

**Jacoba Zapf: “Die vergessenen Frauen von Aichach: Die Geschichte der Frauen in der nationalsozialistischen Strafanstalt Aichach“**

In the context of the Speaker Series “Intersectionality and Area Studies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” with the Leibniz ScienceCampus, REAF had the pleasure of welcoming Jacoba Zapf from the Frauenforum Aichach-Friedberg! Last Thursday, June 20, she gave a thought-provoking talk, titled “Die vergessenen Frauen von Aichach: Die Geschichte der Frauen in der nationalsozialistischen Strafanstalt Aichach,” in which she provided insight into the reappraisal of the history of the women imprisoned in Aichach prison during the Nazi Regime, the challenges it entailed, and the process of choosing and creating a monument in remembrance of them.

Jacoba Zapf highlighted how the imprisoned women’s status as perceived criminals had inhibited their recognition as victims of National Socialism long after the end of World War II, as well as the life-long intersectional oppression of these women due to infringements of their reproductive health and freedom. She also shared concrete insights into the work that has been and continues to be put into the project by the citizens’ initiative and their partners to realize the memorial and establish the project and its website as a platform for future research and commemoration.

The talk was also part of REAF’s Political Engagement, Responsibility, and Memory Event Series, which joins the realms of scholars' and practitioners' perspectives and highlights the socio-political responsibilities of academia in research, teaching, and public practice. We would like to thank Jacoba Zapf for the enriching talk and conversations as well as the audience for the intriguing discussion!



