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# Flavio Del Ponte

Flavio Del Ponte was born in Switzerland in 1944. After studying medicine, he completed further training specializing in general surgery, traumatology, and war surgery. From 1986, he worked as a training instructor for war surgeons at various locations, including on behalf of the Red Cross and the WHO, as Chief Medical Officer of the UN mission in Africa and as Medical Advisor to the Secretary General for the UN Peacekeeping Operation in New York. From 1996 to 2009, as a doctor for Swiss Humanitarian Aid, he was also responsible for the international dossiers on mine action (Ottawa Convention) and bioterrorism.

## Dissonances

### The Adventurous Life of a Passionate Surgeon

Cambodia, Vietnam, Sahara, Rwanda - for forty years, surgeon Flavio Del Ponte was confronted with the suffering of war all over the world. Today, he looks in the rear-view mirror and sees himself as a young, hopeful doctor who traveled the world and ended up as a war surgeon. He almost doesn't notice how his profession and the roles offered to him change during this time: military, political, as a diplomat on the staff of the UN Secretary General and, last but not least, as a humanitarian aid worker. But at heart, he always remained a doctor with the firm idea of helping those who suffer.

*A war surgeon fights for peace.*



Original title:

*Dissonanzen*  
Das abenteuerliche Leben eines  
Chirurgen aus Leidenschaft

Original language: Italian

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350 pages

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# Gerd Ganteför

Professor Dr. Gerd Ganteför, born on 3 November 1956, studied physics at the University of Münster from 1977 to 1984 and completed his doctorate in nanotechnology at the University of Bielefeld in 1989. He remained loyal to this field both as a postdoctoral researcher in the USA and during his habilitation at Forschungszentrum Jülich. In 1997, he was appointed to the University of Konstanz, where he researched and taught until 2022. Since then, he has devoted himself to managing his consulting company based in Kreuzlingen in Thurgau.



## Plan B for the Climate

### Overcoming Climate Change with the Forces of Nature

It is getting warmer and the cause is carbon dioxide from burning coal, gas and oil. Politicians are calling for the extinction of humanity and demanding radical and unachievable measures. But there is a way beyond ideology. Oceans and land plants absorb half of the carbon dioxide every year. So if we reduce our emissions by half, the concentration of CO2 in the air would remain constant. In addition, the capacity of the sinks can be increased with gentle measures. It is a citizen-friendly path to the future that poorer countries can also follow.

*How ideology-free climate protection succeeds.*

Original title:

*Plan B für das Klima*  
Mit den Kräften der Natur den Klimawandel bewältigen

Original language: German

Publication in November 2024  
180 pages

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**SPiegel  
Bestseller-  
Autor**

Also available by Gerd Ganteför:



The Perplexing Fabric of Reality and the Boundaries of Physics

Publication in 2023, 192 pages  
15.000 copies sold

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# Heiner Flassbeck

Heiner Flassbeck was State Secretary from October 1998 to April 1999 at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Bonn, responsible for international affairs, the EU and IMF. He worked at UNCTAD since 2000; from 2003 to December 2012, he was director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies. Since January 2013 he is director of Flassbeck-Economics, a consultancy for global macroeconomic questions.



## Foundations of relevant Economics

"Fundamentals of Relevant Economics" is the name of the new book by Heiner Flassbeck. This book turns economics upside down. For the first time, without ideological blinkers, markets are consistently examined for their functioning within the framework of a dynamic development theory and fundamentally questioned, except for the majority of goods markets. Neither capital nor labour markets produce the results claimed by the vast majority of economists and assumed in all their economic policy recommendations. This book creates a completely new basis for economic policy.

*Basics for a new economic policy.*

Original title:  
*Grundlagen einer relevanten Ökonomik*

Original language: German

Publication in September 2024  
465 pages

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Also available by Heiner Flassbeck:



*The Atlas of World Economy 2022/2023*

Original language: German  
Publication in November 2022

128 pages, visual aids with up-to-date figures and facts

10.000 copies sold

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# Tom Krebs

Tom Krebs is Professor of Macroeconomics at the University of Mannheim and a scientific member of the Minimum Wage Commission. After studying physics in Hamburg, he completed a doctorate in economics at Columbia University. He has spent many years researching and teaching in the USA. His work examines the role of economic policy in times of crisis. He publishes in leading academic journals. Tom Krebs was the first visiting professor at the Federal Ministry of Finance. He has also worked as an economic policy advisor at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the US Federal Reserve.



## Misdiagnosis

### How Market-Liberal Economists are Ruining the Economy and Dividing Society

The German economy is in a bad state, the living standards of many people have fallen dramatically and the AfD is gaining support. In this book, the renowned economist Tom Krebs shows that a misdiagnosis by market-liberal economists and the corresponding wrong decisions by the German government are responsible for the poor situation in Germany. In order to save German prosperity and strengthen cohesion, German politicians must free themselves from the market-liberal mindset of the economists. This book shows how this can be done and which path leads out of the crisis.

*Freeing politics from the economists' market-liberal mindset.*

Original title:

*Fehldiagnose*  
Wie Ökonomen die Wirtschaft ruinieren und die Gesellschaft spalten

Original language: German

Publication in October 2024  
240 pages

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# Axel Bojanowski

Axel Bojanowski graduated from the University of Kiel with a degree in climate research. He has worked as a science journalist since 1997, including for Die Zeit, Nature Geoscience, Geo, Stern and the Süddeutsche Zeitung. He was an editor at Der Spiegel, then editor-in-chief at Bild der Wissenschaft and Natur. He has been chief reporter for science at WELT since August 2020. Bojanowski has written three non-fiction books. The Professional Association of German Geoscientists honored him in 2024 for his journalistic achievements.



## What You Always Wanted to Know About the Climate but never Dared to Ask

### Climate Change between Lobby Groups and Science

There is plenty of reading about climate change, but two types dominate the genre: one that dramatically warns of the apocalypse, and one that seeks to expose alarmism as a Trojan horse of political forces. Both ignore the essentials: On the one hand, science has convincingly demonstrated that there is a climate problem; on the other, it is in fact being exploited politically. So instead of falling into one of the two categories, this book tells the story of how the niche subject of meteorology became the defining topic of our time. This is by no means only because global warming brings with it manifest risks, but also because science is misused as a vehicle for power, influence and money.

*How lobby interests are hampering the solution to climate change.*

Original title:

*Was Sie schon immer übers Klima wissen wollten, aber bisher nicht zu fragen wagten*  
Der Klimawandel zwischen Lobbygruppen und Wissenschaft

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# Erich Vad

Dr. Erich Vad is a retired Brigadier General of the German Armed Forces, management consultant, publicist and university lecturer. From 2006 to 2013, he was group leader in the Federal Chancellery, member of the Federal Security Council and military policy advisor to then Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Erich Vad

Abschreckend oder erschreckend?

Europa ohne Sicherheit

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## Deterring or Frightening?

### Europe without Security

What does the South China Sea have to do with the Crimean Peninsula? Is the USA still our friend and helper? Speaking of which, what flag is Europe actually fighting under? Dr. Erich Vad, retired Brigadier General and military policy advisor to former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, provides answers: Europe needs sustainable security. And it won't come by itself, but only if we do something about it, and hopefully it will also come from Germany. Because if we want to preserve life as we know it and our freedom, then we must know our own - German and European - interests and act accordingly. This makes us a state and a continent that has the strength and influence to find and implement solutions. Erich Vad shows ways to prevent wars and preserve peace through credible military deterrence, defense capability and diplomacy.

*A book for anyone who wants to know what it takes to strengthen Europe and preserve peace.*

Original title:

*Abschreckend oder erschreckend?*  
Europa ohne Sicherheit

Original language: German

Publication in June 2024  
235 pages

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# Claudia Mende

Claudia Mende grew up in the USA, France, Jordan and Egypt, studied theology, political science and modern history in Bonn and Münster, graduated with a degree in theology, worked in development cooperation, then as a freelance author with focus on the Middle East and North Africa. Since 2020 she is editor at Qantara.de, Deutsche Welle's online magazine for dialogue with the Arab world.



## "We are different from what you think"

### Arab feminism

Arab women have been fighting for their rights for more than a hundred years. They are fighting against violence and for self-determination over their lives and their bodies. They demand equal rights and an end to male dominance. This book tells of their successes, but also of the obstacles in a difficult environment. It does not report on Arab women but lets them speak for themselves and thus paints a multi-faceted picture of Arab feminism.

*On the current debate on feminism and (post-) colonialism*

Original title:

„Wir sind anders, als ihr denkt“  
Der arabische Feminismus

Original language: German

Publication in September 2024  
160 pages

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# Bernhard Hommel

Bernhard Hommel, born in 1958, is a lecturer and researcher at TU Dresden and Shandong Normal University in Jinan, China. After studying psychology in Bielefeld and completing his doctorate in psychology, he worked at the Max Planck Institute for Psychological Research in Munich. He is now also a Senator of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. He lives in Kassel.



## We're Triggering ourselves to Death

### Psychogram of a Neurotic Society

In his new book, Bernhard Hommel answers the question of why more and more people are reaching their psychological limits and beyond, are constantly outraged or depressed, and are increasingly stressed and overwhelmed. It explains in a generally understandable way and without technical jargon that all these exceptional psychological states are neurotic in nature, what components human neuroses consist of, and that many important socio-political changes and fashions of recent years are predestined to create, fuel and permanently establish neurotic states in people. Hommel also explains what we can do to mitigate our neuroses and make our social environment mentally healthier.

*Why we are constantly outraged and overwhelmed.*

Original title:

*Wir triggern uns zu Tode*  
Psychogramm einer neurotischen Gesellschaft

Original language: German

Publication in August 2024  
160 pages

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# Andreas and Georg von Westphalen



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**Andreas von Westphalen** studied Comparative Literature, Modern German Studies and Philosophy in Bonn, Oxford and Freiburg. He is a director for theatre and audiobooks and also works as a journalist.

**Georg von Westphalen** studied human medicine in Cologne and works as a web designer for the pharmaceutical identification service DocCheck. He is a self-employed graphic designer for comics and games, and developed 'Bernd das Brot', a popular German Children's TV muppet.



## Help, I am Human!

### Astounding Answers to Existential Questions

This remarkable academic comic by Andreas and Georg von Westphalen is concerning itself with questions central to the nature of humans, and giving unexpected answers. Are humans egocentric or altruistic? Do we need healthy competition to increase our performance or do we prefer collaboration? Which behaviour enhances individual well-being and furthers our collective social welfare? This is an affectionately drawn graphic novel which sends us on a utopian journey to discover the true nature of humans through clever and humorous content.

Original title:  
*Hilfe, Ich bin ein Mensch!*  
*Verblüffende Antworten auf existenzielle Fragen*

Original language: German

Publication in September 2024  
248 pages, illustrations throughout

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*Current science meets surreal comics.*



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# Moshe Zuckermann

Moshe Zuckermann grew up in Tel Aviv as the son of Polish-Jewish Holocaust survivors. His parents emigrated to Frankfurt am Main in 1960. After returning to Israel in 1970, he studied at Tel Aviv University, where he taught at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas and headed the Institute for German History. Westend Verlag most recently published *Denk ich an Deutschland...* (2023, together with Moshe Zimmermann).



## Progress

### Life and Death of a Chimera

"World history is progress in the consciousness of freedom, a progress that we have to recognize in its necessity," said Hegel. This dictum can be regarded as paradigmatic for the optimism of progress during the Enlightenment. However, undeniable achievements of progress in all areas of life have always been accompanied by the downsides of the same progress. Moshe Zuckermann explores this dialectic in his essay. In the first part, he panoramically traces the theoretical dimensions, aspirations and contradictions of modernity, enlightenment and progress. In the second part, he looks at the empirical effects of this general complex on the areas of politics, society, technology, art and everyday life.

*What is progress?*

Original title:

*Fortschritt*  
Leben und Sterben einer Chimäre

Original language: German

Publication in August 2024  
144 pages

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# Hannah Broecker and Dennis Kaltwasser (eds.)

Hannah Broecker holds a doctorate in political science with a focus on political security discourses. She is currently working at the Institute for Communication Science and Media Research at the University of Munich on topics relating to the democratic public sphere, the quality of reporting, and, particularly, the establishment of new censorship regimes.

Dennis Kaltwasser is a linguist and habilitation candidate at the Institute of German Studies at the University of Giessen. His work focuses on the areas of language theory, media linguistics and political language use.



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## Media System and the Public Sphere in Crisis

Democracy and the media cannot be separated from each other in a mass society, as it is the responsibility of the media to provide citizens with orientation in the complex reality of society. In the context of the ongoing crisis discourses of recent years, both the foundations for democratic debate spaces and their social application have been called into question. This volume will therefore attempt to examine the state of the public debate space. The aim of the contributions in this book is to assess the current state and challenges of our (media) democracy and to discuss the opportunities and impulses that can arise from this analysis. The focus is on both the political discourse on democracy and the democratic constitution of the public sphere itself.

*The state of the public debating chamber.*

Original title:

*Mediensystem und öffentliche Sphäre in der Krise*

Original language: German

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list for 20 weeks**

## “I don't swim where the crocodiles are”

Sabine Kuegler grew up in the jungle of West Papua, Indonesia. Her book "Dschungelkind" became a worldwide bestseller. At the age of 17 she moved to Europe and experienced a culture clash. Today she lives in Hamburg, has children, friends and a job. But she is still torn between two worlds, and the inner struggle for her identity torments her. In the jungle, she learned that in order to survive, you have to become invisible - in the Western world, you have to be visible.

**Sabine Kuegler** was born in Nepal in 1972. At the age of five, she moved with her parents, both linguists, to the jungles of West Papua, Indonesia, where she spent her childhood and adolescence. At the age of 17, Kuegler left the jungle to complete her education in Switzerland. In 2005, she published her first book, *Dschungelkind* an international bestseller. In 2012, sick and abandoned by doctors, she returned to the jungle, where she lived with various tribes for almost five years, finally finding a cure.

Original title:

„Ich schwimme nicht mehr da, wo die Krokodile sind“

Original language: German

Publication of the special edition in October 2024

290 pages and many photos

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Reading Sample in English available



## Final questions What dying people want to know

At the end of a life, the unimportant things fade into the background and the big and fundamental questions arise. But what are the questions that emerge as central in the last hours of life? And how can they be dealt with? In his day-to-day work, pastor and Frankfurt hospital chaplain Matthias Struth encounters many people at the end of their lives who are thinking about the afterlife or dealing with their faith. Some people's faith is put to a tough test, others are only just emerging. Struth tells these stories with great ease and confidence, without taking away their seriousness.

**Matthias Struth** is a Catholic priest at the diocese of Limburg and preaches in the Liebfrauenkirche and in Frankfurt Cathedral. He has also been a hospital chaplain at the University Hospital in Frankfurt am Main. His focus is pastoral care on the palliative care unit.

Original title:

*Letzte Fragen*  
Was Sterbende wissen wollen

Original language: German

Publication in November 2024

180 pages

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## We Are Volcanoes The Eco Visionaries Rachel Carson, Lynn Margulis, Donna Haraway

The three scientists Rachel Carson, Lynn Margulis and Donna Haraway, whose lives and work are the subject of this book, have been exploring the question of how humanity has become alienated from nature since the 1950s. Against much resistance, they have crossed disciplinary boundaries and created new links between scientific research, philosophy, sociology and evolutionary theory. They posed the central questions that are more important than ever.

**Charlotte Kerner**, born in Speyer in 1950, studied economics and sociology in Mannheim. She worked on an urban sociology research project and later as a freelance journalist for ZEIT, GEO and EMMA, among others. She has long been active as a book author and has been honored with the "German Youth Literature Prize" and the "Schleswig-Holstein Literature Prize".

Original title:  
*We are Volcanoes*  
Die Ökovicisionärinnen Rachel Carson,  
Lynn Margulis, Donna Haraway

Original language: German

Publication in April 2024  
208 pages

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**SPIEGEL  
Bestseller**

## Germafia How the Mafia is taking over Ger- many

Mafia Republic of Germany? According to official information, there are more than 1000 mafiosi living in Germany, while Italian prosecutors speak of several thousand. Journalist and mafia expert Sandro Mattioli knows from numerous conversations with those affected, mafia dropouts, police officers and public prosecutors that the mafiosi see "unsuspecting Germany" as their prey and have long since begun to infiltrate society, the economy and politics in a targeted manner.

**Sandro Mattioli**, born in 1975, has been working as a journalist on the Italian mafia since 2009. In 2012, he was also elected president of mafianeidanke. Mattioli is regularly invited to lectures and conferences in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Original title:  
*Germafia*  
Wie die Mafia Deutschland  
übernimmt

Original language: German

Publication in May 2024  
320 pages

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## In the Prison of Moral Understanding and overcoming division

Why do our differences of opinion end in bitter feuds that divide us? Why can we no longer argue with each other in a civilized manner and part on friendly terms? Where does the embarrassing silence in families, among friends, colleagues and in the media come from? This book explains how we have become so alienated from each other, where this is leading society - and how new understanding can succeed..

**Dr. phil. Michael Andrick** holds a PhD in philosophy and is a columnist for the Berliner Zeitung. His first book was published in 2020 "Erfolgsleere". For the stylistic clarity and conciseness of his texts, he received the Jürgen-Moll-Price in 2022. Andrick lives in Berlin, where he works in the private sector. He publishes in Freitag, DLF Kultur, Welt and Weltwoche, among others.

Original title:

*Im Moralgefängnis*  
Spaltung verstehen und überwinden

Original language: German

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172 pages

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**SPIEGEL  
Bestseller**

## Woke Psychology of a culture war

Psychologist Esther Bockwytt analyzes that what was once thought of as progressive left-wing identity politics has long since crossed the threshold into a militant ideology. A generalized division of people into victim groups and privileged groups is used to determine who is allowed to say or do what and when. As critical as she is balanced and, above all, far removed from the shrill tones of the feature pages, Bockwytt captures the topic of wokeness from a psychological perspective for the first time and asks: How is a "woke psyche" composed when narcissism, conscientiousness or aggression exceed a healthy level?

**Esther Bockwytt** studied psychology and legal psychology at the Universities of Marburg, Cologne and Bonn. She works as a self-employed psychological assessor and is the owner of the diagnostically active diagnostic expert office "Die Gutachterinnen".

Original title:

*Woke*  
Psychologie eines Kulturkampfes

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224 pages

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# Timm Koch

Timm Koch studied philosophy at the FU and Humboldt University in Berlin, is an author and writes scripts for film and television. For many years, he was amazed at how the enormous potential of hydrogen was hushed up while at the same time wars were being waged over crude oil, the groundwater of entire regions was being contaminated by fracking and a turnaround in transportation based on environmentally harmful batteries was being initiated. He now sees the change: hydrogen will generate a megatrend. His most recent book was "Lasst uns Paradiese pflanzen!" (2021).



## Novel by Fiftyfifty

## Do you want total madness?

### A Nazi Novel

At the end of the Second World War, high-ranking Nazis withdrew to South America via a church-organized rat line. They live there with the complicity of the American secret service. The author combines this narrative strand with a fictional family story - the Kochs are, in a way, the link between real historiography and the guarded secret. A counterfactual story and narrative grotesque that pokes fun at official historiography with subtle humor.

*Hilarious: A counterfactual story and narrative grotesque.*

Original title:

*Wollt ihr den totalen Wahnsinn?*  
Der Nazi-Roman

Original language: German

Publication in November 2024

354 pages

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