

Dealing with National Socialism in Germany since 1945

This study day looks at the legal, socio-political and philosophical consequences of National Socialism in the four zones of occupation; in the Federal Republic of Germany and in the German Democratic Republic, and in Germany since 1990. Participants select the points to be given particular attention.

Points

- De-nazification
- Prosecution of perpetrators
- Integration of Nazi perpetrators and fellow travellers
- Career continuation
- Different phases of discourse on commemorative policy
- The influence of inter-German relations (East/West) on the treatment of Nazi history
- Perpetrator biographies
- Reparations policy
- Psychological consequences for the children of perpetrators and victims

Methods

- Introductory talk on the treatment of National Socialism with reference to a time line or - alternatively - reconstruction of a time line by participants
 - Film
 - Group work on individual aspects using summarizing texts, documents and visual material
 - Preparation of resulting products (role plays, letter writing, newspaper reports etc.)
 - Presentation and discussion
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