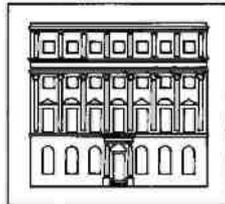


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**Imagined Revolutions and Real Executions:  
Hard-Core Nazis and the Spring of 1945**

at the German Historical Institute, Seminar Room  
on Thursday, 6 June 2013, at 5.30 p.m.

During the final weeks of the Second World War hundreds of ordinary German civilians were murdered by SS killing squads, retreating Wehrmacht units or local functionaries of the Nazi Party. Despite the relatively small numbers of victims, these incidents provide revealing insights not only into how hard-core Nazis perceived total defeat, but also into how the "Third Reich" was interpreted in (West) Germany during the late 1940s and 1950s. When West German courts began to deal with Nazi crimes after 1945, these killings were among the first cases investigated. They corresponded to the interest of the German public and media in regarding ordinary Germans as victims of fanatical Nazis.

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

Guided tours of the Library are available one hour before the lecture.