



Book Publication

Child Murder and “Special Children’s Wards” in Nazi Europe: Commemoration and Historical Research

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■ This project presents new information on the multifaceted topic of the so-called “**special children’s wards**” during World War II in regard to both cultures of commemoration as well as historical research. The topic relates to research on and commemoration of the victims of National Socialism in general, as well as the history of the events and the perpetrators involved in them. The planned volume will appear with Peter Lang Publishing in 2011. It will include about 180 pages and a series of pictures.

■ On the basis of several years of research at various locations, Lutz Kaelber provides a cornerstone essay on the **culture of commemoration in Europe concerning the “special children’s wards.”** Raimond Reiter presents original research on issues of evidence of intentional killing in the “special children’s wards” as well as changes in the landscape of commemoration affecting how victims of National Socialism in psychiatric institutions are remembered.

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