

**International Workshop on German Experiences
in dealing with Violent Pasts
26th June - 2nd July 2018, Berlin**

The handling of violent past plays a central role in peace and reconciliation processes worldwide. Everyday business threatens to lose sight of the potential for healing and reconciliation and the challenges associated with them. As classic soft factors, which also have a pronounced cultural signature, they are still underestimated as a rule. This will not be without its effect on the long-term effectiveness of peace work. Nevertheless, the local churches in their respective contexts have accumulated many valuable experiences that are worth sharing. Against this background, the AGEH and the German Commission Justitia et Pax have been carrying out international workshops on this topic since 2009, with the respective bishops' conferences in Sierra Leone, Uganda, Burundi and Colombia, in order to make better use of these manifold experiences for the work of the Church and the respective ones To support partners. At the same time, these workshops have proved to be effective means of strengthening church reconciliation work and of the relevant cooperation between the Catholic agencies and the local churches.

As part of the workshop in Berlin, we will now treat, especially at the request of our partners, German key experiences dealing with violence burdened history. The workshop is intended to provide the German participants with a deeper understanding of their own background and to support the partners in sharpening their own perspectives in dealing with German experiences.

For this purpose, the participants will visit relevant places of remembrance and actors in order to explore the topic in its various dimensions in dealing with you. The deepening and the transfer into the respective contexts should be done by means of the OPEN-SPACE method. The common learning process should strengthen not only the inspiration of the participants, but also the relevant basis of understanding between the participants. In addition, the workshop is an important political signal of the church's involvement in this area.

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Program

Tuesday, June 26

Arrival
Welcome

Wednesday, June 27th

Day 1 Introduction "Truth, Justice, Reconciliation"

Location: Hotel Aquino

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| 7:30 am | Eucharist (Thomas Aquinas) |
| 8.00 am | Breakfast |
| 9.00 am | Welcome and opening of the workshop,
Introduction to the program |
| 9.30 am | Presentation of the participants |
| 11.00 am | Coffee break |
| 11.30 am | Basic questions and core experiences in dealing with violent past
<i>Dr. Jörg Lüer, German Commission Justitia et Pax</i>
discussion |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 3:00 pm | Family Biographical Exercise on War and Violence
<i>Dr. Friederike Repnik, AGEH</i> |
| 4.30 pm | Coffee break |
| 5:00 pm | German society and its handling of history of violence
<i>Dr. Elke Gryglewski, memorial house of the Wannsee conference</i> |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner |
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Thursday, June 28th

Day 2 Thematic focus - Victims

Venue: Library of the Catholic Office

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| 7:30 am | Eucharist (Thomas Aquinas) |
| 8.00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Introduction to the day |
| 10:00 am | Visit of relevant locations in small teams |
| | a) Sachsenhausen Memorial |
| | b) Prison Leistikowstr. (former Soviet military prison) |
| | c) Hohenschönhausen Memorial |
| | d) Berlin Wall Memorial |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 3:00 pm | Evaluation in small groups |
| 5:00 pm | Presentation in plenary and discussion |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner |

Friday, June 29th

Day 3 Thematic focus - offenders

Venue: Library of the Catholic Office

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| 7:30 am | Eucharist (Thomas Aquinas) |
| 8.00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Introduction to the day |
| 10:00 am | Visit of relevant locations in small teams |
| | a) Memorial House of the Wannsee Conference |
| | b) Topography of Terror |
| | c) Jahn authority |
| | d) Normannenstr. Haus 1 |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 3:00 pm | Evaluation in small groups |

- 5:00 pm Presentation in plenary and discussion
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Visit to the German Bundestag
Guided tour

Saturday, June 30th

Day 4 Thematic focus - Church, Memory and Reconciliation
Venue: Library of the Catholic Office

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Introduction to the day
- 9:15 am Martyrs' Encounters and Church Involvement, Church as part of the solution and part of the problem.
Prof. Dr. Karl-Joseph Hummel, Commission for Contemporary History
- 10:45 am Coffee break
- 11:00 am Remembrance, truth and temptation
Theses on the role of the church in dealing with violence-laden history
Prof. em. Dr. Heinz-Günther Stobbe, German Commission Justitia et Pax
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 3:00 pm Contemplation and action
Visit to Plötzensee and Regina Martyrum
- 5:00 pm Eucharistic celebration in Regina Martyrum
- 7:00 pm Dinner
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Sunday, July 1st

5th day **OPEN SPACE**

Location: Hotel Aquino

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Introduction to the day
9:30 am OPEN SPACE 1

11:00 am OPEN SPACE 2

12:30 Plenary Report

1:00 pm Lunch
3:00 pm OPEN SPACE 3
4:30 pm Plenary report and final discussion
5:00 pm end

6:00 pm Eucharist, Cathedral of St. Hedwig
Prayer at the tomb of Bernhard Lichtenberg

8:00 pm Symbolic closing – dinner

Monday, July 2nd

departure

Venue: Berlin (Catholic Academy, Catholic Office)
Hannoversche Strasse 5, 10115 Berlin

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