Thirty years after his murder: a new look at Alfred Herrhausen

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Friederike Sattler was awarded her PhD by the Free University in Berlin for her dissertation on economic history, and since 2016 she has been teaching at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main. She has numerous publications on economic and social history to her name, including books about Dresdner Bank manager Ernst Matthiensen, the business elite in Europe and the long-term development of the stock markets.

His education at an elite Nazi school left a lasting impression on him, he had his roots in the capitalism of the Rhineland, was networked with top-ranking politicians and business leaders – and at the same time Alfred Herrhausen was always ahead of his time. His career with the Deutsche Bank, which he joined as an outsider to the business, seemed unstoppable until it came to an abrupt end with his assassination in November 1989, presumably at the hands of German Red Army Faction terrorists.

In her comprehensive biography, Friederike Sattler shows us that Alfred Herrhausen was a visionary who always took the social effects of his activities into consideration and, for example, championed the cause of debt relief for Third World countries. The book also explores the question of the extent to which he was at least partly responsible for the problems the Deutsche Bank is still struggling with today.