



In May 1937, the Institute for State Research at Berlin University moved to 71, Königstrasse in Wannsee. The Institute needed space, as its library had grown following the acquisition of books that German emigrants had to leave behind. The Institute had been led by Nazi lawyer Prof. Dr Reinhard Höhn (1904-2000) since November 1935. Höhn was a fulltime member of the SD (Intelligence Service) eventually reaching the rank of SS-Oberführer (SS-colonel). The Institute's work, commissioned by central bodies of the NSDAP and the state, focused on the study of administrative law and organisation intended to lead to a better control of the German occupied "Großraum" (the "greater living space").

It was considered important to the war effort and received generous funding. With the beginning of the war, the Institute for State Research was directly subordinated to the Reich's leader SS Heinrich Himmler.

From 1941 to 1943, its director, Professor Höhn, was in charge of the publication "Reich - Volksordnung - Lebensraum. Zeitschrift für völkische Verfassung und Verwaltung" ("Reich - National Order - Living Space: Journal for the Constitution and Administration of the Volk"). In addition to Höhn, the editorial team comprised four top civil servants who dealt with issues related to securing control in the areas under German occupation. Two of the editors took part in the "Wannsee Conference" on January 20, 1942: State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior and SS Lieutenant General Wilhelm Stuckart and SS Major General Gerhard Klopfer. Once the war was over, the Institute for State Research was closed down, in January 1947.

In 1956, Reinhard Höhn became the head of the "Bad Harzburg Academy for Economic Executives", the premier management school of the Federal Republic. In his "Harzburg Management Model for Employee Relations," he transformed his concepts of "leadership" and "community" after previously having used them in the interests of National Socialist rule.

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