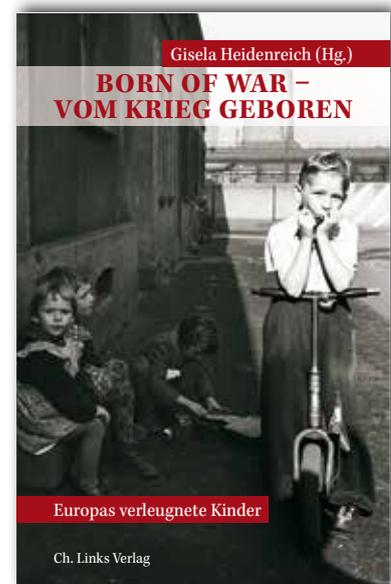
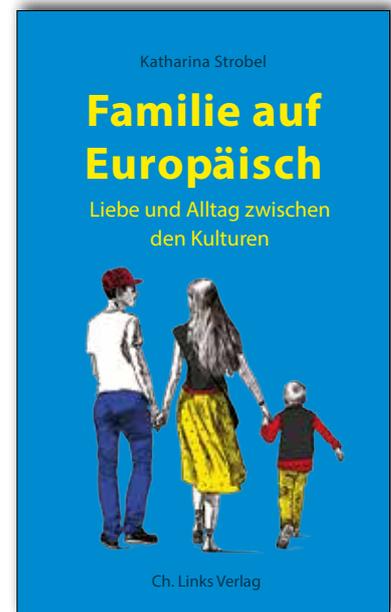
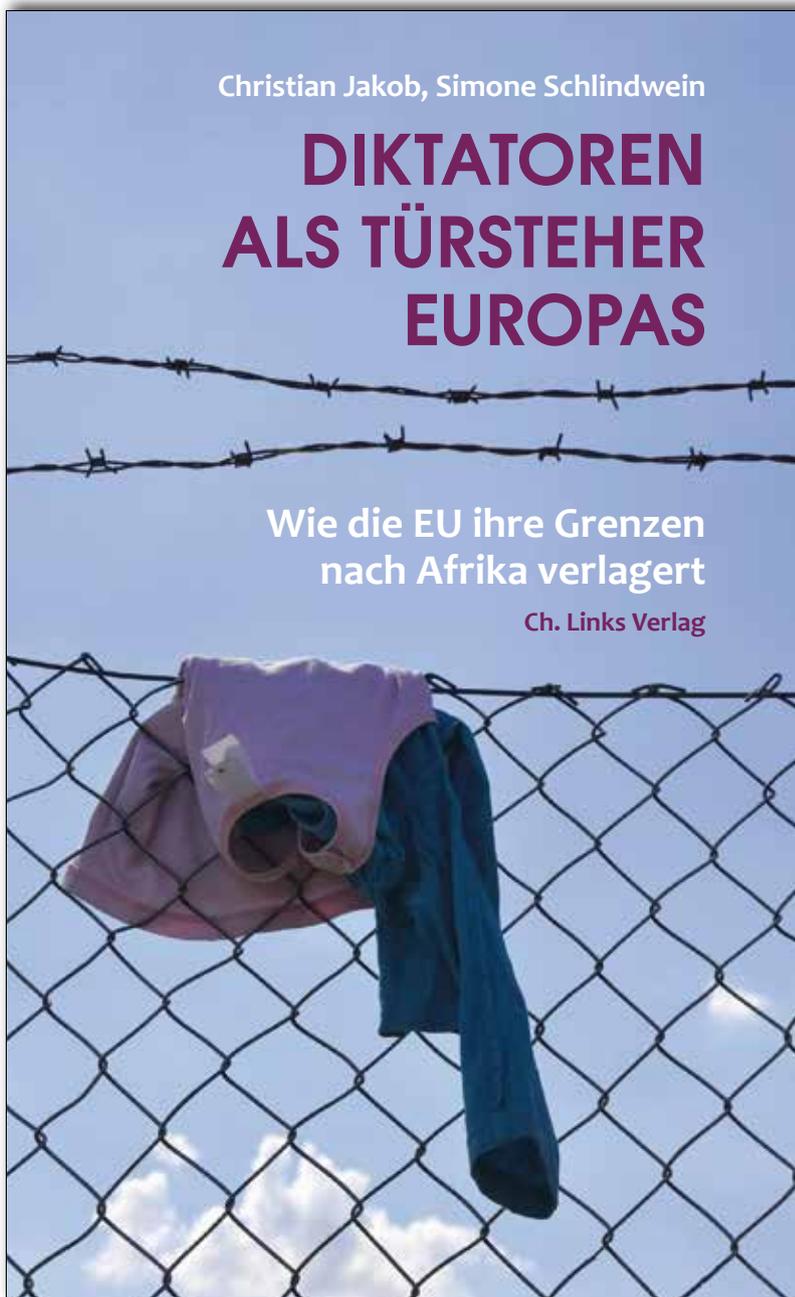


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Christian Jakob / Simone Schlindwein

# Dictators as Europe's Bouncers

How the EU is shifting its boundaries towards Africa



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Europe is once again drawing boundaries in Africa. Migration control – not only in the form of a treaty with Turkey – has become an extremely important issue in European domestic politics. The EU is working full tilt to build relationships with governments on the African continent. The hope is that these governments will prevent their citizens from coming to Europe. In return the EU is offering billions' worth of military and economic aid. It cooperates with governments responsible for grave human rights violations, building up their police forces and armies. Freedom of movement is being restricted in Africa, while development assistance is being reallocated and attached to certain conditions. Those who want money have to stop migrants. European IT companies stand to profit the most, along with defense contractors and security corporations. These companies are being awarded lucrative contracts to shore up Africa's borders and gather biometric data on hundreds of millions of people.

Simone Schlindwein and Christian Jakob have investigated this topic for years. Their book is the first comprehensive account of the new European policy on Africa.

## Christian Jakob

Born in 1979, journalist; as of 2006 editor, since 2014 reporter for *taz*; his book *Those Who Stay: How for the Past Twenty Years Refugees Have Been Changing Germany* (2nd edition) was published in 2016 by Ch. Links Verlag.

## Simone Schlindwein

Born in 1980, since 2008 correspondent for *taz* for the African Great Lakes region; recipient of the "Der lange Atem" journalist prize (together with Dominic Johnson) in 2016 for her research on the FDLR in Rwanda, the DR Congo and Germany, as well as for her book on the topic *Trying Congo Crimes in Germany* (Ch. Links Verlag, 2016).

Felix Ekardt

# Short Circuit

How simple truths undermine democracy



Trump, Erdoğan, Brexit. In an increasingly complex world, forces promising simple solutions and identifying obvious scapegoats are very much on the rise. And yet, in the midst of all the uproar about the supposedly dumbed-down masses, it is all too easy to forget that all of us, even the intellectual do-gooders, carry within us the latent tendency to simplify, distort and find all too convenient explanations. The problem is that simple truths will not help us solve the problems of a globalized world, but will only exacerbate them. Democracy doesn't stand a chance if we can't endure ambiguity and complexity.

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## Felix Ekardt

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Andreas Speit (ed.)

# Reich Citizens

The underestimated peril



In October 2016, in the Bavarian town of Georgensgmünd, a SWAT team forcefully entered the house of a “Reich Citizen” to confiscate the weapons stockpiled there. The man opened fire, wounding four officers, one of whom died from his injuries. The gunman belonged to a movement of conspiracy theorists who refuse to recognize the Federal Republic of Germany and its laws. But the state knows precious little about them – who they are, how many they number, which threats they pose.

Andreas Speit, a renowned expert on right-wing extremism, examines along with ten other experts the various manifestations of this heterogeneous scene. They analyze its crude philosophy and describe its increasingly dangerous activities.

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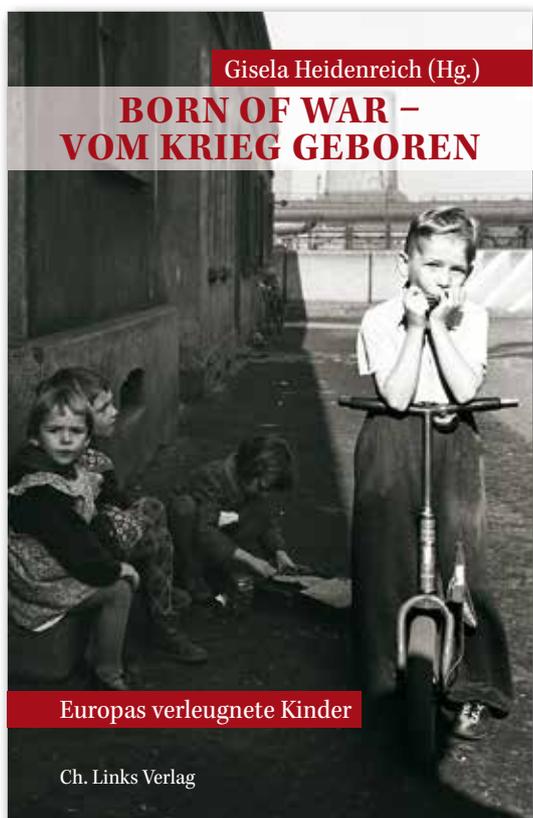
## Andreas Speit

Born in 1966, social economist, freelance journalist and publicist, columnist at taz-Nord, regular contributions to *Freitag*, *blick nach rechts* and *jungle world*; recipient of numerous awards, e.g., from *Medium-Magazin* and the German Federation of Journalists (DJV). author and editor of various books on the subject of right-wing extremism, including (with Andrea Röpke): *Brown Comrades* (2005); *Neo-Nazis in Pinstripes* (2009); *Girls Stuff! Women in the Neo-Nazi Scene* (2011); *Blood and Honor: The Past and Present of Right-Wing Violence in Germany* (2013).

Gisela Heidenreich (ed.)

# Born of War

Europe's disowned children



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## Gisela Heidenreich

Born in 1943 in Oslo, Norway; special-education teacher, couples and family therapist, independent mediator; author, since 2007 P.E.N. member; as of 1979 married to the writer Gert Heidenreich; Select publications: *The Year Without End: The Gradual Discovery of My Own Biography: A Lebensborn Story* (2002); *Seven Years of Eternity: A German Love Story* (2007); *Beloved Perpetrator: A Diplomat in the Service of the Final Solution* (2011).

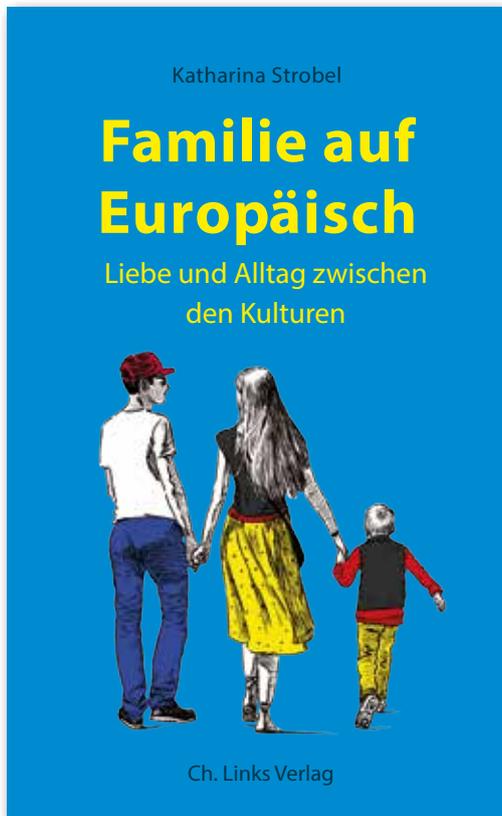
More than 70 years after the end of World War II, this book gives voice to men and women from all over Europe who paradoxically owe their lives to the war. It's a book about children whose fathers were Wehrmacht soldiers and whose mothers, in the majority of cases, lived in German-occupied territory. There are hundreds of thousands of these individuals – in France and the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway, but also in Greece and Finland, and presumably in Italy and the former Soviet republics as well. Many of them were disowned or deported after the war, were physically and psychologically abused. Their mothers were often punished or ostracized for their relations with the “enemy.” And a few of the people in this book have fates linked to the “Lebensborn” project. This notorious SS organization was involved in the abduction of “racially valuable” children from other states who were then brought to Germany.

The present volume was edited by Gisela Heidenreich on behalf of “BOW.i.n,” the Born of War international network. In an era when national interests are taking the forefront in Europe once again, it seems more crucial than ever to consider the collective fate of these individuals.

Katharina Strobel

# Family, European Style

Love and everyday life between cultures



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## Katharina Strobel

Born in 1973, raised in Hamburg, studied in the United States and Scotland, then worked as an editor in Saxony; subsequent studies in European journalism in Denmark, the Netherlands and Wales; employed as a freelance journalist in Edinburgh and Brussels. Katharina Strobel lives with her German-British European family in Belgium.

The EU is in its biggest crisis yet. And yet despite this seeming contradiction, more and more Europeans are starting cross-border families, living the ideal of European cultural diversity. Their example shows that something must be working right in the European federation of states – so why does it get so little coverage?

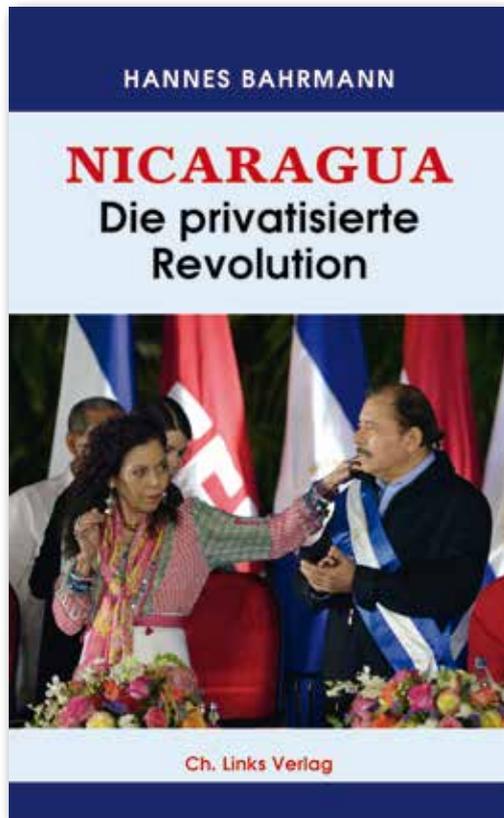
Cross-generational, multinational family stories of Germans with their EU spouses and/or partners – in the Ruhr region, Verona, Cambridge or Berlin – reveal a continent on which the European dream of the peaceful coexistence of nations is not a vision but reality. They show why a stronger EU is definitely something worth fighting for.

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The Privatized Revolution



In the 1980s, tens of thousands of people traveled to Nicaragua to support the Sandinista revolution. But in 1990, Daniel Ortega lost the presidential election – and the revolution lost its innocence. In the weeks before handing over his office to the new elected president, state functionaries enriched themselves unscrupulously. Ortega later made a pact with his political opponent that eventually brought him back to power in 2006 and permanently weakened the country's democratic institutions. His wife is meanwhile vice-president, and his children occupy important positions in politics, the economy and the media. His followers are bestowed with all kinds of little favors.

Hannes Bahrmann gives an overview of the dramatic developments of the last decades, painting a vivid picture of the current situation in the country.

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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.

The project comprises thirteen volumes and spans the entire history of the BND. Since September 2016 the first six volumes have already been published:

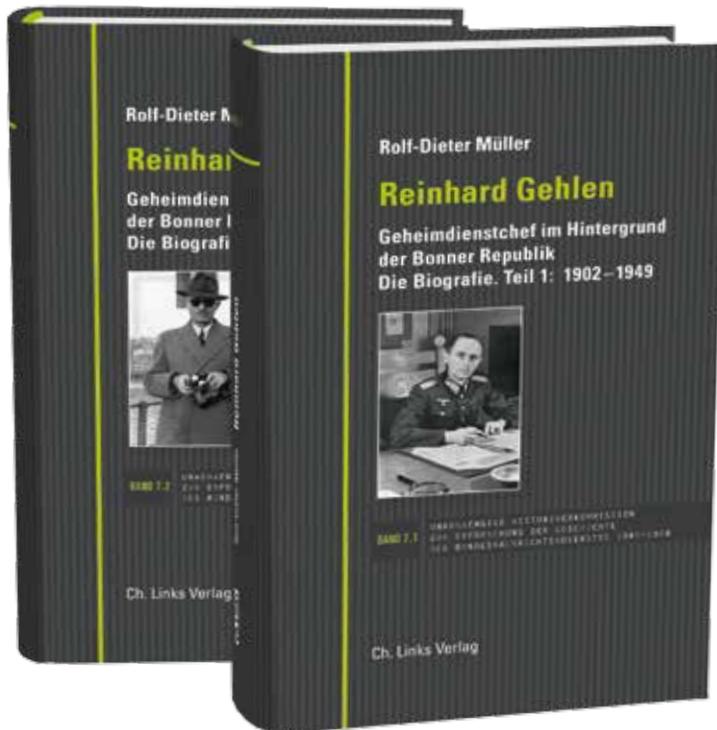
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Reinhard Gehlen was one of the most controversial political figures in the early Federal Republic of Germany. Once a high-ranking co-architect of the war against the Soviet Union, in 1945 he switched sides, continuing his battle from within the U.S. Army. The “Gehlen Organization” later developed into West Germany’s Federal Intelligence Service. Some saw in Gehlen a compliant tool of the Americans and of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Today he’s considered a schemer and con- niver who used every means in his power – employing former Nazi staff and using his „special political connections“ on the domestic front – to pull the strings of power from behind the scenes. In 1962, after the Felfe and Spiegel affairs, he fell out of favor with Adenauer and the BND went into decline, its efficiency crippled by the loss of Gehlen’s leadership.

The life of Reinhard Gehlen has been reconstructed in a unique project with unparalleled access to secret-service files. This once mysterious representative of the war and reconstruction generation is now revealed in his many facets, his contradictions and achievements alike.

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