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The perversion of the law that took place under the swastika is still a constant theme in contemporary history. This new volume from Joachim Rückert pinpoints just how the National Socialist regime created wrongful law through the law itself and rendered injustice lawful. An analysis discussing historiographical profiles of the Nazi era and phrases like the »Third Reich« and »a sound instinct among the people« (gesundes Volksempfinden) introduces twelve studies on central disciplines such as criminal law, legal history, administrative law and its implementation as well as the long-lasting influence of Nazi jurisprudence. Three of the studies – one detailing the well-known dissidence of the »Kreisau Circle«, another Eugen Bolz's political integrity and his opposition to the dictatorship, and a third examining the situation at the University of Halle – enable critical reflection on some of the severe problems caused by the imbalanced way of dealing with this cruel history. By deliberately choosing *Wrongful Law by Law* as a title over the very common but inadequate formulations »Wrongful Law in the Law« or »The Dual State«, the emphatic aim is to reiterate and complement the intention of 2015's *Parting with Injustice* to free the picture of our past from its strong political chains.

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