

Israel – West Germany Relations 1948-1990

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M.A Seminar, Spring Semester, Tuesday 12:00-16:00 (March-May)

The course will discuss the relations between Israel and West Germany from the creation of the two states, Israel in 1948 and West Germany in 1949, until the reunification of Germany in 1990. We will analyze how the two countries dealt with the memory of the Holocaust and how this memory shaped the bilateral relations between the two states. We will discuss prominent and controversial affairs such as the signing of the Reparations Agreement, arms deals, the Eichmann trial, the establishment of diplomatic relations, the murder of Israeli athletes in Munich and more.

We will evaluate the relations between the two countries by a critical analysis of primary sources from the examined period (for example: reports of diplomats, speeches, parliamentary debates and more) and assess them with prominent secondary literature.