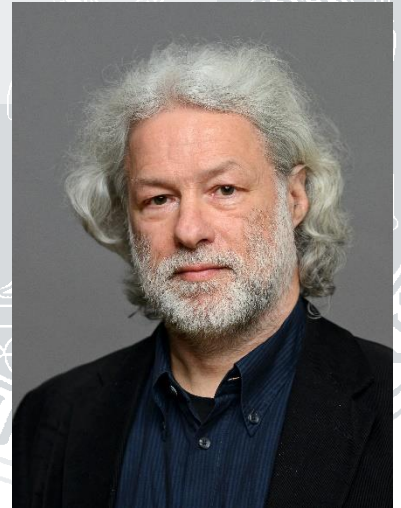


# Großes Physikalisches Kolloquium an der Universität zu Köln



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## **Between Ideology and Collaboration: On Physicists and Mathematicians who Remained in Nazi Germany**

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When the Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933, an unprecedented expulsion of scientists from the country began. What can be said about those academics who remained in Germany? The talk focuses on physics and mathematics and provides an overview of the most important reactions to the new political situation. On the one hand, it describes attempts to form new movements such as 'Deutsche Physik' and 'Deutsche Mathematik,' which openly embraced and supported Nazi ideology. On the other hand, it discusses the less ideological but probably more important forms of working with and for the state, whether for its war efforts or, in some cases, even for the Holocaust.

All this raises questions about the practice of science in and for a state that commits crimes against humanity.



Admiral Doenitz besucht Wernher von Braun in der Heeresversuchsanstalt Peenemünde