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Prof. Philipp Gassert holds the Chair for Contemporary History at the University of Mannheim since 2014. He studied history and economics at the University of Heidelberg (Germany), the Catholic University of Angers (France), and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (USA). He received his Ph.D. and his degree of Habilitation from the University of Heidelberg, where he taught as Assistant and Associate Professor of History from 1999 to 2005. In 2005/06 he was a Visiting Professor for North American History at the Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, in 2006/07 DAAD Associate Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia (USA). In 2008/09 he served as Deputy Director of the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. (USA). From 2009 to 2014 he taught as Professor for Transatlantic Cultural History at the University of Augsburg (Germany). He has been a Visiting Professor of History at the University of Haifa (Israel) in 2012, and Sir Peter Ustinov Visiting Professor at the University of Vienna (Austria) in 2014.

Gassert is the co-founder of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) and served as its first Executive Director from 2003 to 2005. In 2011 he was elected Executive Director and member of the governing board of the German Association for American Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien, DGfA). He is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at the Free University Berlin, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin (Texas), the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the German Research Council (DFG). He is the co-editor of two book series (in German). He is a member among others of the Academic Advisory Board of the Foundation Point Alpha, which runs a memorial museum on the Cold War German-German border in Geisa (Thuringia) and of the President Theodor Heuss House in Stuttgart.

Philipp Gassert's research focuses on 20th-century international history, the history of transatlantic relations, post-1945 contemporary history as well as the history of protest. He is the author of *Amerika im Dritten Reich: Ideologie, Propaganda und Volksmeinung, 1933-1945* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1997), *Kurt Georg Kiesinger: Kanzler zwischen den Zeiten* (Munich: DVA, 2006), and co-author of *Kleine Geschichte der USA* (Stuttgart: Reclam, 2007, paperback 2008). He is co-editor of 15 edited volumes, including *1968 the World Transformed* (New York: Cambridge UP, 1998), *Germany and the United States in the Era of the Cold War, 1945-1990* (2 vols., New York: Cambridge UP 2004); *Coping with the Nazi Past: West German Debates on Nazism and Generational Conflict, 1955-1975* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2006); *"Entrüstet Euch!": Nuklearkrise, NATO-Doppelbeschluss und Friedensbewegung* (Paderborn: Schöningh, 2012). In 2014 he published a book-length survey on wars in American history (*Amerikas Kriege*, Darmstadt: Theiss, 2014).

Most recently, Gassert's work has focused on the cultural history of nuclear fear, the European and transatlantic peace and protest movements of the Cold War (see his article "Internal Challenges to the Cold War: Oppositional Movements in East and West." *Oxford Handbook on the Cold War*. Oxford 2013, pp. 433-450) and the political controversy about the 1979 NATO double-track decision. He is currently writing a global history of protest marches and street demonstrations from the 19th century to the present.

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