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FRANK BÖSCH (POTSDAM)

will speak on

Fault Lines of Modernity: Global Effects of Regional Events at the End of the 1970s

at the German Historical Institute, Seminar Room
on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, at 5.30 p.m.

In 1979 many global events contested the basic beliefs of modernity: religious mass movements challenged authoritarian regimes (as in Iran, Poland, and Nicaragua); nuclear accidents or political decisions led to mass protests and fears (as after Harrisburg, Nato Double-Track, Soviets in Afghanistan); spectacular changes of government led to new economic models (as in China and Britain); and the perception of history changed after the TV event 'Holocaust'. Such events had a regional background and were apparently contingent and disconnected. However, they immediately had a global impact and interacted as fault lines of modernity. The lecture analyses their transnational impact from a German perspective and suggests a different approach to writing global contemporary history.

Frank Bösch is Professor of Twentieth-Century European History at the University of Potsdam and Director of the Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF). He is the author of *Mass Media and Historical Change: Germany in International Perspective, 1400–2000* (forthcoming, 2015); a history of the Christian Democratic Party in West Germany; and a monograph on political scandals in Germany and Britain, 1880 to 1914. Currently he is writing a book on global events and transformations of the late 1970s.

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This lecture will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute, 17 Bloomsbury Square, LONDON WC1A 2NJ.

Tea is served from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available afterwards.