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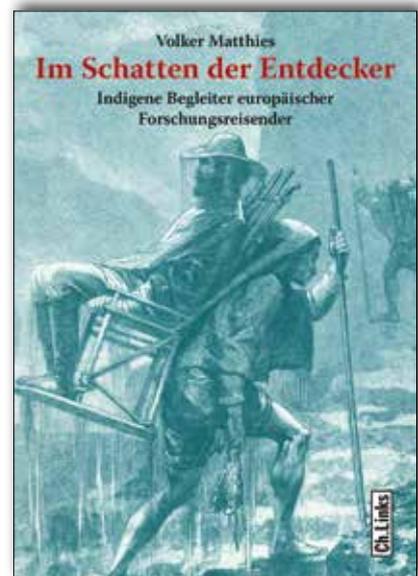
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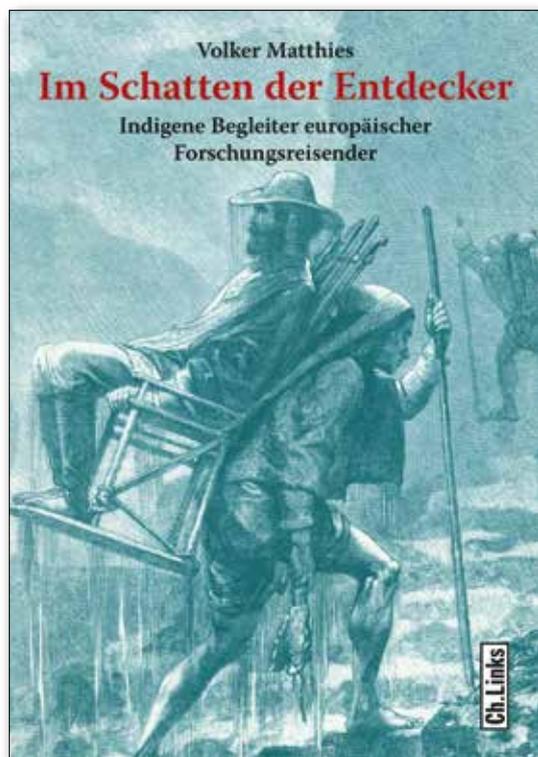
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Volker Matthies

In the Shadow of Discoverers

The indigenous guides of European explorers



Alexander von Humboldt explored South America. Did he find the way on his own? To this day the image has persisted that famous European explorers and discoverers were completely left to their own devices, roughing it through foreign lands and sailing the seven seas. Yet all of them – whether James Cook, David Livingstone or Sven Hedin – had local aides and guides who contributed to the success of their undertakings. Who were these individuals? This book is the first to focus on them: the guides and interpreters, informants and carriers who were often the real leaders of these expeditions.

Volker Matthies takes examples from all non-European continents (Greenland, Mexico, New Zealand, Canadian Arctic, Central Asia, Pacific Islands) to set the record straight about their contribution to measuring the world.

248 pages, 70 illustrations

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Release in February 2018

Volker Matthies

was born in 1945, Ph.D., emeritus professor, has researched and taught in Hamburg at the German Overseas Institute (the present-day German Institute of Global and Area Studies / GIGA) as well as at the university's Institute of Political Science; longtime editor of the *Jahrbuch Dritte Welt* journal and historical travelogues, he is the author of numerous publications on peace and conflict studies as well as on the Horn of Africa region; published by Ch. Links Verlag: *Operation Magdala* (2010).

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Gerhard Hirschfeld / Gerd Krumeich / Irina Renz (eds.)

1918

The Germans between world war and revolution



January 1918: Germany has been at war for three and a half years. The supply situation at the home front is miserable; there are hunger protests and mass strikes. Demands for a radical improvement of the political and social situation are growing more strident. Army Supreme Command will try in the ensuing months to force a military decision on the Western Front, once again sending hundreds of thousands of soldiers to slaughter. Just as defeat seems all but inevitable, an autumn revolution brings down the imperial authoritarian state. The first German republic is born. Gerhard Hirschfeld, Gerd Krumeich and Irina Renz, all internationally regarded experts on this era, bring the crucial last year of the First World War to life in the form of contemporary writings, pictures and documents. Soldiers and their families, peasants and city-dwellers, artists and intellectuals all have their say. This fascinating kaleidoscope is embedded in explanatory texts on the events unfolding in 1918 and the significance of this lost war for the fledgling Weimar Republic.

312 pages, 30 illustrations

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Release in March 2018

Gerhard Hirschfeld

is honorary professor at the University of Stuttgart, visiting professor at Wuhan University in China, as well as the author and editor of numerous books and essays.

Gerd Krumeich

is co-founder of the Museum »Historial de la Grande Guerre« in Péronne on the Somme; numerous publications on the history of the First World War.

Irina Renz

is director of the “Life Documents” collection at the Württemberg State Library; numerous publications on both world wars.

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International Community on the Brink

Why we need a stronger UN



The United Nations is currently facing the worst crisis in its history. A global neoliberal austerity mandate, not to mention incompetent bureaucrats and amateurs in its own ranks, has put the community of states on the brink of disaster. It has now reached the point where it can barely accomplish its tasks. Despots and populists are doing their part to finish it off. And yet we need the UN and its agenda more than ever: to maintain world peace, to guarantee fundamental human rights, to enable health and development for all.

Marc Engelhardt has been following the UN and its work for 16 years. In his new book he describes the state of this international community, the situation at its headquarters as well as in the countries where it is active. He likewise presents some promising reform initiatives. Should they fail, the prospects of global chaos and war are just around the corner.

ca. 220 pages

ISBN 978-3-86153-984-1

Release in March 2018

Marc Engelhardt

was born in 1971; from 2004 to 2010 he served in Nairobi as an African correspondent for radio, television and various newspapers. A trained geographer, marine biologist, jurist and philosopher, since 2011 he has lived in Geneva and reported on the UN. He is the author of numerous books, including *Holy War, Holy Profit: Africa as a New Battleground of International Terrorism* (3rd ed. 2016) for Ch. Links Verlag.

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Andrea Röpke / Andreas Speit

Ethnic Clans

Rightwing dropouts in rural regions



They manage estates in the heaths of Lower Saxony, buy property in communities of Mecklenburg, run former manors and country mansions in the provinces of Saxony-Anhalt, tend farms in the Free State of Saxony or build huts out of willows in East Westphalia. For years, rightwing extremists have been settling in rural areas of Germany to engage in “national grassroots work” together with local, like-minded families. Their efforts are aimed against the liberal society of big cities. Their gender norms are outmoded, their approach to child-rearing and education authoritarian. These rightwing dropouts are engaging in organic farming, cultivating age-old crafts and trades, endeavoring to establish private schools and establishing their own economic networks. They form citizens’ initiatives against wind turbines or in regional ecological associations, support the rightwing AfD or NPD political parties, and fight against the “foreign domination of our German homeland”.

Andrea Röpke and Andreas Speit have been following this scarcely noticed trend for years, offering here for the first time a Germany-wide overview of an underestimated danger.

ca. 240 pages, ca. 20 illustrations
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Release in August 2018

Andrea Röpke

born in 1965, is a political scientist and freelance journalist specialized on rightwing extremism. She has published in-depth inside reports for *WDR*, *taz* and *Süddeutsche Online*, etc. as well as at specialist sites such as *Blick nach rechts* and in book publications; recipient of numerous awards.

Andreas Speit

was born in 1966, studied social economics, works as a freelance journalist and publicist and a columnist at *taz Nord*; he regularly contributes to *Freitag*, *Blick nach rechts* and *jungle world* and is the recipient of numerous awards. He is the author and publisher of various books on the topic of right-wing extremism, most recently “Reich Citizens: The Underestimated Peril”.

Hannes Bahrmann

Venezuela

The failed revolution



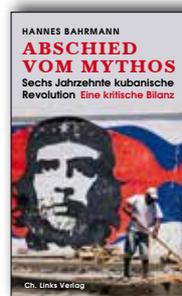
Venezuela's Hugo Chávez tried to introduce “socialism of the twenty-first century” using the country's massive oil revenues. The concept came from German sociologists and was carried out with the help of Cuban advisors. But the revolution failed miserably. Nowadays Venezuela is deeply in debt, with record high inflation and crime. Its supply network has all but collapsed. Poverty, instead of being fought, has actually doubled since 1998. Children pass out in school from hunger. What went wrong?

Hannes Bahrmann sheds light on the causes, depicting the country's current situation. His book is the first in German to take stock of the chaotic developments unfolding there in recent years.

248 pages, 57 illustrations
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Hannes Bahrmann

was born in 1952, studied history and Latin American studies in Rostock then worked as a journalist for radio, newspapers and news agencies; since 1984 he has regularly traveled to Latin America. He is the author of numerous nonfiction books on the history of Central America, as *Saying Goodbye to a Myth. Six decades of Cuban revolution – A critical assessment*, Berlin 2016; *Nicaragua. The Privatized Revolution*, Berlin 2017.



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Dirk Mecklenbeck / Raik Adam

Death Strip



Between 1986 and the spring of 1989, four young men, friends from Halle an der Saale in East Germany, emigrate to West Berlin. Arriving in the West, they try out their newly gained freedom, but mostly just encounter indifference to conditions in the GDR and the existence of the Wall. They decide to make a more radical statement against the Berlin Wall. On June 17, 1989, they throw a couple of Molotov cocktails across the Wall and into the border strip.

This graphic novel, written and illustrated by two of the former “Wall warriors,” tells the story of this attack from its inception to its execution, an event which formed the prelude to a series of actions against the Wall in the summer of 1989. It is the story of anger, outrage, and the search for independence.

ca. 96 pages, fully color illustrated

ISBN 978-3-86153-993-3

Release in April 2018

Dirk Mecklenbeck

was born in 1966; raised in Halle an der Saale, he apprenticed as a carpenter, applied for emigration in 1986, and moved to West Berlin in April 1989; since 2002 freelance artist in Kreuzberg and Neukölln.

Raik Adam

was born in 1964; raised in a Protestant family in Halle an der Saale, he trained to work as an upholsterer; in 1984 he applied for an exit visa, eventually moving to West Berlin in 1986, where from 1987 to 1989 he attended a school for adult education in Kreuzberg. Since graduating in 1989, he has been a globetrotter and entrepreneur.

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Time Travelers

Life Behind Walls

Growing up in the GDR



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Time Travelers

In 2015, Martha Friedrich (graphic design/illustration), Hana Hlášková (research/educational materials), Christine Schoenmakers (research/script) and Simone Veenstra (dramaturgy /script) joined forces under the name Time Travelers. The graphic novel *Life Behind Walls* is their first book project together.

In 1968, countless individuals rose up against the communist dictatorships in Prague and Warsaw. Authorities in the GDR repressed any and every critique of the system. Konni, a biology student who sympathizes with the reformers, is expelled from the university and put under state surveillance for criticizing the suppression of the Prague Spring. Thanks to an informer he's arrested and convicted. What Konni doesn't know is that the person who betrayed his planned escape to West Germany was one of his own friends.

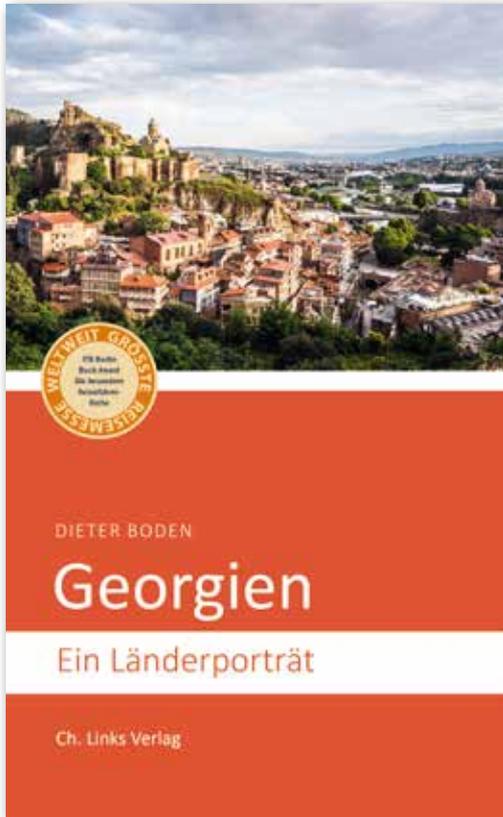
The authors of this graphic novel, all members of the "Time Travelers" project collective, use poignant images to tell the fateful story of a young person in communist East Germany.

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Dieter Boden

Georgia

A country portrait



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Dieter Boden

was born in 1940; he earned his Ph.D. after degrees in Slavistics, English and political science from the universities of Münster and Hamburg; he subsequently worked at the German foreign office with several deployments at diplomatic missions in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. In 1995–96 and 1999–2002 he directed OSCE and UN missions in Georgia, and has been active to the present day in civil-society projects in the Caucasus.

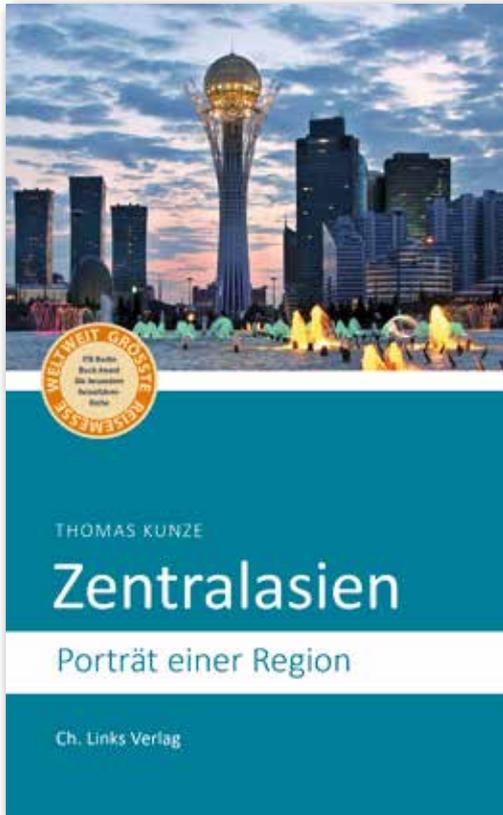
For many Russians, paradise was not in the world to come; paradise was Georgia. This was due to the Mediterranean-like zest for life of its inhabitants, its excellent cuisine and wine, its breathtaking mountain landscapes and its subtropical Black Sea beaches. In antiquity and the Byzantine era, this little land in the Caucasus was naturally considered a part of Europe. It maintained its culture in the subsequent period despite centuries of foreign rule. Since gaining its independence in 1991, the former Soviet republic has strived to return to Europe in the face of Russian resistance.

Dieter Boden has known this fascinating country for decades and paints a multifaceted picture of its history and present.

Thomas Kunze

Central Asia

Portrait of a region



ca. 200 pages, 1 map
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 Release in May 2018

Thomas Kunze

was born in 1963, studied history, German literature and education; he is an honorary professor of Al-Kharezmi Urgench State University and the Tashkent Presidential Academy (both in Uzbekistan); since 2002 he has worked for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and since 2010 has served as a representative of the foundation at its Central Asian headquarters in Tashkent. He is the author of numerous books.

For two millennia, Central Asia has been a crossroads of world and religious history. Persians, Greeks, Arabs, Mongolians, Turkic peoples and Russians all ruled over territory here. Fire worshippers, Buddhists, Jews, Christians and Muslims formed the culture of the region. The five republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan und Uzbekistan were established by the Soviets after the October Revolution. All of them became independent states in 1991, but for many Westerners they've remained terra incognita. Only the project of a new silk road has noticeably stimulated tourism in the region.

Thomas Kunze depicts the history, present and possible future of this region, combined with an instructive look at the daily lives of its inhabitants.

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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 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.

Since September 2016 the first seven volumes have already been published:

- Christoph Rass, *The Social Profile of the Federal Intelligence Service: From Its Founding to 1968*
- Gerhard Sälter, *Phantoms of the Cold War: The Gehlen Organization and the Resurrection of the Gestapo's Bogeyman, the "Red Orchestra"*
- Ronny Heidenreich / Daniela Münkler / Elke Stadelmann-Wenz, *Intelligence Warfare in Germany: The Confrontation Between East German State Security and the Gehlen Organization in 1953*
- Sabrina Nowak, *The Security Risk of Former Nazi Ties: Personnel Checks in the Federal Intelligence Service during the 1960s*
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- Agilolf Keßelring, *The Gehlen Organization and the Restructuring of the FRG-Military*
- Rolf-Dieter Müller, *Reinhard Gehlen - Chief of the Secret Police Behind the Scenes of the Bonn Republic. The biography*

Jost Dülffer

A Secret Service in Crisis

West Germany's Federal Intelligence Service in the 1960s



The Federal Intelligence Service (BND) lost the trust of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer during his last years in office. The reasons for this were varied: the disloyalty and betrayal of its agents, Nazi incriminations, and poor performance. And yet BND director Reinhard Gehlen managed to evade political control by the government and parliament until 1968, all the while maintaining a relatively positive public image despite losing his leadership position within the intelligence agency. Only through the reforms starting in 1968 did the BND become an effective office of foreign intelligence.

Jost Dülffer was given unrestricted access to BND archives as well as the files of several ministries. The result is a comprehensive evaluation and critical history of domestic policy in Bonn during the late phase of the Gehlen era.

ca. 640 pp.

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Release in April 2018

Jost Dülffer

historian, was born in 1943; since 1982 he has been professor of modern history at the University of Cologne; numerous publications on international history and historical peace and conflict studies as well as on German and European history since 1945. He is one of four members of the Independent Commission of Historians researching the history of the (West) German Federal Intelligence Service (BND) from its inception until 1968.

Rüdiger Bergien

In the “General Staff of the Party”

Organizational culture and the practice of power at SED headquarters
(1946–1989)



The central party apparatus in East Berlin was the center of power of the SED dictatorship. But while leading functionaries expanded their power, the apparatus gradually lost its ideological and organizational homogeneity. During the Honecker era, it became an authority marked by inner conflict, whose employees were motivated more by privileges and an elite mentality than their Marxist-Leninist “faith.”

Rüdiger Bergien shows this apparatus as a social world inextricably linked with East German society.

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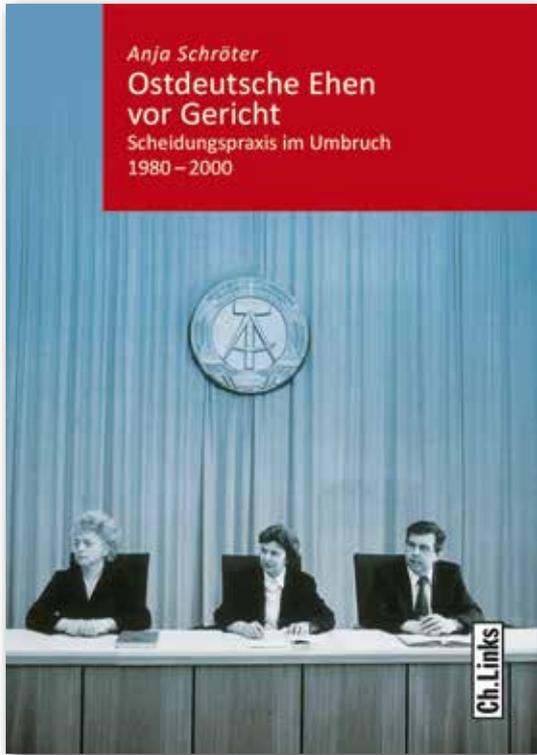
Rüdiger Bergien

was born in 1977, studied history in Göttingen and Berlin; in 2008 he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Potsdam. Since 2009 he was worked at the Potsdam Center for Contemporary History (ZZF), where the Communism and Society series is published.

Anja Schröter

East German Marriages in Court

The changing practice of divorce, 1980–2000



The GDR had the highest rates of divorce in the world. There were not many obstacles to getting one, and it was largely viewed as a private matter. In 1990, however, East and West German citizens and lawyers suddenly came face to face with their vastly different experiences.

Anja Schröter takes a look at the practice of divorce in eastern Germany before and after the fall of the Wall. She interviews lawyers and East Germans to find out more about their experiences. The result is a fascinating study of everyday life in an East Germany in transition.

ca. 520 pp., ca. 30 tables and graphs
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Censorship in East Germany was abolished on December 1, 1989. This was the green light for Christoph Links, an employee at East German publishing house Aufbau Verlag at the time, to establish an independent non-fiction publishing company for politics and contemporary history.

Since then he has brought out about 800 titles, his three-man staff has grown to twelve, while the subject matter of his books, invariably weighing in on current events, has likewise expanded. Literary journalism, country studies, self-help, historical travel guides, coffee-tables books with accompanying texts on distinctive locations in German history, books about German colonial history, also e-books can be found in his publisher's catalog.

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