

# **The *Lancet* Report on Medicine, Nazism, and the Holocaust: Historical Evidence, Implications for Today, Teaching for Tomorrow**

## **Berlin Launch**

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 2-4:30 pm

Venue: Charité Medizinhistorisches Museum – Historical Lecture Hall (*Hörsaalruine*),  
Virchowweg 16, 10117 Berlin, Germany  
and online

Convener: *The Lancet*, and *Lancet* Commission on Medicine, Nazism, and the Holocaust

Co-Hosts: Charité (Institute for the History and Ethics of Medicine)  
Max Planck Society  
Robert Koch-Institute

## **Programme**

### **Opening**

Prof. Herwig Czech, Sabine Hildebrandt, MD, Prof. Shmuel Reis (Co-chairs, *Lancet* Commission)  
Prof. Volker Roelcke, Prof. Carola Sachse (members, *Lancet* Commission & local organizers)

*Chair:* Prof. Carola Sachse (member, *Lancet* Commission)

### **Greetings**

- Miriam Sabin, PhD, North American Executive Editor, *The Lancet*
- Prof. Dr. Heyo K. Kroemer, Chairman, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin (co-host)
- Prof. Dr. Lars Schaade, President, Robert Koch-Institute (co-host)
- Prof. Dr. Arno Villringer, Max-Planck Society (co-host)
- Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler, President, Freie Universität Berlin

### **Presentation of the**

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### **Responses by survivors and representatives of the victims**

- survivors of forced experiments by Josef Mengele (names to be announced; per video)
- Margret Hamm, representative of the *Bund der „Euthanasie“-Geschädigten und Zwangssterilisierten* (Society of victims of forced sterilization, and relatives of „euthanasia“ victims)
- Hartmut Traub, nephew of „euthanasia“ victim

### **Invited statements by representatives of medical associations and institutions:**

***Medicine and the biomedical sciences during the Nazi period and the Holocaust: What do you see as the implications for today and tomorrow? What is the commitment of your institution?***

- Israel Medical Association: Prof. Zion Hagay, MD (per video)
- American Medical Association: Prof. Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD (per video)
- German Medical Association (*Bundesärztekammer*): Dr. Klaus Reinhardt
- World Medical Association (WMA): to be confirmed
- Max Planck Society: Professor Arno Villringer
- Robert Koch-Institute: Professor Lars Schaade

### **Statements by German federal political institutions**

- German Ethics Council (*Deutscher Ethikrat*): Prof. Alena Buyx
- Federal Government Commissioner for Matters relating to Persons with Disabilities, Jürgen Dusel

### **Questions**

### **Closing Remarks**

Co-chairs of the *Lancet* Commission

### ***Reception***