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**Historian Christoph Cornelißen to be Gerda Henkel Visiting Professorship at the LSE and the German Historical Institute London**

The German Historical Institute London (GHIL), the International History Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the Düsseldorf Gerda Henkel Stiftung have, for the second time, awarded a Gerda Henkel Visiting Professorship for the topic 'Germany in Europe, 1945-2000'. From 1 October 2010 Prof. Dr. Christoph Cornelißen will research at the GHIL and teach at the LSE for one year. By means of this Visiting Professorship the Gerda Henkel Stiftung will be promoting Christoph Cornelißen's planned study of the British and German welfare states. Professor of Modern History at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel Cornelißen will be looking at which concepts of inequality and social justice have been discussed in Britain and the Federal Republic since the 1970s. As well as a major research project he also plans to hold a conference and a seminar on the topic.

**Christoph Cornelißen** studied history and English language and literature at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf and at the University of Stirling (Scotland). In 1991 he was awarded his doctorate for a work on 'The role of higher English civil servants in building in the British welfare state 1893–1919'. In 2000 he completed his *Habilitation* on 'Gerhard Ritter. A German Historian in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'. After a Temporary Professorship in Düsseldorf and a Guest Professorship at the Karls-Universität Prague he was appointed to a Chair in Kiel in 2003. Christoph Cornelißen's research interests are British history in the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of German and international historiography, the history of migration in Europe, methodology and theory in historical research, memorial cultures in international perspective and the history of Europe. He is currently preparing a 'History of Europe in the 20th Century' for the series 'Neue Fischer Weltgeschichte'.

The Gerda Henkel Visiting Professorship for the topic 'Germany in Europe, 1945-2000' was awarded for the first time in 2009. Its aim is to attract attention in Britain to the work of German contemporary historians on the history of the Federal Republic and the GDR and to inspire comparative studies on German history in a European context. The first Gerda Henkel Guest Professor was the Mannheim historian Prof. Dr. Johannes Paulmann.

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Prof. Dr. Christoph Cornelißen

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