

Statement of the head of the Research Section 1945–1989 II

In many respects, the assessments and recommendations of the evaluation report correspond to deliberations we have debated for a longer time within the Institute. I dare to say that in Section 1945-1989 II we are already used to working on our projects in the context of broader research questions that take into consideration contemporary international scholarship and thematise our topics with the public debate on the communist past. I welcome the suggested way of reorganisation of the research units and the idea to create cross-unit working research groups. It will give our researchers the informal and creative space to collaborate on the formulation of common research projects. I agree that collective research projects will definitely help us to establish the Institute's internal culture of discussion, exchange of ideas and knowledge, and to achieve more ambitious goals than individual, mutually isolated projects.

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