



# Higher Walls: The Challenging Transition of East-Germany since 1990

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Beit Maiersdorf, Mount Scopus Campus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:30-16:45

Gathering and Refreshments

16:45-17:00

Chair:

**Prof. Tomer Broude** / Academic Director of the Minerva Center for Human Rights, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Introductory Remarks:

**Amb. Clemens von Goetze** / Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Israel

17:00-17:45

Keynote Lecture:

**Dr. Anna Kaminsky** / Director of the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, Berlin

17:45-19:00

Discussion:

**Prof. Manuela Consonni** / Director of The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Moderator:

**Dr. Anja Mihr** / DAAD visiting lecturer at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



Dr. Anna Kaminsky

East Germany's political transition and Transitional Justice processes have faced major political and societal challenges since 1990. Not only did the country have to deal with its own communist and unjust past in legal and political terms, it also had to reconcile and unite with a different West Germany society that had developed different political and historical narratives since 1945. Dr. Anna Kaminsky, Director of the Federal Foundation for dealing with the GDR, will give a Keynote lecture highlighting the difficulties and challenges of reuniting and reconciling East German military and political elites into the new united German political and societal regime. The lecture will be followed by a discussion with Prof. Manuela Consonni from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Dr. Anja Mihr, DAAD visiting lecturer at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, highlighting some of the measures and mechanism of coming to terms with the past, and the unreconciled issues among formerly divided societies or countries - in the case of Germany more than a generation after unification of East and West in 1990.

Pre-registration is required: <https://goo.gl/forms/FHPJaGeNnoVRgV2C3>

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