

# Christoph Vandreier and David North to speak at Sydney Gleebooks launch of *Why Are They Back?*

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*Christoph Vandreier will address the Australian launch of his book Why Are They Back? in conversation with David North at an important political and intellectual event headlined, “The threat of fascism and how to fight it.” The launch will be held on Monday, December 9, 6 to 6:30pm at Sydney’s Gleebooks. To attend, register here.*

The appointment of Adolf Hitler in January 1933 as Chancellor of Germany was the outcome, not of an election, but of a political conspiracy, involving a small number of senior military and government officials, headed by General Paul von Hindenburg. Its consequences were World War II, the Holocaust and the destruction of tens of millions of lives.

Nearly seventy-five years after the fall of the Third Reich, the neo-Nazi right is once again emerging as a major political force in Germany.

*Why Are They Back?* analyses the interaction of high-level political conspirators, media propagandists and right-wing academics at Berlin’s Humboldt University, in the present-day resurgence of Nazism and German militarism.

Christoph Vandreier, deputy chairman of the German Socialist Equality Party (SGP), and author of *Why Are They Back?* has played a major role in opposing efforts of prominent professors to relativise the crimes of the Third Reich. He is a widely respected leader of the fight against fascism in Europe, and recently conducted a well-attended speaking tour across the United States. His influential 2015 essay, “Jorg Baberowski’s Falsification of History,” published in *Wissenschaft oder Kriegspropaganda*, is included in this volume.

Vandreier will introduce *Why Are They Back?* at the book’s Sydney launch. This will be followed by a discussion with David North, chairman of the

International Editorial Board of the *World Socialist Web Site*, and author of *The Heritage We Defend*, *In Defence of Leon Trotsky*, and *The Russian Revolution and the Unfinished Twentieth Century*, among other works. Vandreier and North’s discussion will focus on the historical lessons that must be learned in order to build a mass working class movement capable of preventing the disaster of Nazism from taking place on an even greater scale today.



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