



# Gerlind Institute for Cultural Studies

## Movie Night Series

### August 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

## Fritz Bauer - Tod auf Raten | Death By Installments

2010 | Ilona Ziok | Germany

In the conservative and often anti-democratic Cold War climate of post-war West Germany, Fritz Bauer, Attorney General for the state of Hesse (1956-1968), fearlessly promoted the country's democratization. While the Adenauer government was trying to ignore National Socialist crimes, Bauer relentlessly pursued Nazi criminals, despite being criticized by both the political right and left.

Bauer was the lead prosecutor of the world-famous Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials. He also played an essential part in the abduction and extradition of the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann. During Bauer's term of office in Frankfurt, Hesse became the leading state in the campaign to reform the West German judicial system. To Bauer, its "humanization" was essential for a humane society. However, Bauer was too far ahead of his time. His vision of a righteous humanitarian society, subject to international law and an international court, was unacceptable to the vast majority. West Germans' reluctance to confront their past took decades to overcome—and by then, Bauer was dead.

This documentary provides an exciting biographical depiction of a unique life and paints an impressive portrait of one of the most influential lawyers of the 20th century. (97 min. | Director Ilona Ziok | 2010 Germany | German with English subtitles)



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