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When on September 10, 1952, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany signed a reparation agreement in Luxembourg, this settlement was considered historical. Official publications from both sides portrayed it as a historic enterprise of a tremendous scope, unprecedented in the history of international relations just as the extermination of the Jewish people by Nazi Germany was unprecedented in human history. The agreement was to play a crucial role for the education of the German people and as a historic precedent for the whole world. It set an example and contained a warning: crimes of genocide cannot go unpunished and the moral debt arising therefrom must be paid. However, what for a brief period of time was regarded as a momentous event in post-war history was promptly pushed to the margins of the historical stage. This talk will explore why that happened. The discussion will raise another, even more challenging question, namely how remembering the German-Jewish settlement might affect, if at all, the study and memory of the Holocaust?

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