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New Ways of Dealing with Conflicts and Autocracies Versus Traditional Criminal Prosecution

From 30 September until 2 October 2019, federal judges, lawyers and academics from Argentina, Germany and Columbia met at the University of Buenos Aires to discuss ways of dealing with past autocracies and violent conflicts. The conference focused on the opportunities and limits of traditional legal instruments and concepts of transitional justice. Based on specific national approaches, which are closely linked to the respective nation's administration of justice, the articles in this conference transcript offer not only insights into the respective legal systems but also important findings on the social context of the different ways of coming to terms with an adversarial and authoritarian past.

The three-day conference, held by the Elisabeth Käsemann Foundation in cooperation with the Criminal Law and Criminology Department of the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires and its director Mario Villar, and the Chair of the German and European Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law, Commercial Criminal Law and Cyber Law at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen under Jörg Eisele, made a relevant contribution to the intercontinental transfer of knowledge on dealing with crimes against humanity, and deepened personal relations between the German and Latin American participants.

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