matthias Pfeffer, born in 1961, divides his time between Munich and Berlin. He works as an independent TV journalist and producer. Over the years, he held various other positions, including as the executive editor of *Focus TV*.

Winfried Veit

**The Core of Europe –
A Strategy for the EU of Tomorrow**



160 pages, Dietz Verlag, 16 €
Publication Date: May 2020

In this book, Veit explains succinctly and informatively how the internal stalemate within the EU has to be overcome in order for the union to become more democratic and effective in its decision-making processes. Europe needs a new core composed of a limited number of nations that are willing to make decisions. This core should be composed of countries like Germany, France and Poland. Similar to a locomotive, this core could carry the rest of the nations forward. This model would allow for a close alliance between this core and the countries of Great Britain and Turkey, which would not entail any extensive sacrifice of sovereign independence. This framework is critical in a world that seems to be heading off the rails.

The West and its allies are already seeing an erosion in their status. New geopolitical players like China, Russia and India are making inroads onto the world stage. By contrast, today's Europe is paralyzed by internal crises and diverging interests.

Dr. Winfried Veit, born in 1946, is a political scientist and publicist. Since 2007, he has also worked as a lecturer at the University of Freiburg. From 1976 to 2011, Veit was on the staff at the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. He was also the managing editor for the periodical *Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft*, and the head of the foundation's division on Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Nils Heisterhagen

Responsibility

**– A New Collective Political Spirit
for Times of Change**

The end of the “I philosophy”

*A gripping plea for a new “we
consciousness”*



176 pages, Dietz Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: March 2020

The young liberal pioneer Nils Heisterhagen has analyzed the situation: What is missing from today's world is a holistic spirit. After all, only majorities can create actual change, which is impossible without a decisive commitment to philosophically republican policies that integrate as many people as possible into a collective political endeavor that will reconnect them at the same time. We require a republican concept of the We that will stand in opposition to the specter of the (neo-)liberal I philosophy.

The political Left needs to bring the material needs of the people back to the center of their policy framework. And the Left must also remind people of their obligations as citizens. They owe each other something, and this entails more than simply following the letter of the law. Every person bears a burden of responsibility: for themselves, others, and the common good.

Nils Heisterhagen, Ph.D., was born in 1988. He lives in Mainz, where he works as a publicist and author. He holds degrees in political science and economics from the universities of Göttingen and Hannover. In numerous articles and two books, he declared his alignment with the SPD party. Previously, he was a consultant for the SPD state parliamentary group in Rheinland-Pfalz, in addition to being a speech writer and consultant for the last two IG-Metall chairmen.

**Stefanie Molthagen-Schnöring
& Dietmar Molthagen**

Let's Talk

- Substantiated discussion guidebook
- For successful political communication
- With many practical tips and examples

Talking beyond the boundaries of opinions



144 pages, Dietz Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: September 2019

This book shows how we can successfully discuss controversial topics. Many people feel strong speechlessness. They find it difficult to talk to others beyond regional, gender or political boundaries of opinion. All research studies show that society is crumbling into partial public sectors that only communicate within their filter bubbles. This endangers societal cohesion and democracy.

Analysis, examples and practical tips – the authors use this mix to explain what is necessary so that people can successfully talk about topics that are difficult both socially and politically.

A substantiated practical guide for political institutions, NGOs, foundations, media and corporations.

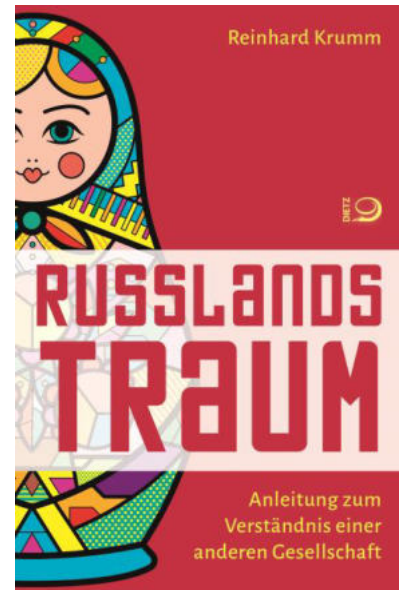
Professor Stefanie Molthagen-Schnöring teaches business communication management and is Vice President for Research and Transfer at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin.

Dietmar Molthagen, holds a doctorate in philosophy and heads up the regional office North Germany of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Hamburg.

Reinhard Krumm

The Other Side of Russia

- A new look at Russian society
- By the SPIEGEL's long-standing Russia correspondent
- A small social history of Russia

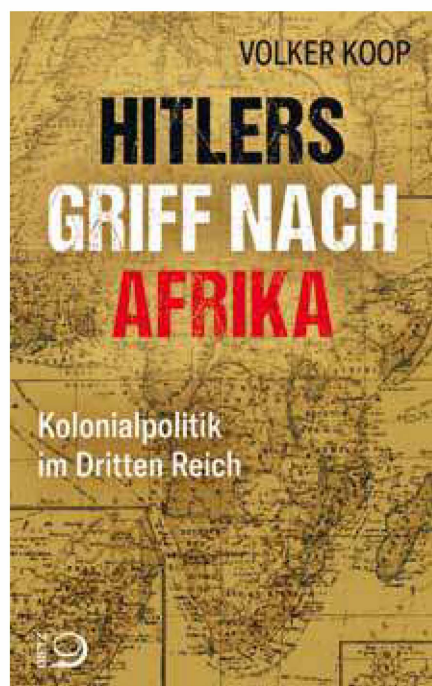


136 pages, Dietz Verlag, 16.90 €
Publication Date: September 2019

Russian society has an old dream – the dream of freedom. Regardless of who is currently ruling the country, the dream continues. The vast majority of the population is freer than ever before, even if injustice still prevails in the country. But the semblance that society allows itself to be governed by the state without any resistance is wrong. This brilliant essay explains why.

Like so many things in Russia, the Russian dream is also contradictory. On the one hand, society expects the state to provide support in social matters. On the other hand, the people demand that they should be allowed to decide upon their own fate. This requires a freedom that is often inconsiderate and does not respect the freedom of others. Those wanting to understand Russia should read this book.

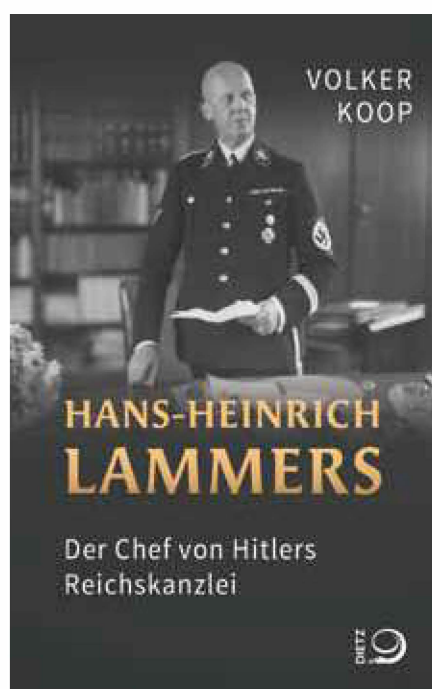
Reinhard Krumm, born in 1962, holds a doctorate in philosophy. He heads up the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's regional office for collaboration and peace in Europe. Before that, he headed up the FES offices in Central Asia and in the Russian Federation, reported as a German press correspondent from Riga and as a SPIEGEL correspondent from Moscow. He lectures East European history at the University of Regensburg.



Volker Koop

Hitler's Bid for Africa: Colonialist Policies during the Third Reich

Hitler's colonialist, expansionist policies for Africa and overseas is a widely ignored chapter in the Nazi story. In order to reestablish Germany's "honor" after the "shameful Treaty of Versailles," the lost colonies were supposed to be reacquired and new regions were to be seized. In painstaking detail, the Third Reich laid its plans for the administration and plundering of these areas. However, as the Wehrmacht's defeats increased, Hitler's dream of a wide-reaching empire in Africa and overseas faded further into the distance.



Hans-Heinrich Lammers: Head of Hitler's Reich Chancellery

Hans-Heinrich Lammers was one of the most important and influential leaders of the Nazi system, although few ever felt the full extent of his power. Besides administering Hitler's governmental affairs and providing legal corroboration for actions deemed as "state necessities," this little-known senior Nazi also "legitimized" the persecution of the Jews and the Nazis' euthanasia program.

Lammers testified at the Nuremberg Trials, but eventually spent only few years in prison despite being responsible for the deaths of thousands.

Bio

Volker Koop, born in 1945, is a former spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence. Since 1995, he has lived in Berlin as a freelance journalist with a special focus on the historical reappraisal of National Socialism. Some of his other titles have been sold to Japan, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Hitler's Bid for Africa:
200 pages, Dietz Verlag, 24 €
Publication date: October 2018

Hans-Heinrich Lammers:
320 pages, Dietz Verlag, 24.90 €
Publication date: 2017
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Blanka Pudler (with Dieter Vaupel)

On an Uninhabitable, Foreign Planet

How a Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Survived Auschwitz and Slave Labor

Content

Blanka was still a child when she was hunted down and deported by the Nazis. After seven horrifying weeks in Auschwitz, she was selected for slave labor. In the Hessisch Lichtenau Explosives Factory, she and her older sister Aranka were forced to fill bombs and grenades. When the two girls returned to Hungary after the war, they learned that they had not only lost their home, but also their parents, to the Holocaust. Through the eyes of a child, Blanka takes in the inhumane world around her. Despite everything, though, she never gives up hope. Readers of this story will find themselves sucked into the deeply moving world of this special girl's thoughts and experiences.

Bio

Blanka Pudler, born in 1929, was honored with the Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for her ongoing efforts to preserve memories of the Holocaust. Dieter Vaupel is an author whose particular focus is modern history.

112 pages, Dietz Verlag, 9.90 €

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English sample translation available

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Christiane Wirtz

The Cat Principle

Always land on your feet – seven ways out of mental crises

Content

Bestselling author Christiane Wirtz knows from personal experience how to overcome mental crises: the cat principle. This is what she calls the seven basic rules that she instinctively followed during her psychosis and that helped her move into a new phase of life.

A book not only for people suffering from mental illness, but for anyone who would like to strengthen their resilience and take control of their own crises.

Christiane Wirtz, a systemic coach, describes what has helped her personally. In addition, she provides insights into current psychotherapy approaches that can help you find the positive aspects in failures and crises, while also questioning some of the perspectives linked to standard psychiatric practices. This book encourages readers to believe in themselves, and explains how you can develop new viewpoints and goals in seemingly hopeless situations.

Numerous tips and writing exercises will help you apply the cat principle to your own situation.

Bio

Christiane Wirtz, born in 1966, has worked in both full-time and freelance positions for various non-profit broadcasting companies. She holds a MA in history and now lives in Cologne. In 2018, her bestseller *Out of Line* (OT: *Neben der Spur*) was released by Dietz Verlag, in which she discusses her previous psychosis.

160 pages, Dietz Verlag, 18 €

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English sample translation available

Out of Line:

Bestseller

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