Room 28 Projects – Brazil
Room 28 – a bridge between Brazil and Germany

Germany and Brazil are far away from each other. However, thanks to Karen Zolko and Dodi Chansky who realized As Meninas do Quarto 28 and organized exhibitions in São Paulo, Brasilia, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro and Recife, we have come close to each other. And we want to intensify our collaboration on the basis of the Room 28 Educational Project.

In September 2017 we came together in Brazil. Our new allies, Dr. Priscila Ferreira Perazzo and Dr. Barbara Heller, professors of communication und memories and the authors of the essay mentioned on page 26/27, organized seminars with focus on the book “The Girls of Room 28” at the Universidade Municipal de São Caetano do Sul and at the Universidade Paulista. In the frame of the exhibition As Meninas do Quarto 28 in the Galeria Janete Costa in Recife, a podium-discussion with topics as A construção da memória das “Meninas do Quarto 28” (Constructing the memory of the “Girls of Room 28”) was hold on 27 September. The event was opened by Germany’s Consul General Maria Koenning-de Siqueira Regueira.

Our meeting inspired to a new plan: to create a bridge between a German university and the Brazilian universities mentioned. The idea is to organize, at an academic level, events on the issues of history and memory, memory and identity, memory and media communication, Holocaust and the refugee problem as viewed from the Brazilian and the German and European perspective. We offer a combined display of the exhibition “The Girls of Room 28” with German and Brazilian elements and will hold a small conference with allies of Room 28.

Also members of the “Room 28 Bridge-Builders”: Renate Müller, translator of the book into Portuguese and its proof-reader, the editor, translator and author Petê Rissatti.