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History within reach – through AI

Karlsruhe, May 21, 2025 — On May 17 and 18, 2025, we were represented with our own tent in the tent city of the EFFEKTE science festival in front of Karlsruhe Palace. Our presentation focused on the project “Themed portal on compensation for National Socialist injustice”, which we are implementing together with the Federal Archives and the State Archives of Baden-Württemberg on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Finance.

In perfect weather and with a lively audience, we informed numerous interested visitors about the portal's objective: the digital preservation, indexing and provision of central sources for the reparation of National Socialist injustice. These include compensation and restitution files, administrative records and legal and historical documents.

FIZ Karlsruhe takes on three key tasks in the project:

- the development and operation of the technical infrastructure
- the development and integration of automated processes for the transcription and semantic indexing of digitized files, and
- the design and technical implementation of the web portal and interaction design.

Our [Information Service Engineering](#) and [e-Research](#) departments work closely together on this. By using artificial intelligence and innovative digital methods, we are helping to make historical sources comprising a shelf length of more than 100 kilometers of files accessible and searchable - a significant contribution to coping

with Nazi injustice and strengthening research, education and the culture of remembrance.

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Taking part in the EFFEKTE festival was a valuable opportunity for FIZ Karlsruhe to present our work to a wide audience in the region and to engage in conversation with people interested in history, science and social responsibility.

Learn more about the project at:

www.themenportal-wiedergutmachung.de

To learn more about FIZ Karlsruhe, visit our website

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