



**WAGNER ARBITRATION**

invites you to its offices at  
at Hegelplatz 1, 10117 Berlin  
Friday, 16.09.2022  
6:00 p.m.

for an exhibition of Franz Göttlicher's work.

[www.franzgoettlicher.com](http://www.franzgoettlicher.com)

As there is a limit to the number of guests we can host,  
we kindly ask you to RSVP by September 10th to  
[km@wagner-arbitration.com](mailto:km@wagner-arbitration.com).

Please let us know if you wish to bring additional guests.

The opening remarks will be given by  
**Prof. Dr. Christoph Paulus.**

Only the speakers will be filmed at the vernissage.

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GEFÜHLSERBSCHAFTEN





#### Transgenerational Trauma (Gefühlserbschaften)

The trauma of war and violence is passed on to following generations.

The artist Franz Ulrich Göttlicher captures these lasting effects of war and, in particular, of the Nazi era on canvas. Twenty years ago, Göttlicher created expressive large-scale paintings of irritating ambivalence depicting feelings of heroic masculinity, political power and martial strength. Göttlicher felt a need to paint this "transgenerational trauma" (Gefühlserbschaften), as Sigmund Freud first called it, to "paint it off of his chest and soul".

Many years later, he began painting animals and nature. This work radiates peace and simple beauty – a stark contrast to the rough and violent atmosphere of his political paintings.

The exhibition hosted by WAGNER Arbitration showcases the work of these very different creative phases side by side. The current war in Ukraine confronts us with the tension between peace and seeming idyll in Western Europe and war and violence in our immediate neighbourhood.

How do we handle this tension and the foreseeable consequences of war that will affect generations to come?

Franz Ulrich Göttlicher's paintings show that war not only traumatizes those involved and directly affected. It leaves deep psychological scars for future generations.

**Dr. Philipp Wagner**

