

INVITATION TO A MEDIA CONFERENCE

Friday, 9 October 2026, 11 am

NEVER AGAIN!

AGAINST FORGETTING THE CRIMES OF THE NAZI REGIME

11 October 2026 – 2 May 2027

What is the current state of memory culture in Germany with regard to the crimes of the NS regime, and what challenges lie ahead? The exhibition *Never Again! Against Forgetting the Crimes of the Nazi Regime* at the Bundeskunsthalle explores the changing ways in which the crimes of the Nazi regime are remembered through artistic reflection as well as through historical testimony and objects, and examines how memory can be kept alive when, in the coming years, there will be hardly any surviving victims of the Nazi regime left to recount their experiences. The focus will be on the discipline of art, its potential and its diverse ways of supporting the work of remembrance.

The exhibition, to which leading experts such as Eva Umlauf, President of the International Auschwitz Committee, and Jens-Christian Wagner, Director of the Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation, have contributed, focuses on key questions surrounding memory culture, and presents methods to combat forgetting and promote remembrance across five chapters: the need to communicate the facts of what happened, the importance of preserving the crime sites and carrying out ongoing forensic research at memorial sites, the role of memorials in strengthening marginalized groups of victims, the memories of individuals and families passed down through the generations since 1933 and the shared responsibility of preserving a cultural memory, the pressing questions surrounding digital methods of remembrance and the future of memory culture. Each of these chapters also addresses current efforts to suppress remembering the crimes of the Nazi regime.

We cordially invite you to a media conference on Friday, 9 October 2026, 11 am in the Forum of the Bundeskunsthalle.

The exhibition opens at 10 am.

Speaking:

- Eva Kraus, Director, Bundeskunsthalle
- Henriette Pleiger, Curator, Bundeskunsthalle
- Jens-Christian Wagner, Curator, Director of the Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation
- Rikola-Gunnar Lüttgenau, Curator, Strategic Communications Unit / Press officer of the Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation
- Sven Bergmann, Press officer, Bundeskunsthalle

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We look forward to your participation and visit.

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the Media

With works by Christian Boltanski, Maria Eichhorn, Harun Farocki, Hans Haacke, Käthe
Kollwitz, Henrike Naumann, Marcel Odenbach, Gerhard Richter, Gregor Schneider, Luc
Tuymans, Wolf Vostell, amongst many others

NEW DATE!

The exhibition will open on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 6.00 pm (previously Sunday 11
October) in the presence of Wolfram Weimer, Minister of State and Federal Government
Commissioner for Culture and the Media, and Eva Umlauf, President of the International
Auschwitz Committee.

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