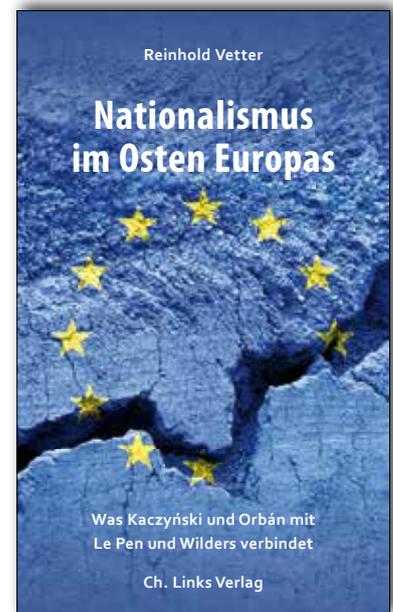
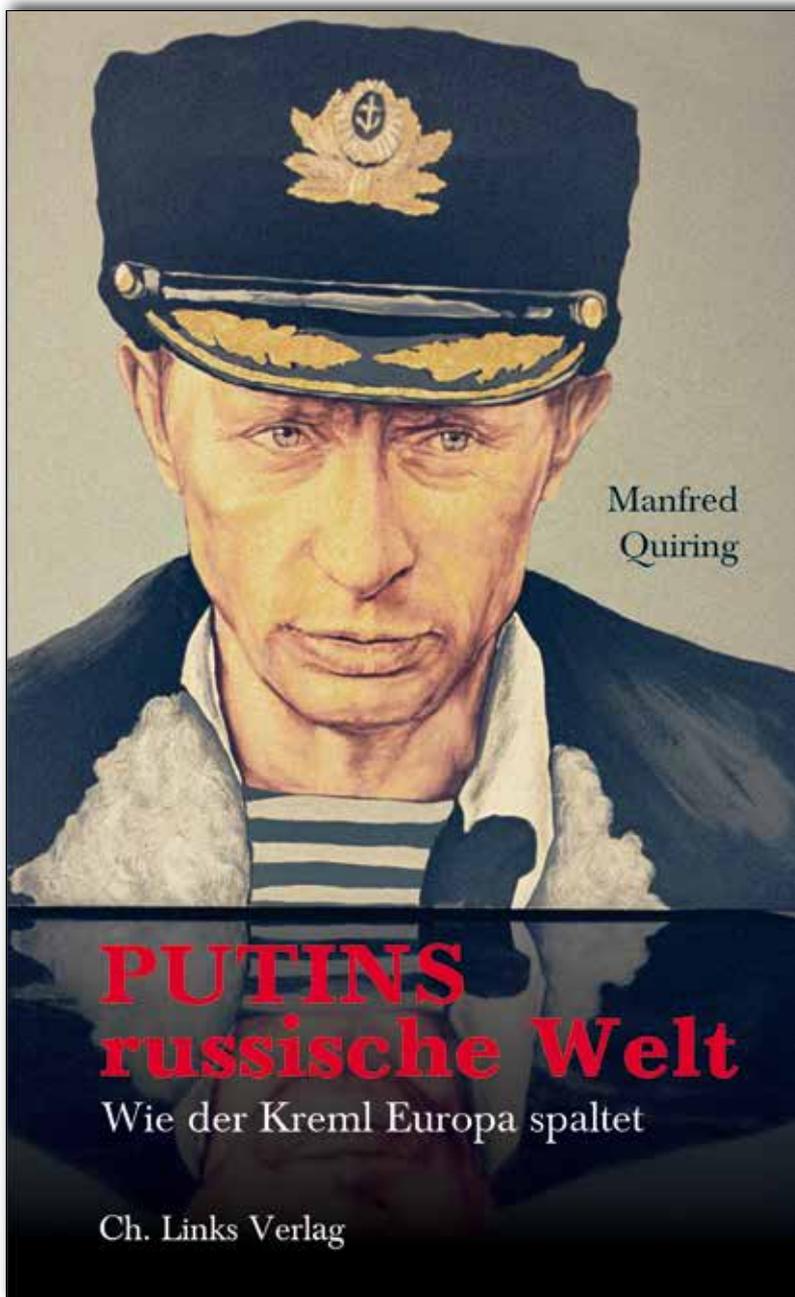


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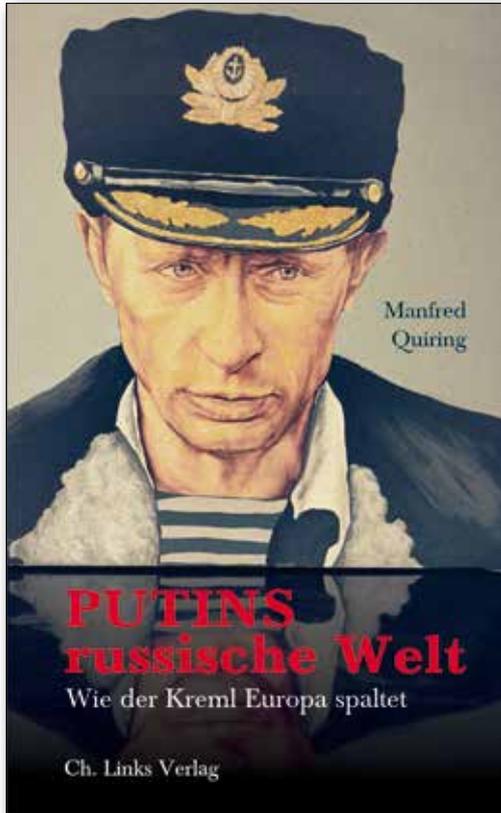
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Manfred Quiring

Putin's Russian World

How the Kremlin is Dividing Europe



Russia expert Manfred Quiring takes a radically critical look at the Putin regime. He investigates the structures of this autocratic system and depicts the connections, generally overlooked, between Russian secret-service and military elites and the world of crime. At the same time he explores the ideological foundation of the new form of rule based on the “people-leader principle” and describes the nationalist thinkers who paved the way for it. He debunks the myth of the West’s supposed promise not to expand NATO to the East, and describes its eastward expansion as the westward “flight” of East European states. The author analyzes how the Kremlin uses hybrid warfare in its attempt to divide Europe, Germany being its particular target.

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Reinhold Vetter

Nationalism in the East of Europe

What Kaczyński and Orbán Have in Common with Le Pen and Wilders



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Christoph Franceschini/Thomas Wegener Friis/Erich Schmidt-Eenboom

Espionage among Friends

Partner Relations and Western Intelligence
in the Gehlen Organization and the BND



The revelation – against the backdrop of the NSA scandal – that the German Federal Intelligence Service (BND) has been spying on its allies and international organizations prompted BND president Schindler to speak of a “culture of mistrust between secret services that are actually on friendly terms”. What exactly is behind all of this?

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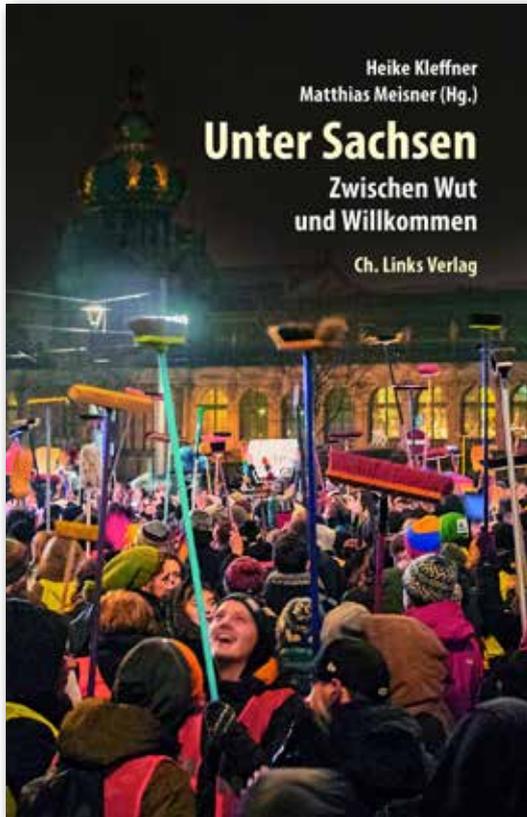
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Heike Kleffner / Matthias Meisner (eds.)

Among Saxons

Between Fury and Hospitality



This volume explores the question of whether the “situation” in Saxony with its PEGIDA movement – “Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the West” – and the many right-wing acts of violence are a phenomenon limited to this federal state or whether the increasing radicalization of the middle classes is a harbinger of a changing political landscape in all of Germany.

In reportages, analytical background texts, interviews and personal commentaries, more than 20 authors examine the local conservative Christian Democratic Party (CDU) and its state of affairs, the roots of the PEGIDA movement and the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party in Saxony, as well as shedding light on opinion-makers and “new right-wing terrorism”.

The book’s second part details the actions undertaken by a creative civil society defending democratic values, often with its back to the wall.

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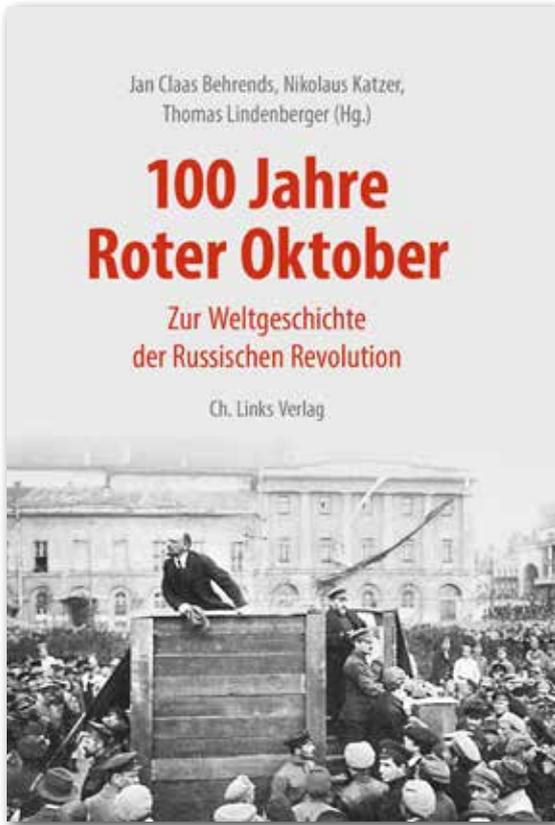
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The World History of the Russian Revolution



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The History of the Federal Intelligence Service from Its Founding to 1968

To this very day there are countless myths and legends about the Gehlen Organization and its successor, the Federal Intelligence Service (BND). The high-level Independent Commission of Historians (UHK) has been reappraising the history of the BND for the past five years and now presents a comprehensive scholarly work – a singular publication project, as never before has an active secret service granted historians open access to its archives. The result is a multifaceted picture of the West German intelligence service, of its development and its activities from 1945 to 1968, the period during which Reinhard Gehlen had a formative influence on this institution shrouded in mystery. Eliminating a blank spot in the historiography of the Federal Republic, at the same time it offers an insightful new perspective on the ongoing debate since the Snowden disclosures about the tense relationship between secret services and democracy, between security and liberty in a democratic state based on the rule of law.

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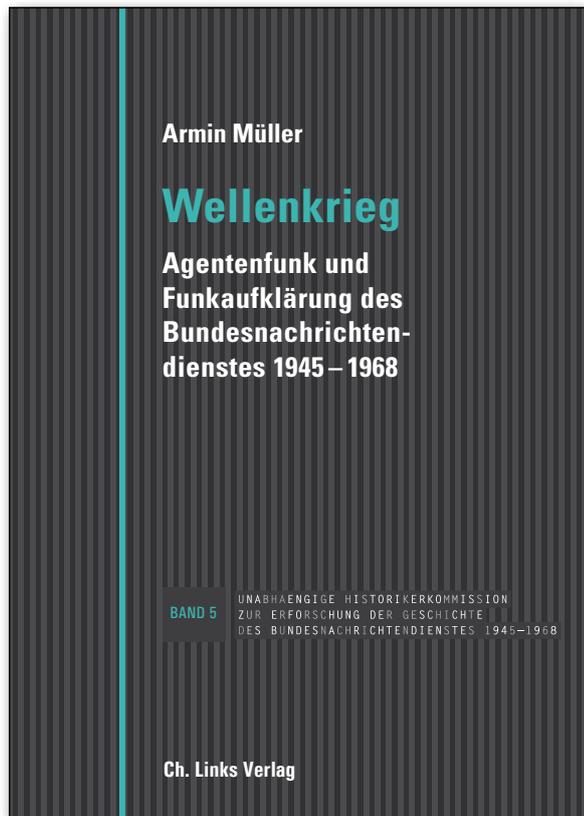
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Armin Müller

Radio War

Agent Radio and Radio Intelligence of the Federal Intelligence Service,
1945 – 1968



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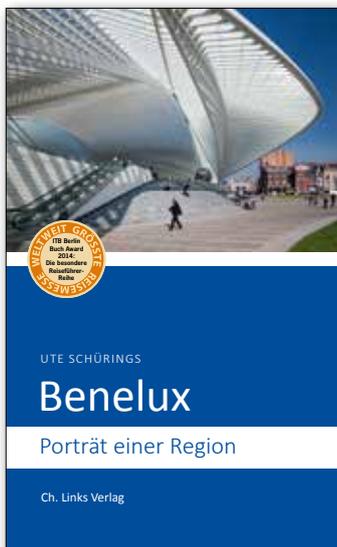
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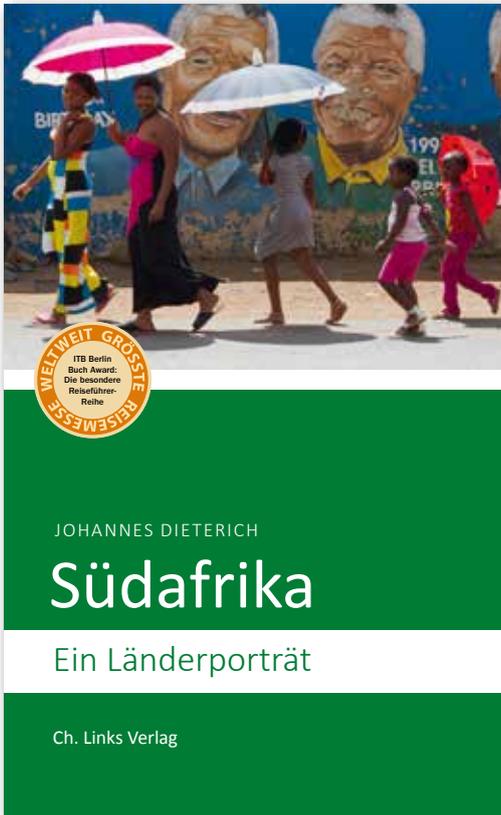
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