



# Tübingen Korean Studies Lecture Series

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## Deutschlands Einfluss auf die koreanische Gedenkkultur nach 1990 - Jüdisches Museum, Holocaust-Mahnmal und Topographie des Terrors (in German)

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This lecture shows how South Koreans over the last two decades have discussed and appropriated German commemorative culture in dealing with their own troubled past. The first section will show how the German experience has become a reference point for many Koreans. The second section examines Korean discourse on German commemorative culture, related to three key memorial sites in Berlin—the Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum, 2001), the Holocaust-Mahnmal (Holocaust Memorial, 2005), and the Topographie des Terrors (the Topography of Terror, 2010). The last section will show how Koreans have not merely appropriated but also applied elements of German commemorative culture in reckoning with the misuse and abuse of public power committed during the Korean War and by the military dictatorship.