



The German Police and the Nazi Regime

– A Historical Research Project of the
German Police University, Münster

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Basic conditions

- Conference of the ministers of interior decided in April 2008 to launch a project about the police of the Nazi-Regime
- German Police University was given the task to realize it
- Duration of the project: 3 Years
- Financial resources: 1,3 Mio €

Features

Essential parts:

- Temporary exhibition at the German Historical Museum (DHM), Berlin (April – August 2011)
- Preparation of a permanent exhibition module condensed on 17 display boards
- Producing teaching material for the general and advanced training of the police (completed Dec. 2012)

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Cooperation

- Deutsches Historisches Museum, Berlin
- Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, Bonn
- Villa ten Hompel, Münster
- Haus der Wannseekonferenz, Berlin
- Polizei Berlin
- Fachhochschule Polizei Brandenburg, Oranienburg
- **Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb), arte**
- Bayerisches Armeemuseum Ingolstadt



Progress

- **International Symposium in may 2009**
- Temporary exhibition at DHM – (04/2011-08/2011)
- Permanent exhibition module distributed to the education institutions of all german police forces in Dec 2011
- Teaching material – produced in cooperation with German Federal Agency of Political Education – published in Dec 2012



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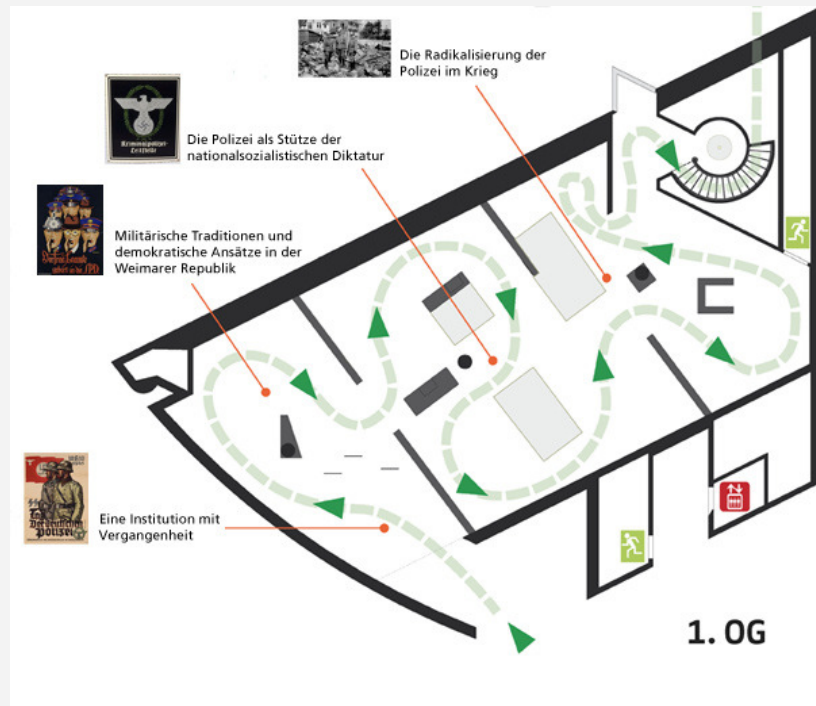
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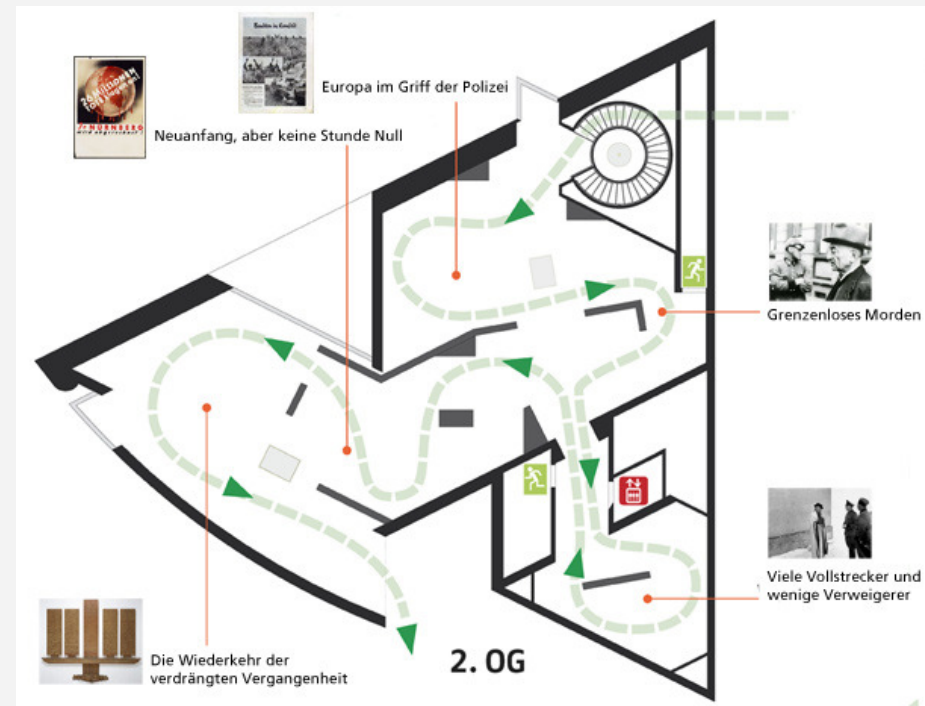
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Exhibition DHM



1. OG



2. OG

500 Objects on 900 qm and two levels - 30 media stations

didactic explanation

Some Reasons to deal with police history - in general

- Relationship between Police and Politics is difficult!
- German police is on its way to set up a community police service
- The self-image of a community police needs a historical reflected analysis about the position of police in a democracy



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Why should we deal with the Police of the Nazi-Regime

- Quintessence of the experiences with the Nazi-Regime , Abs. 1, Satz 1 GG):

Human dignity is inviolable!

(Art. 1 of our constitution)

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Some more reasons to deal with the police of the Nazi Regime in particular: teaching this subject

- describes as an extreme example what happens if the work of the police is not limited by legal restrictions
- shows endangerments of police work
- and vice versa makes sure what correct police work means in a democracy
- is to ensure policemen and –women about their role in our democratic society



Teaching material

„Not limited by legal restrictions“

- is the title of our teaching material
- which has the following layout
- nine chapters like „The German police and the Holocaust“ etc.
- Every chapter has an introductory text, followed by documents, diagrams, pictures etc. to work with
- and suggestions how to use them