



Invitation to the exhibition opening
“Stolpersteine and Relatives”
with photographs by Gesche-M. Cordes

16 October 2012
7 p.m.
Hanse-Office, Brussels

The „Stolpersteine“ – literally: stumbling stones – are an art project for Europe by Gunter Demnig. They are meant to keep the memory of the victims of National Socialism alive by remembering people who were persecuted, deported, exterminated or driven to suicide: Jews, political opponents, homosexuals, and the victims of “euthanasia”.

The small square memorial stones are covered with brass plaques. Gunter Demnig has set them into the pavements in front of the victims’ last addresses of choice. Meanwhile, the Stolpersteine can be found in more than 500 localities in Germany (there will be 4,000 stones in Hamburg alone by the end of 2012) and in several European countries, also in Belgium.

From 2002 to 2011, Hamburg-based photographer Gesche-M. Cordes took pictures of the victim’s relatives with “their Stolpersteine”. Family members even travelled from Israel, South Africa, the US, Brazil or Venezuela to Hamburg in order to commemorate their relations. Around 30 of these photos will be shown at the Hanse-Office.

www.stolpersteine.com

www.geschecordes.de

www.stolpersteine-hamburg.de



The Hanse-Office, the Joint Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the State of Schleswig-Holstein to the European Union, cordially invite you to the exhibition opening

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with the photographer Gesche-M. Cordes
on 16 October 2012 at 7 p.m.

Welcome:

DR CLAUDIUS MÜLLER,
Hamburg Director of the Hanse-Office

Introduction:

KNUT FLECKENSTEIN,
MEP for Hamburg

The opening will be followed by a reception.



”A person will only be forgotten when his or her name is forgotten”, says Gunter Demnig. The Stolpersteine bear the inscription “Here lived” with the name, the year of birth and, if known, the day of death. Set in front of the buildings where the victims once lived, the stumbling stones bring them back to memory.

A stone. A name. A human being.



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