

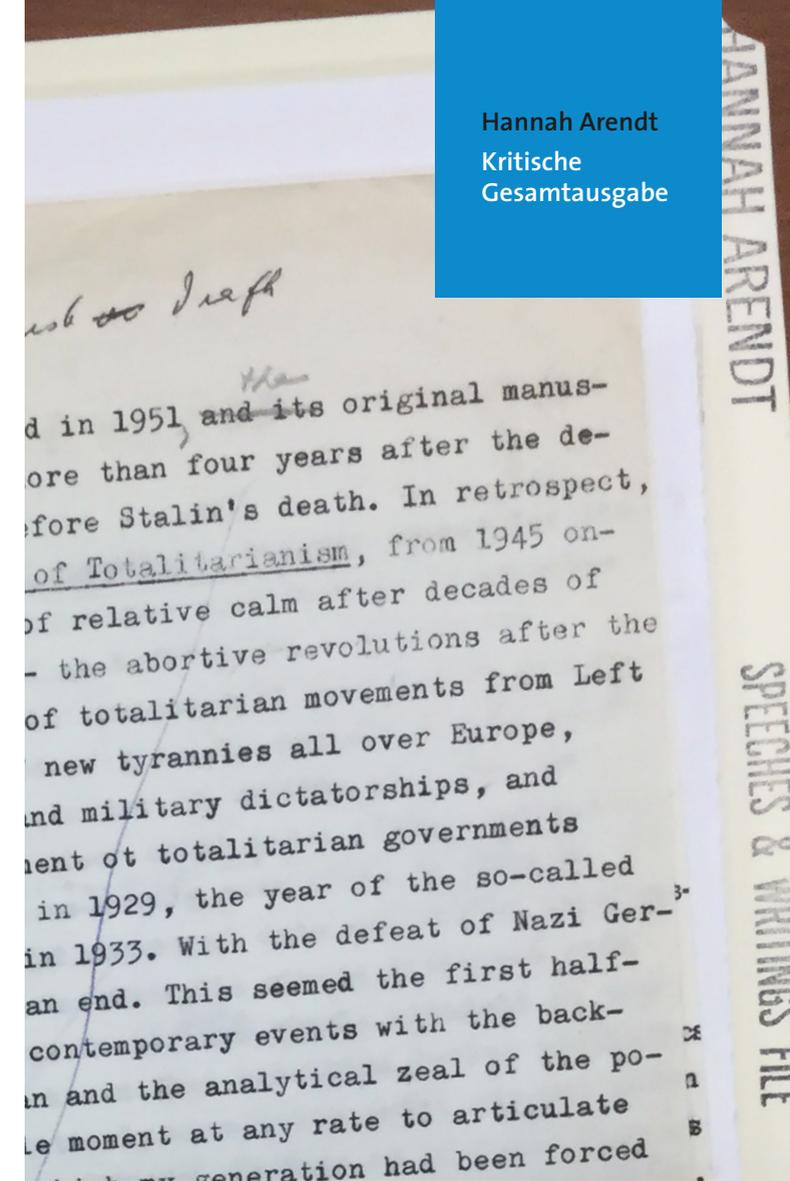
Hannah Arendt's
"THE ORIGINS OF
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International Conference
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The Origins of Totalitarianism, first published in 1951, was a milestone in the professional biography of Hannah Arendt; likewise it was a milestone in the intellectual history of the 20th century. The book turned Arendt into a public intellectual virtually overnight. Though she was not the first person to use the adjective "totalitarian" when speaking of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union under Stalin, she wrote the one book on totalitarianism that would, in the longue durée, become the most influential one by far. It is now considered one of the most important books of the 20th century. With it, Arendt had intervened not only in an academic discourse, but also in a highly current debate on the nature of communist rule and history which is why it soon got tangled up in Cold War politics. Today, her insights into the origins of totalitarianism have a haunting timeliness.

Scholars from different disciplines will, for the first time, discuss the newly edited, annotated and commented material from Arendt's seminal study of totalitarianism.



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the years I spent writing The Origins of Totalitarianism, from 1945 on-
 would appear to be the first period of relative calm after decades of

PROGRAM:

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022

12:30 *Arrival*

12:45-13:00 Welcome and Introduction, Barbara Hahn

13:00-13:30 Welcoming Address, President of the Freie Universität Berlin

13:30-14:00 Annette Vowinckel (ZZF Potsdam / Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): On the Antisemitism Part

14:00-14:15 *Break*

14:15-14:45 Friedbert Rüb (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): On the Imperialism Part

14:45-15:15 Hanno Berger / Christian Pischel (Freie Universität Berlin): On the Totalitarianism Part

15:15-15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45-16:15 Ingo Kieslich (Freie Universität Berlin): On the Digital Edition of Arendt's Works

16:15-17:15 Q&A with the Editors

17:15-17:30 *Break*

17:30-18:30 Keynote: Ilija Trojanow
 Die W:orte der Macht. Totalitäre Räume und literarische Träume
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18:30 *Reception*

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

Panel 1: Antisemitism

09:30-10:30 Helmut Walser Smith (Vanderbilt University): Anti-Semitism: Its Place in Arendt's *Origins* and in Emerging Interpretations of the Catastrophe

10:30-11:30 Rebecca Wittmann (University of Toronto): Arendt, Antisemitism and Eichmann: Enduring Questions on Motivation

11:30-11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45-12:45 Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (Technische Universität Berlin): Recent Trends in the Historiography on Antisemitism

12:45-13:45 *Lunch Break*

Panel 2: Imperialism

13:45-14:45 Hans-Jörg Sigwart (RWTH Aachen): The Experience of Expansion. Arendt's Characterological Interpretation of Imperialism

14:45-15:45 Jan Maximilian Robitzsch (Universität Greifswald): The Development of Hannah Arendt's Thoughts on Human Rights

15:45-16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00-17:00 Derek Penslar (Harvard University): Arendt, Zionism, and Colonialism

19:00 *Conference Dinner*

Friday, Oct. 21, 2022

Panel 3: Totalitarianism

09:30-10:30 Thomas Lindenberger (Hannah Arendt-Institut, Dresden): Between History, Memory Politics and "The Burden of Our Time": The Case of "Totalitarianism"

10:30-11:30 Juliane Fürst (ZZF Potsdam / Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): Late Socialism and Totalitarianism: A History in Two Acts

11:30-11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45-12:45 Marcel Stoetzler (Bangor University, Wales): Totality and Total Domination: The Concept of Totalitarianism in Arendt and in Critical Theory

12:45-13:45 *Lunch Break*

Panel 4: Methods, Concepts and Reception

13:45-14:45 Amir Engel (Hebrew University, Jerusalem): Between the Hate and the Love of Israel: Hannah Arendt in Jerusalem

14:45-15:00 *Coffee Break*

15:00-16:00 Round Table Discussion moderated by the Editors

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