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# How the Chancellor's Office defends a system of historical falsification ...

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Globke (2nd row center) in Bratislava, 1941, with Nazi Interior Minister Frick (1st row 3rd from left). [Image: Bundesarchiv, CC-BY-SA 3.0](#)

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**... and what role the Konrad Adenauer Foundation plays in it. New BND documents provide circumstantial evidence of how the historical truth is to be concealed**

Some authorities have now come to terms with their Nazi past before and after 1945. Even the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) has had an external commission conduct research in its archives. Only one institution persistently refuses to do so, the Federal Chancellery.

And this is related to one person in particular: Hans Globke, commentator on the Nuremberg Race Laws, high official in Hitler's Reich Ministry of the Interior and later all-powerful secretary of state of Konrad Adenauer's CDU Federal Chancellor.

Since the 1950s, Globke had been at the center of criticism as a symbol of Nazi continuity in the Bonn state. It came from the Eastern bloc, from the West German opposition - only it did not come from Israel. In 1960, the Chancellor's Office gave the BND a special assignment to make sure that Globke's name was not mentioned at the trial in Jerusalem of SS man Adolf Eichmann.

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And the Pullach service, then under the command of Nazi Major General Reinhard Gehlen, worried. It sensed a "communist smear campaign" against "Globus," as it called Adenauer's secretary of state internally. The GDR published books about him and put Globke on trial in absentia.

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To this day, the chancellor's office - with the exception of a few historical slips always in the hands of the Christian Democrats - ensures that the Globke files remain under lock and key. Globke simply took them home with him when he left office, and his heirs gave them to the party-affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS).

And this private institution handles the estate, including classified and "secret"-stamped documents, as the C parties wish. Some historians or would-be historians have been fed these official documents and others have not. Preference is given to KAS scholars.

Even the Federal Constitutional Court had made it clear in 2017, in a ruling I won, that these files were still federal property. Yet the Chancellor's Office stubbornly refuses to send these files to the Federal Archives, where they belong according to the Federal Archives Act.

My constitutional complaint is pending, and attorney David Werdermann would like to see a "put his foot down, especially since the court has already ruled in the previous proceedings that the privatization of official records is not okay." But the judges in Karlsruhe seem to be in no hurry. My criminal complaint for receiving stolen goods was dismissed. German prosecutors are bound by instructions; they are subordinate to the ministerial hierarchy, and there politics calls the shots.

## **The case of Lithuania**

Globke had not only commented on the Nuremberg Race Laws, thus creating the legal basis for the disenfranchisement of the Jewish population, but as a Ministerial Director in the Reich Ministry of the Interior he had played a decisive role in the confiscation of the assets of Jews who had become stateless, including in the occupied eastern territories. And he had even represented the Nazi state in the international arena.

For example, in Lithuania, in 1939, the German foreign minister had given his counterpart in Vilnius the choice of either ceding the Memel region to the German Reich immediately and by treaty, or risk being overrun by the Wehrmacht.

The Lithuanian government bowed to the ultimatum. Globke signed this treaty. As the spokesman for the German delegation, he enforced that the Jews who had fled from the Memel region to Lithuania were not recognized as Lithuanian citizens and that their assets left behind thus fell to the Nazi state.

However, Globke did not succeed in having the fugitives deprived of their German citizenship. But the military attack on the Baltic countries was only a matter of time. A few weeks after the signing of the treaty, [Globke found comforting words in a technical essay](#):  
<https://theologie-geschichte.de/ojs2/index.php/tg/article/viewArticle/471/510>

"However, provision has been made to expatriate them as soon as possible after the treaty enters into force and before they return to Germany. "

*Hans Globke*

Conservative historians also regard the annexation of the Memel region as forced and Globke as an accomplice to this blackmail. After all, his name is written under the treaty. But the Adenauer Foundation spares neither expense nor effort to usurp the sovereignty of interpretation. In their eyes, the commentator on the racial laws was just a cog in the Nazi machinery and at heart an advocate of the Jews.

## **The academic defender of Globke**

While the KAS had denied other researchers complete access to the Globke estate, the student Erik Lommatzsch was allowed to evaluate these files for years. In his master's thesis as well as in his doctoral thesis he devoted himself to Globke, published books, and is considered a "Globke expert". For his master's thesis, the Adenauer Foundation granted him a generous scholarship; for his doctoral thesis, the money came from the [Hanns Seidel Foundation, which is close to the CSU](#).  
[ <https://literaturkritik.de/id/14007> ] Financier and research object were thus identical.

Since then, Lommatzsch has been spreading the word that negotiator Globke in Lithuania had interceded on behalf of the refugees:

"Globke (had) suggested that the Jews residing in the Memel region, including those who had immigrated after the seizure of power, be made Lithuanian citizens. However, this was rejected by the representatives of the Lithuanian government. "

As "proof" of the alleged Lithuanian rejection of the German proposal, he refers in the footnote to a statement by one Juozas Sakalauskas dated July 20, 1963, coincidentally a few days before the GDR verdict against Globke.

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Sakalauskas had been the chairman of the Lithuanian negotiating delegation in July 1939 and later lived in Munich. This statement, the footnote reveals, is supposed to be in the KAS archive. But Lommatzsch does not mention who this man is.

## New BND documents

In the course of my lawsuit for file release before the Federal Administrative Court, the BND has made some new files accessible. There you will find revealing information about Globke, such as a note from the head of the BND from the fall of 1960. The secretary of state had informed Gehlen that Sakalauskas had contacted him and that he wanted to receive him.

The zone wanted to prove that Globus had signed the treaty, that he had had particularly close relations with Hitler and that a treaty had been imposed on the Lithuanians against their will. Globus could remember that the treaty was based in essential parts on Lithuanian proposals.

Globke asked Gehlen for further information. He was to persuade Sakalauskas to "issue a certificate for Globus" stating that the annexation of the Memel region had been a proposal by the Lithuanians. Gehlen cared; after all, the man was on the right side, he found. He called himself, he reported to Bonn, a "freelance journalist" and worked for *Radio Free Europe*, the CIA's Cold War propaganda station.

He had told the BND that he wanted to "protect Globke against Communist attacks." On December 13, 1960, BND agents accompanied the man to the Federal Chancellery for a tête-à-tête with "Globus." And in this way, Globke received his exculpatory statement, which ended up in the Adenauer Foundation and with which Lommatzsch was able to construct his thesis about the good man in the chancellor's office.

I gave Lommatzsch the opportunity to comment. He did not want to comment. A scientist would have done so.

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The lawsuits against the BND and the Chancellor's Office for the release of the historical documents are financed with crowdfunding, as are the films. Those who want to support this can do so via Paypal ([gaby.weber@gmx.net](mailto:gaby.weber@gmx.net)) or by bank transfer: Comdirect: IBAN DE53.2004.1155.0192.0743.00

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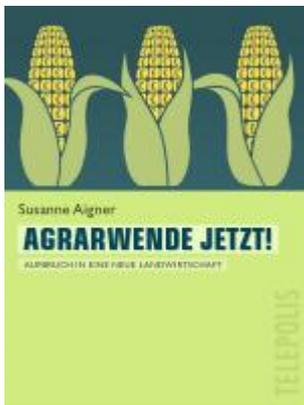
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