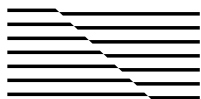


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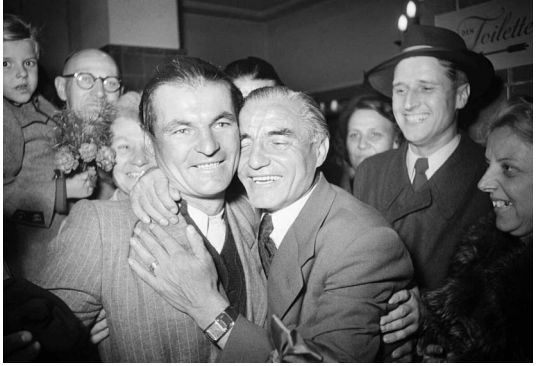


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Marga Kingler has a legendary reputation in Essen and the Ruhr area as a press photographer. For the first time, the Ruhr Museum on the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site is presenting more than **160 photographs** of local, regional, national and international events from her estate, which the Ruhr Museum's photographic archive now holds in its entirety. The impressive images paint a vivid portrait of urban life in the Ruhr area between **1951 and 1991**, as well as of the people who lived in this region, which has been shaped so significantly by the coal and steel industries. At the same time, the photographs offer deep insights into the **life's work** and the working environment of the famous photographer.



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Marga Kingler (1931–2016) worked for the “**Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung**” newspaper for 40 years, initially as a photographic lab technician and then as a **press photographer for the Essen local editorial team**. Kingler succeeded in gaining recognition and distinguishing herself in a male-dominated profession. She became widely known for her unique and friendly way of staging people and images and documenting events. The stories she was assigned to cover by the editors enabled her to photograph events in all areas of society. In this way, Kingler herself became part of the **history of Essen** that she captured in images.



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The exhibition **“On the Road with Marga Kingler”** transports visitors to the scenes of the events that the photojournalist reported on. The section **40 Years of Contemporary History** presents her photographs from local, regional, national and international news stories that document both social and historic events, from the post-war period all the way up until German reunification. In addition to US President John F. Kennedy’s visit to Cologne, the exhibition features images from other events that are now historically significant, such as the severe storm surge in Hamburg in 1962 and the Rhine-Ruhr anti-nuclear Easter marches.

- 1 State visit by US President John F. Kennedy, Cologne, 23 June 1963
- 2 Topping-out ceremony for the City-Center shopping complex, Essen, 1979
- 3 Chancellor candidate Willy Brandt at the launch of the Social Democratic Party's national election campaign in the fully occupied Grugahalle, Essen, 24 August 1969
- 4 Prisoners of war returning from Russia, Essen, 28 September 1953
- 5 Arndt von Bohlen und Halbach and Princess Henriette (Hetti) von Auersperg, Salzburg, Austria, 12 February 1969
- 6 Start of the season for the Rot-Weiss Essen football club in Georg Melches Stadium, Essen, 21 July 1973



The **Local Journalism** section displays images that were taken in the normal course of Kingler's daily work as a local photojournalist. Ranging across a broad spectrum of topics from **politics** to **education** and **economic affairs**, these photos also capture **social occasions**. Alongside her routine assignments, Kingler's favourite themes were **atmospheric images** and **photo-essays**, as well as **culture** and, above all, **fashion**. Together with **biographical images** and a **filmed interview**, they provide a comprehensive picture of the diversity of her press work and a panorama of 40 years of Ruhr history, thereby paying tribute to Marga Kingler's achievements as a photographic witness.



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## TOURS

Unless otherwise indicated:  
in German, Ruhr Museum,  
24-metre level, 1 hour, €5 plus  
admission, children €3, booking  
required

### Public tours

Sun 12 May, 9 Jun, 14 Jul, 11 Aug,  
8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec,  
12 Jan\_12 noon

### Tours led by the curators of the exhibition

Fri 24 May, 26 Jul, 27 Sept,  
29 Nov\_4pm

### Guided tours for senior citizens

Tues 18 Jun, 19 Nov\_11am, 1.5 hours  
Event for teachers and educators  
Mon 29 Apr\_3pm, free



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### Guided group tours

1 hour, €80 plus admission per person;  
student groups from €50, free admis-  
sion; tour in English: €90 plus admis-  
sion per person

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### Guided tours for school classes from School Year 9

Mon–Sun\_10am–6pm, dates by arran-  
gement, 1.5 hours, €65 per group incl.  
admission (max. 15 persons, 2 parallel  
groups for 16 or more persons)

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### QUIZ FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

In German and English, approx. 1 hour,  
free of charge

- 7 The traditional Krupp house at the company's 150th anniversary celebration, Essen, 20 November 1961
- 8 Members of the "Gute Laune" (Good Mood) Ladies' Bowling Club after winning a substantial sum of money in a sweepstake, Hattingen, 2 July 1958
- 9 Rainy summer, Essen, August 1961



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## LECTURE SERIES

In German, Ruhr Museum, Coking Coal Bunker, 1.5 hours, free of charge, booking required

Thurs 23 May\_6pm

### **A Brief History of Press Photography in Germany. Important Agents, Institutions and Iconic Images**

Prof. Annette Vowinckel

Thurs 6 Jun\_6pm

### **The "Ruhr Giant" – The Evolution of the "Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" Newspaper**

Dr Thomas Dupke

Thurs 13 Jun\_6pm

### **Photography in Local Journalism – From a Specialist Field to an Inter-disciplinary Task**

Dr Felix Koltermann

Tues 18 Jun\_6pm

### **A Press Photographer's Daily Work** A conversation with Alexandra Roth

## EXCURSIONS

In German, Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site, 3 hours, free of charge, booking required

Sat 25 May, 22 Jun\_12 noon

### **On the Road in the Local Area**

A walk through the Zollverein neighbourhood in cooperation with the mitMachAgentur community initiative

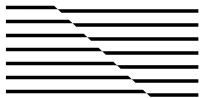
## WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

In German, Ruhr Museum, Coking Coal Bunker, 5 hours, free of charge, booking required

Fri 21 Jun\_11am

### **Is Everyone in the Picture?**

Workshop on diversity awareness in photography



# Ruhr Museum

## Ruhr Museum address

In the Coal Washing Plant  
Zollverein UNESCO World  
Heritage Site  
Gelsenkirchener Straße 181  
D-45309 Essen

## Opening hours

Mon–Sun 10am–6pm  
closed on 24, 25 and 31 Dec

## Admission

€5, reduced €4, children and young  
people under 18, as well as pupils and  
students under 25: free admission  
[www.tickets-ruhrmuseum.de](http://www.tickets-ruhrmuseum.de)

## Information and booking

Ruhr Museum Visitor Service  
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## Getting here

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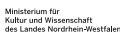
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From Altenessen Station or  
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The exhibition is part of a three-part  
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of the industrial photographer Ruth  
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