



**German Historian and Public Educator**

**Programs pertaining to Nazi Germany and to Jewish Life & Remembrance:**

**Most relevant in 2022:**

**Eichmann before Jerusalem—Insights into the mind of a Mass Murderer**



The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adolf Eichmann's execution in Israel presents an important opportunity for us to take a closer look at the "architect of the Holocaust." Did he really just represent the "banality of evil" as author Hannah Arendt so famously expressed it? Or was he indeed a fanatical and utterly brutal Nazi, as recent historical research suggests? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a compelling discussion of the decade Eichmann spent in Buenos Aires, which will reveal crucial insights into the mind of one of the world's most callous mass murderers.

**Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer—A Heroic Story!**



It has become common knowledge that Adolf Eichmann, the infamous *architect of the Holocaust*, was captured by Mossad agents in Argentina and brought to justice in Israel. But hardly anyone is familiar with the fact that it was a German Jew, the Hessian attorney general Fritz Bauer, who provided pivotal information about Eichmann's whereabouts in South America to the Israeli authorities. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she pays homage to Bauer, this true hero who confronted post-war German society with its guilt -and denial thereof- and who almost single-handedly initiated the Auschwitz Trials of the mid-1960s.

**Never Forget: Remembering the Holocaust in Berlin and Germany**



77 years after World War II, Germany has evolved into a country with a varied and fascinating Remembrance culture, reminding Germans and visitors alike of the nation's horrible past and legacy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she takes you on a photographic journey which explores and discusses a multitude of memorials to the victims of the Holocaust, thus shedding light on the various intriguing artistic representations of the concepts of Remembrance and Guilt in the "land of the perpetrators."

An amazing story:

## Germany and Israel—a story of Guilt and an unlikely Friendship



In the spring of 1965 Germany and Israel reluctantly entered into diplomatic relations. What at first glance seems to be a rather unlikely relationship – especially in light of the shared history– has evolved over time into a blossoming friendship and successful economic bond. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she discusses how her native country has attempted to cope with the guilt of causing the Holocaust and how this painful but necessary process heralded a new era in German- Israeli relations.

## Between Normality and Terror: Everyday Life in Nazi Germany



Most of today’s research on Nazi Germany is focused on its system of terror that ultimately led to the death and destruction of millions of people. While we will discuss the role of governmental surveillance and brutality, we want primarily explore what daily life was like for ordinary citizens in 1930s Germany. By looking at various societal paradigms, such as education, employment, and cultural expression, we will gain insights into how the German people were oscillating between normality and terror and how the Nazis were able to turn Germany into a brutal and horrific dictatorship.

## The Germans and their Führer: Insights into a mutual obsession



Addressing a huge and adoring audience at the Party Convention in Nuremberg in 1936, Adolf Hitler stated: *“That you have found me among so many millions is the miracle of our time! And the fact that I found you—that is Germany’s good fortune!”* Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an exploration of how this consummate symbiosis of *Volk and Führer* (People and Leader) came into existence and how it changed and evolved during the course –and especially- the demise of the *Third Reich*.

## The Women of the Third Reich



*“The mission of women is to be beautiful and to bring children into the world.”* These words, auspiciously written by Hitler’s mouthpiece Joseph Goebbels in 1929, laid out the simple but essential role German women were expected to play in the prospective Third Reich. By examining both the general situation of women in Nazi Germany and the individual lives of wives and girlfriends of the Nazi elite, such as Magda Goebbels, Emmi Goering, Leni Riefenstahl, and the infamous Eva Braun, German Historian Anette Isaacs will reveal in how far this lofty expectation was met by reality in a racially motivated totalitarian system.

### **Silent Heroes: Exploring the Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany**



This crucial presentation looks at the relatively unknown and sometimes even forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the German dictator's brutal Nazi regime. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she pays homage to Sophie and Hans Scholl, Georg Elser, Baron von Stauffenberg, the women of Rosenstrasse, and other groups who made up the *German Resistance*.

### **1945 – the year that shaped the new Germany**



This year's 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II presents us with a valuable opportunity to look back at the events that took place in 1945, a year that proved to be pivotal for the transformation of Germany from a brutal belligerent dictatorship to a flourishing and pacifist democracy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how key events like the bombing of Dresden, the Potsdam Conference, and the beginning of the Nuremberg trials played a crucial role in this remarkable process.

### **The Long Road "Home": Returning to Germany after the Holocaust.**



Much has been written in recent years about the renaissance of Jewish Life in Germany which was primarily caused by a major wave of immigration on part of Jews from the former Soviet Union. While our lecture will explore this phenomenon and its consequences as well, we first and foremost want to attempt to find an answer to the question why Jews were coming back to Germany after World War II. What motives could they have had to return to the "land of the perpetrators"? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she traces back the long road home that led to a rebirth of Jewish Life in her native country.

### **From Survivors to DPs: Jews in Post-War Germany**



It is a little-known fact that right after the end of World War II, over 200 000 Jewish Refugees and Holocaust Survivors found temporary asylum in Germany, of all places. The occupying forces created the so-called DP Camps for these *Displaced Persons* and helped them to prepare for a future life in the United States and Israel, for example with the creation of training *Kibbutzim* on German territory. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs and gain fascinating insights into Jewish Life in immediate Post-War Germany.



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