

Open Archives 5th Conference with ArchivCamp!



The opening of the Stasi Records was a unique act following the Peaceful Revolution of 1989 turning the archive into a role model for many post-dictatorial societies. With the enactment of the Stasi Records Act on January 2, 1992, **citizens for the first time were able to view their files in order to clarify the influence the Stasi had on their fate**. The former Stasi headquarters meanwhile was turned into an educational site addressing issues of dictatorship and resistance, as well as a learning space for democracy. This unique location will be host to the fifth edition of the "**Open Archives**"-conference in Berlin, **to which we invite you on 4th and 5th of November 2019, on the 30th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution.**

Part of the program (german long-version: <https://archive20.hypotheses.org/7199>) are thought-provoking keynotes and short lectures and a panel discussion on archives, digital and cultural policy on November, 4th - with **Roland Jahn** (Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records), **Gerald Maier** (President of the State Archives of Baden-Wuerttemberg), **Helene Hahn** (Wikimedia Deutschland), **Erhard Grundl** (MdB, spokesman for cultural policy of the Alliance90 / The Green party's parliamentary group) and **Martin Rabanus** (MdB, spokesman for culture and media, SPD parliamentary group).

But the program has more to offer! **A BarCamp allows participants on both days of the conference the opportunity for low-threshold, but also intense discussion.** Topics can be contributed spontaneously. Established ways of thinking in the traditional world of archiving can be challenged! (BarCamp-session-call: <https://barcamptools.eu/offene-archive-2019/>)

Location: The Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records (BStU)

Stasi headquarters. Campus for Democracy

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More informations about "Open archives"-initiatives in Germany and the working-group via

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