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Tuesday **5 March 2024** 7.00 pm

## **The Nazi Genocide of the Sinti and Roma in Europe** Presentation of an Online Encyclopaedia

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**live stream**

Words of welcome:

Romani Rose, Central Council of German Sinti and Roma and Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma, Heidelberg  
Ambassador Dr Robert Klinke, Special Representative of the Federal Foreign Office for Relations with Jewish Organisations, Issues Relating to Antisemitism, International Affairs of the Sinti and Roma and Holocaust Remembrance, Berlin

Presentation of the online encyclopaedia: Dr Karola Fings, Heidelberg

Comments: Prof Dr Michael Wildt and Dr Jane Weiß (both Berlin)

Moderation:

Dr Andrea Riedle, Director of the Topography of Terror Documentation Centre, Berlin

Participation is possible on site (with registration) or via live stream:

**Topography of Terror Auditorium**

Niederkirchnerstraße 8, Berlin-Kreuzberg

- Admission free -

**[www.topographie.de/livestream/](http://www.topographie.de/livestream/)**

Simultaneous translation into English will be provided.

Under National Socialist rule, hundreds of thousands of Sinti and Roma were persecuted and murdered in Germany and other European countries. The aim of the Nazi state and its racial ideology was the Europe-wide extermination of the minority. The pioneering international project presented here brings together the scattered knowledge about the National Socialist genocide in its European dimension in a large-scale encyclopaedia. More than 80 academics from Germany and abroad are currently working on the project, which is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. With the launch, the encyclopaedia, which is being created in German and English in cooperation with the Centre for Digital Systems at Freie Universität Berlin, will be accessible online for the first time. It will grow to around 1,000 specialist articles by the end of 2025 and represent a milestone for research and educational work on the Nazi genocide of the Sinti and Roma in Europe.

Karola Fings is head of the project "Encyclopaedia of the Nazi Genocide of the Sinti and Roma in Europe" at the Research Centre on Antigypsyism in Heidelberg. She has published numerous works on the Nazi persecution of Sinti and Roma.

Michael Wildt is a retired professor of German history in the 20th century with a focus on National Socialism at Humboldt University in Berlin and a member of the academic advisory board of the encyclopaedia project.

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