



Einladung zum Kolloquium

Social Engineering, National Demography, and Political Economy in Nazi Germany: Gottfried Feder and the Calculation of Space, Place, and Society

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As a totalitarian ideology, National Socialism aimed to build a new national political community based on social-Darwinist notions of race, space, and place. To operationalize these objectives, the regime embarked on a series of building programs geared toward a thorough spatial reordering of Germany's society, demography, and economy, including ambitious, but often incompetent and contradictory, programs for residential construction and town planning. Spearheaded by a diffuse cadre of competing planners, architects, and engineers, the search for a new settlement model became a central imperative of these efforts, paralleling the broadening imperatives of military-industrial expansion and reorganizing newly conquered territories. This presentation examines the practical, ideological, and technocratic impulses guiding these endeavors as evidenced by the work of Gottfried Feder and especially his book *The New Town*.