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Guantánamo and the Difficulties with Change

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 Room 50101/1 (Bruno-Sander-Haus, 1st floor)

In May 2009, Floo Weißmann was the first Austrian journalist to visit the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp located at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba. This military prison was opened in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States for prisoners captured in the succeeding wars in Afghanistan and Iraq who were believed to be involved in international terrorism. Under the Bush administration, detainees were held captive there indefinitely without trial and disregarding the Geneva Conventions.



The facility came under attack when reports about torture and abuse became public. In 2009, President Obama ordered to close the camp within the year, which has proven to be much more difficult than initially anticipated.

Floo Weißmann will talk about his impressions from the visit at Guantánamo and the problems the current administration is facing in shutting it down.

Floo Weißmann is Senior Editor for Politics at the *Tiroler Tageszeitung*. Reporting about the USA und US-related issues has become one of his fields of expertise. He is 36 years old and was born in Innsbruck.



Looking forward to welcoming you to this ACI event,

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