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### **‘Prof. Dr. Frank Bösch new director of the Centre for Contemporary History in Potsdam’**

Prof. Dr. Frank Bösch was appointed as the new director of the Centre for Contemporary History (ZZF) Potsdam on 1 October 2011. The 41 year old historian, who at the same time accepted the post of Professor for German and European 20<sup>th</sup> Century History at the University of Potsdam, directs the renowned institute henceforth together with Prof. Dr. Martin Sabrow. The constantly growing ZZF is again after six years headed up by two directors.

The research of Bösch covers several topics from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. He received his doctorate at the University of Göttingen on ‘Adenauer-CDU’ in the area of political social history. Afterwards he taught as a junior professor at Bochum University where he researched scandals and changes in norms in Germany and Great Britain from a cultural historical perspective. As a professor in Giessen he dealt with media history. Bösch initiated several large externally funded projects. He was Speaker of the DFG Graduate College ‘Transnational Media Events’ and lead the projects ‘Transformation of Religion in Modernity’, ‘Images of Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century’ and ‘Cultural Techniques and their Medialisation’.

An objective of Bösch while at ZZF is to combine productively political, social and cultural history. A current research focus of his is the transnational transformation processes in the 1970s and 1980s.

*The Centre for Contemporary History is an interdisciplinary research institute based in Potsdam, Germany. The Centre’s focus is contemporary German and European history. The ZZF is an institute of the Leibniz Association (WGL). The institute’s academic research is currently organised in five departments: Communism and Society; Economic and Social Change during the Twentieth Century; Changing Concepts of the Political: Rights, Norms and Semantics; Regimes of the Social Sphere: Mobilisation, Welfare State, and Rationalisation during the Twentieth Century; Contemporary History of Media and Information Societies*