

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Peace & Conflict Talk (PaCT) Risky, Uncertain, Threatening Where is the war headed, which conflicts break out?

The war is on. It continues with merciless harshness. Increasingly, countries are deciding to supply heavy weapons, including Germany. Wars are banal in their violence and all the more uncertain in their course.

Understanding the situation requires historical knowledge, because this war is set in motion from the beginning as a distorted history of memory. What can we learn about the present conflict and its possible political and social ramifications when we look at it from a historical perspective?

Wars and armed conflicts increases also risks and all the more we need to understand the societal risks and their dynamics. There is a blatant threat of World War 3 and at the same time the threat is instrumentalised. There can be no talk only of military risks, but of the comprehensive global social risks and uncertainties.

We want to come together again and exchange, try to understand, assess risks like history itself.

The third PaCT is pleased to have two renowned researchers from history and sociology share her thoughts with us in order to continue the common debate on conflict and the possibilities of peace.

12<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

4 - 5.30pm (s.t.)

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We are honored that following inputs provide a basis for discussion:

### **Prof. Dr. Christina Morina**

(Professor of General History with special emphasis on contemporary history at Bielefeld University)

Morina's research focuses on the history and posthistory of World War II, the role of "bystanders" in the Holocaust, questions of collective memory and historical politics, the political cultural history of divided Germany, GDR or East German history since 1989, the rise of right-wing populism, and the history of historiography.

### **A/Prof. Dr. Jens O. Zinn**

(T.R. Ashworth Associate Professor in Sociology, University of Melbourne/  
Awardee of the Alexander of Humboldt Foundation)

Zinn's research examines the different ways how societies and individuals manage risky uncertainties. This includes studies on the historical change of the discourse semantic of risk, individual ways of engaging with risk (e.g. youth, ex-soldiers), and the social responses to the coronavirus crisis..

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