

## **Children of Occupation: Experiences in Education and Experiences of Difference in Familial Dialogue.**

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### **Abstract:**

The research project "Children of Occupation" focuses on the biographical memories of people born in Germany after the Second World War whose fathers were members of the allied forces. On the basis of biographical interviews, we will analyze the life stories of occupation children during childhood and youth in particular. The project intends to show how these people experienced their upbringing and sociocultural environment in post-war Germany, focusing both on the different occupation zones, as well as the early Federal Republic of Germany and the GDR. Further, the project asks how these experiences and stories were passed on to succeeding generations and as well as it considers the place of these stories within family memories.

### **Related articles / books / conferences:**

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"Besatzungskinder und Wehrmachtskinder – Auf der Suche nach Identität und Resilienz": <http://besatzungskinder.uni-koeln.de/15316.html>

"Besatzungskinder in Nachkriegsdeutschland. Bildungs- und Differenzenerfahrungen": <http://besatzungskinder.uni-koeln.de/14910.html>

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Prof. Dr. Elke Kleinau, University of Cologne, is leading the research project. If you want to take part in the study, please contact Prof. Kleinau ([elke.kleinau@uni-koeln.de](mailto:elke.kleinau@uni-koeln.de)).

### **Additional information / links etc.**

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