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**THE ROAD TO THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE AND THE RACIAL  
WAR. NAZI ANTI-JEWISH POLICY IN 1938–1942**

(Summary)

The article traces the development of anti-Jewish policy in Nazi Germany from the appointment of Hitler as Chancellor to the Wannsee Conference, which adopted a specific plan for the extermination of the Jewish population in Europe. Following the escalation of the process of discrimination and disenfranchisement of Jews, the article presents the most discussed issues in the study of the Holocaust. It is clarified under what conditions, by whom the decision was made for the mass murder of European Jews and the main figures who organize its practical implementation are outlined. An excerpt from the minutes adopted at the Wannsee Conference is attached to the author's text.