DIETER POHL (Klagenfurt) will speak on

No Holocaust without Stalin?
Some New Interpretations of German Mass Crimes

at the German Historical Institute, Seminar Room
on Thursday, 28 February 2013, at 5.30 p.m.

Conventional interpretations of the murder of European Jewry during the Second World War have recently been challenged. This began in the 1990s, when economic arguments made an impact, but since 2011 several new approaches have emerged. Was the Holocaust the result of extremely violent societies, or is it explicable only in the context of Stalinist violence, of Eastern European ‘Bloodlands’? This talk seeks to analyse these new approaches, their productive input and their limits, and to offer a different framework for a historiographical view of Nazi crimes.

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Tea is served from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room and wine is available afterwards.
Guided tours of the Library are available one hour before the lecture.