

Polizei und autoritäre Ordnungen: Praxis, Alltag und Erinnerung
Police and Authoritarian Order: Practices, Everyday Life Patterns and
Remembrances

32. Kolloquium zur Polizeigeschichte
32nd Colloquium on Police History

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Organizer: Stephan Linck, Evangelische Akademie der Nordkirche – in cooperation with the
Polizeimuseum Hamburg and the Stiftung Hamburger Gedenkstätten und Lernorte
Conference venue: Akademie der Polizei Hamburg

Proposal Deadline: March 10th, 2023

The notion of law-and-order-maintenance, when talking about the police, indicates that not only the law, but 'order' as well belongs to the core issues of police strategies and practices. The centrality of 'order' is not only the result of specific repressive police traditions (in German: obrigkeitsstaatlich, in the Anglo-American world: public order policing), but very much due to the police's significant role when maintaining and securing a socio-economic and political status quo. Additionally: 'Order' pertains to the internal structuring and functioning of the police as well.

Quite often, these overall notions of 'order' converge with authoritarian police patterns – not only in regard to the mutual relationships between the police and the public, but also in regard to internal police structures, cultures and processes. This overlap of overall authoritarian patterns and police characteristics to be labelled as authoritarian pertains not only to police and politics under authoritarian and dictatorial regimes, authoritarian police patterns are compatible with democratic political systems as well.

The 32nd colloquium on police history is to explore two core issues of this field:

- 1.) Elaborating the relationships between the police and patterns of authoritarian order
- 2.) Trying to figure out, how these relationships have been dealt with by different approaches/institutions covering police history, e.g., by academically trained historians, by memorials, by museums, by members of the police themselves, and by others, resulting in some kind of public (police) history.

Conference language: German and English.

Please send a proposal (title, one-page-summary, short biographical notice to: [e-kultur@akademie.nordkirche.de](mailto:kultur@akademie.nordkirche.de), reference: 32. Kolloquium zur Polizeigeschichte. **The deadline for proposals: March 10th, 2023.**

It is intended to cover the travel costs of the speakers, but the acquisition of funds for financing the travel costs of the speakers has not been finalized yet.