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## Near Eastern Archaeology, Prisoners of War and German Jihad. Excavations at the 'Halfmoon' Camp at Wünsdorf near Berlin



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### Abstrakt:

“We Germans, our people, are the only people in the world who have planted a monument of shame in the heart of its capital.” This quote from Björn Höcke, prominent member of the right-wing party “Alternative for Germany” (AfD), from January 2017 referred to the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin. The statement reflects the current dynamics in a growing segment of the German population. Originating from a deep-rooted racism that has never disappeared, such sentiments can once again be articulated publicly.

I will discuss several issues related to tensions in German understandings of the past, cultural heritage and collective memory: the development of Germany's mnemonic landscape, the consequences of an attendant amnesia concerning Germany's colonialism, and an archaeological engagement with a World War I prisoner of war camp. That camp, including Germany's oldest mosque, was designed in 1915 to promote Islamist extremism and can be seen as the first state-run terrorist training camp. The radicalization strategy of the German Reich failed miserably. I retrace these past abuses of a religion for politico-military reasons and discuss the 2015 excavations at the site of the former prisoner camp as a case of an archaeology that deliberately intervenes in present political disputes.

**Prof. Bernbeck** absolvoval na Université de Paris I/Sorbonne dějiny umění a archeologii. Ve studiích pokračoval na Freie Universität Berlin a Michigan University, Ann Arbor, kde se zaměřil na archeologii, asyriologii a etnologii. Prof. Bernbeck získal doktorát na Freie Universität Berlin, kde i habilitoval. Během své kariéry přednášel také na Bryn Mawr College a Binghamton University. Publikoval příspěvky na širokou škálu témat od neolitických komunit přes strukturu starověkých říší až po archeologii moderny. Jedním z jeho mnoha hlubších zájmů je i archeologická teorie.