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Foreword

I am pleased to present a *TRN-Newsletter* **Special Issue 2006** with previously unpublished texts from a forum organized as part of the scholarship program of the *Heinrich Böll Foundation*. These four papers **on the concept of trauma in psychology and cultural studies** were presented in Berlin in 2004 and are now ready for publication. The texts are available in German with English abstracts.

In a departure from the procedures otherwise adhered to by the *Trauma Research Net*, we have agreed in this case to make the complete papers available to all internet users without restriction.

I would like to express my gratitude to the authors who prepared their texts with great care. Furthermore, special thanks are due to our guest editors, Ilka Lennertz and Karin Windt, for their kind and professional help.

I hope all readers will find the texts as stimulating as I have.

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