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A Different Perspective on the Nobel Peace Laureate: Willy Brandt on the Frontlines of the Cold War

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Chancellor Brandt's détente foreign policy received the 1971 Peace Prize and lasting recognition as an icon for the Federal Republic's pacifism. Yet the politician first rose to prominence during the Cold War as fiery Mayor of West Berlin. Moreover, unsealed US records document how Brandt closely cooperated with American authorities, sharing intelligence and processing clandestine donations. This talk places the gap between public commemoration and personal action in the context of Brandt's biography to broach questions of integrity and ethics. It will also give room for a discussion on reductive interpretations of historical leaders in general and of Brandt and his "Ostpolitik" (New Eastern Policy) in particular.

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