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Auschwitz before Auschwitz



Seventy years ago, in the summer of 1942, Heinrich Himmler decided that the concentration camp in Auschwitz was to become a pivot in the so-called Final Solution of the Jewish Problem in Europe. This decision marked an abrupt change in the purpose of that camp, which had been established as part of the Nazi attempt to pick up, in the 20th century, the medieval German colonization of eastern Europe. This prehistory of the Auschwitz death camp is usually over-shadowed by the genocide that happened within its boundaries beginning May 1942. Today we'll focus on it, and speculate about the way it shaped the subsequent history of the camp.

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