

Detmold, 22 February 2024

Dear members, dear friends,

next week, the last event will take place as part of the commemoration of 27 January:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 19:00

Struggles of remembrance Colonial heritage, Nazi crimes and German culture of remembrance

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Zimmerer

The German culture of remembrance is considered to be particularly successful; Germany likes to call itself the "world champion of coming to terms with the past". But are we really that good at remembering? Or are remembrance events often just empty rituals? And aren't essential parts of German history missing from the culture of remembrance?

In his lecture on 28 February 2020, Prof. Dr Jürgen Zimmerer, Professor of Global History at the University of Hamburg and head of the "Hamburg's (post-)colonial heritage" research centre there, will analyse the current controversies surrounding the social and political handling of Germany's past, in particular with regard to the possible connection between colonialism and National Socialism with its racial ideology, the war of extermination and the Holocaust.

The lecture is part of the programme of events surrounding the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of National Socialism on 27 January. You can find the entire programme for Remembrance Day at www.detmold.de.

Event organised by the VHS Detmold-Lemgo and the Detmold City Archive. Admission is free.

Small meeting room of the town hall, Detmold, Schlossplatz 7



Next Sunday, you will have the opportunity to talk to Holocaust survivor Edith Erbrich:

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 19:30

Voices of the Holocaust

Reading, lecture and discussion about "life" and "survival" in the ghetto and concentration camp

Louis Pawellek and Holocaust survivor Edith Erbrich

Louis Pawellek met 12 survivors of the concentration camps and ghettos and conducted interviews about their lives and fates. These conversations were written down and recorded on video.

Together with the Holocaust survivor Edith Erbrich, who is featured in the book, Louis Pawellek will present a 120-minute programme. Through his presentation, he will provide insights into the system, structure and procedures of the Theresienstadt ghetto (including video clips of all the other survivors involved).

In the main part, there will be an interview with Edith Erbrich. Edith Erbrich was born on 28 October 1937 in Frankfurt (Main). Due to her Jewish father and Christian mother, she was considered a "Jewish half-breed" and deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto with her father and sister. The onward transport to Auschwitz was already planned, but the family was liberated by the Red Army on the night of 8 May 1945.

The event will end with a question and answer session with the audience.

Admission: 19:00, start: 19:30

Tickets are available for €10 in advance at Buchhaus am Markt or at the box office for €12.

Detmolder Schlosskapelle, Schlossplatz 1



A delegation trip to Riga will take place in June. Further information can be found in these download documents: [Delegation trip \(programme description\).pdf](#), [Delegation trip \(invitation for municipalities\).pdf](#), [Delegation trip \(registration form\).pdf](#)

We would also like to draw your attention to two other interesting events:

Wednesday, March 06, 2024, 19:00

Lecture: "Racism. Power. Society"

Insights into a perspective critical of racism

Saphira Shure, Professor at Bielefeld University, will be giving a lecture in the Haus der Begegnung on structural racism and anti-racism, which affects us all.

The evening will be less about blatant, conscious racism, such as that found among right-wing extremists. Saphira Shure will talk about structural racism. It operates in the framework conditions and behaviour patterns of a society that are taken for granted. It determines how we perceive each other and what ideas we have about each other.

Structural racism characterises our lives and our coexistence without individuals always being aware of it: racism makes society.

Professor Saphira Shure will introduce this perspective and discuss it with us.

Admission is free.

An event organised by Protestant adult education in the Westphalia and Lippe church district association

Haus der Begegnung, Landsbergstr. 2, 32049 Herford

Saturday, August 12, 2023 - Monday, July 08, 2024

Exhibition "Anne Frank was not alone! Jewish childhood and youth in the district of Herford 1933-1945"

The exhibition "Anne Frank was not alone! Jewish childhood and youth in the Herford district 1933-1945" at the Zellentrakt memorial will be extended until the start of the summer holidays, i.e. until 8 July 2024, due to the high number of visitors.

The exhibition focuses on several biographies from Herford and provides a wide range of information and education about anti-Semitic education policies during the Nazi era.

The exhibition is organised by the Kuratorium Erinnern, Forschen, Gedenken in the Zellentrakt memorial in Herford town hall.

The opening hours are always Saturday and Sunday from 14:00 to 16:00, guided tours for groups can also be organised during the week by prior arrangement. Information at www.zellentrakt.de, Tel.: 05221-189257

Gedenkstätte Zellentrakt im Rathaus Herford



Best wishes - on behalf of the entire board

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