

# EXHIBITION

PART ONE: Fri 17 Sept – Wed 27 Oct 2010, PV Thu 16 Sept 6pm

PART TWO: Wed 10 Nov – Wed 15 Dec 2010, PV Tue 9 Nov 6pm

## DEUTSCHLANDBILDER – IMAGES OF GERMANY 8 PHOTOGRAPHIC POSITIONS



© Wolfgang Bellwinkel, *Heimat II*.

We are pleased to present works by eight members of the Berlin-based photographic agency **OSTKREUZ**. The photographers offer a multifaceted panorama of the supposedly familiar and the new. In their survey the **OSTKREUZ** members raise fundamental questions – such as what distinguishes a sense of belonging from what is alien, such as identity and the future, people's personal needs and their desires, everyday life and the unconventional. One recurrent theme in all photographic sequences is the concept of native identity or homeland – formulated in the pervasive yet elusive German term *Heimat* – as a geographical, social and political determinant, but also as an expression of sentiments and desires.

**PART ONE:** Thomas Meyer, Jordis Antonia Schlösser, Sibylle Bergemann, Wolfgang Bellwinkel  
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Thomas Meyer captures the feeling of *Heimat* by depicting the unspoilt natural beauty of North Sea island Spiekeroog. Jordis Antonia Schlösser draws our attention to economic and social questions by dealing with the loss of *Heimat* in regions affected by depopulation: Halle-Neustadt and Garzweiler. Sibylle Bergemann embarks on a sensitive investigation of her GDR past, while Wolfgang Bellwinkel asks the younger generation about their ideas of *Heimat* and personal happiness.

**PART TWO:** Anne Schönharting, Annette Hauschild, Ute Mahler, Linn Schröder  
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Anne Schönharting draws the viewer's attention to the provisional *Heimat* offered to abandoned children in a former school. Annette Hauschild observes Sunday afternoon habits with a fine sense of irony. Ute Mahler shows us the vitality of the elderly; and finally Linn Schröder reveals the poetic quality of everyday life, recording this with evocative snap-shots.

This exhibition was produced by **OSTKREUZ** in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of its founding in 1990. **Deutschlandbilder - Images of Germany** was first shown in a comprehensive group exhibition of all seventeen **OSTKREUZ** photographers in October 2005 in Berlin. Eight characteristic positions from the Berlin show were selected for the Goethe-Institut's touring exhibition.

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