



## Exhibition: *Names instead of Numbers*

**Modern Languages Building until 18 October 2012**

The international traveling exhibition *Names instead of Numbers* contains twenty-two biographies from the *Dachau Remembrance Book*. "The basic idea of the Book of Remembrance for Former Prisoners of the Dachau Concentration Camp is to make the names behind the numbers visible; to set a prisoner apart from the anonymous other ones and give him back his individuality", says Klaus Schultz, deacon in the Protestant Church of Reconciliation, situated on the grounds of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, and a member of the Project Partners of the Book of Remembrance. One can first begin to understand the history of National Socialism in Germany only by focusing on the experiences of individuals during this time period. The Book and the exhibition are meant to remember the people hidden behind the prisoner uniforms and victim statistics. The biographies are written entirely by the individual project volunteers and include pictures and original documents. They performed historical and archival research, contacted Dachau survivors or their relatives, and conducted interviews. The selection of biographies for this exhibition offers viewers a glimpse into the lives of people with different nationalities and different political, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

At the University of Waterloo, the exhibition *Names instead of Numbers* is hosted by the Waterloo Centre for German Studies and is shown on the second floor of the Modern Languages Building in the space of the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies until 18 October 2012. The exhibition can be viewed during the normal opening hours of the building.

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