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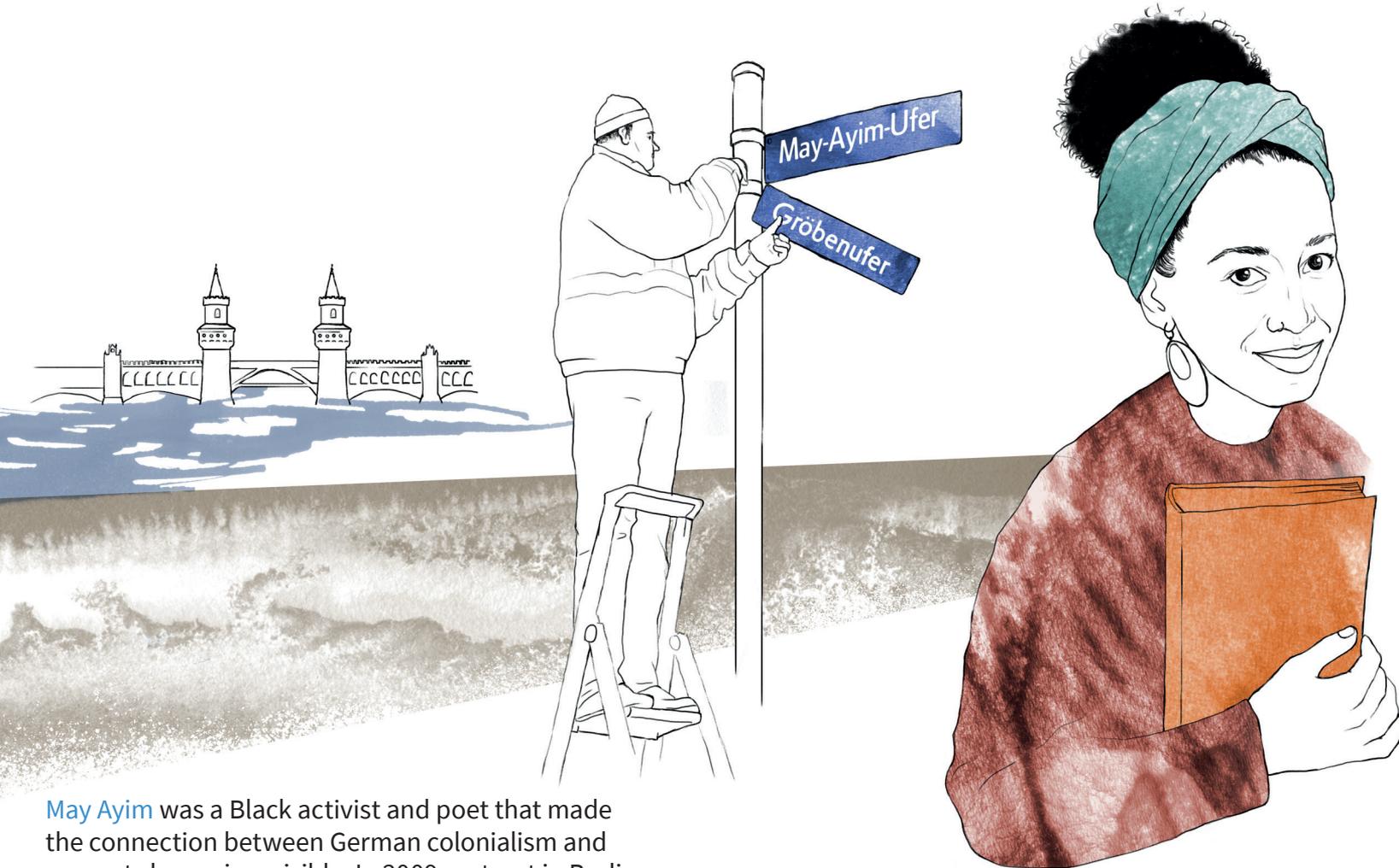
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1979



Simone Veil was a French politician and Holocaust survivor. She was the first female president of the European Parliament and in office from 1979 until 1982.

1985



May Ayim was a Black activist and poet that made the connection between German colonialism and present-day racism visible. In 2009, a street in Berlin is renamed in her memory.

1986



Spain and Portugal join the EU. [Juan de Dios Ramírez Heredia](#) becomes the first member of the European Parliament of Roma origin.

2006



Vladimir Luxuria is the first trans person that gets elected to a parliament in an EU member state. After having organized the first Italian “Gay Pride” in 1994, she started campaigning for LGBTIQ rights as a politician.

2016



Sadiq Khan becomes the first Muslim mayor of a capital in the EU. Previously he worked as a human rights lawyer in London.

2018



With her school strikes, the 15-year-old Swede [Greta Thunberg](#) initiated the global movement „Fridays for Future“. Since then thousands of students have taken their demands for a more consistent climate policy to the streets.